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A Message from Mayor Nancy Grant

Happy Spring to all! It has been a long, cold, dark winter; sunshine and longer days are so welcome! But what a great winter for outdoor recreation: the river was simply an outdoor playground for skaters, skiers, walkers, fishermen and, of course, dogs. It was a great season for the rink on the Common, which was open December 3 to March 10, with very few lost days. There was also great attendance at this year's expanded Winter Speakers' Series. Speakers were hosted in the Rothesay Hive; the newly renovated space in Town Hall that houses our Age Friendly Community Centre.



I want to extend thanks to Rothesay staff, the City of Saint John, and Galbraith Construction Ltd. for their herculean efforts in completing the raising and surfacing of Park Drive before the early winter set in. The ensuing winter was a challenge with rain and snow events and rapidly dropping temperatures but our staff rose to the occasion and maintained services for our residents in some demanding weather conditions. This was much appreciated by residents.

The summer promises to be a busy one in Rothesay with two major capital projects planned. The first is a complete reconstruction of Church Avenue/Station Road with new storm sewer, water and sanitary sewer lines. This project will address longstanding drainage issues in the area. Church Avenue will be closed to through traffic during construction, but access to the Post Office, St. Paul's Church, and local driveways will be maintained. The second project is new curb and sidewalk on Marr Road that will enhance active transportation routes and increase safety for pedestrian traffic. There will also be flood mitigation projects carried out in the Post Road area and Cameron Road area. As well, Allan Avenue will undergo a complete rebuild and resurfacing. These projects will be a vast service improvement in both neighbourhoods. Rothesay thanks residents in advance for their cooperation and patience with the construction process.

The spring freshet of 2018 damaged some of the Town's recreation facilities. Repairs to the McGuire Centre, the tennis courts, and East Riverside-Kingshurst Park will soon be completed; repairs to the Renforth Park decking could not be completed last fall because of the early winter and this work will be carried out this spring. Your Council continues to press the other levels of government for our fair share of infrastructure funding for a new Rothesay Arena.

Mark your calendars for the Opening of the Rothesay Hive Age Friendly Community Centre on Thursday, May 23rd. This will be combined with a ceremony marking the official provincial designation of Rothesay as an Age Friendly Community. This is a remarkable achievement by Council and residents and we look forward to both provincial and federal representation at the grand opening. Watch for details!

I encourage all residents to get out, be active and enjoy all Rothesay has to offer this spring and summer. And of course, we are hoping for a slow and steady snow melt this year, with no repeat of last year's spring freshet water levels.

Dr. Nancy Grant Mayor



Rothesay Playground Programs

This summer there are three different locations for our playground programs for children ages 5-12:Wells Recreation Site, K-Park Elementary School, and Rothesay Park School. The morning sessions run 9am-12pm and the afternoon sessions are from 1pm-4pm. Cost is \$5.00 per 3 hour session (tax included). Get your registration forms and purchase your 5, 10, or 20 session cards at Town Hall.

*NEW this year we are offering lunch time supervision sessions from 12-1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This new option will allow your kids to stay at the site in between morning and afternoon playground program sessions where they can eat their packed lunch from home and be supervised by our staff. You can purchase a separate lunch time punch pass for \$2 per session. (*Kids must go home for lunch on Thursdays and get dropped off at the designated beach for the afternoon beach session.)

Don't miss out on a summer filled with Games, Crafts, Theme Days & MORE!

Kennebecasis Public Library

Where they have what you need to learn how to build a house or bake a cake, learn about computers, travel to distant lands, blast to the moon, or solve a murder. Stay up-todate on all that is taking place at your local library by visiting their Facebook page to find all the details on the fun, enriching programs and events happening now:

www.facebook.com/kennebpl/

JULY 1st - Canada Day Celebrations

Come out and celebrate our Nation's 152nd Birthday

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019

Activities begin at noon and events include a flag-raising ceremony on the Rothesay Common*

> After the ceremony enjoy: • Live Entertainment! Popcorn & Cotton Candy! Sparkle Tattoos! Giant Inflatables! Bubble Blitz! • A BBQ by Rothesay Staff!

*Rain location will be the Rothesay Arena

Concert in the Common 2019

Take your evening walk, bring your blanket/ chair, and enjoy free outdoor music on the Rothesay Common stage every Thursday from 7-8pm (July 4 to August 29). If the weather is inclement, the concerts will be held at Rothesay Park School.

> Stay tuned for the full list of concerts on our website!

Interested in sponsoring a Concert in the Common this summer? Contact Charles Jensen for more info: charlesjensen@rothesay.ca | 848-6606

ATTENTION YOUR WASTE COLLECTION DAY MAY CHANGE

Effective May 6, 2019, there will be route changes made that could possibly change your waste collection day. A notification will be hand delivered to all households impacted by the change. To ensure your day hasn't changed, please visit the Fundy Regional Service Commission's website at www.FundyRecycles.com to check your collection day. We also encourage all residents to sign up to Fundy Recycles app for collection day reminders & weather related updates. Please also check the Town of Rothesay social media for updates. Thank you,

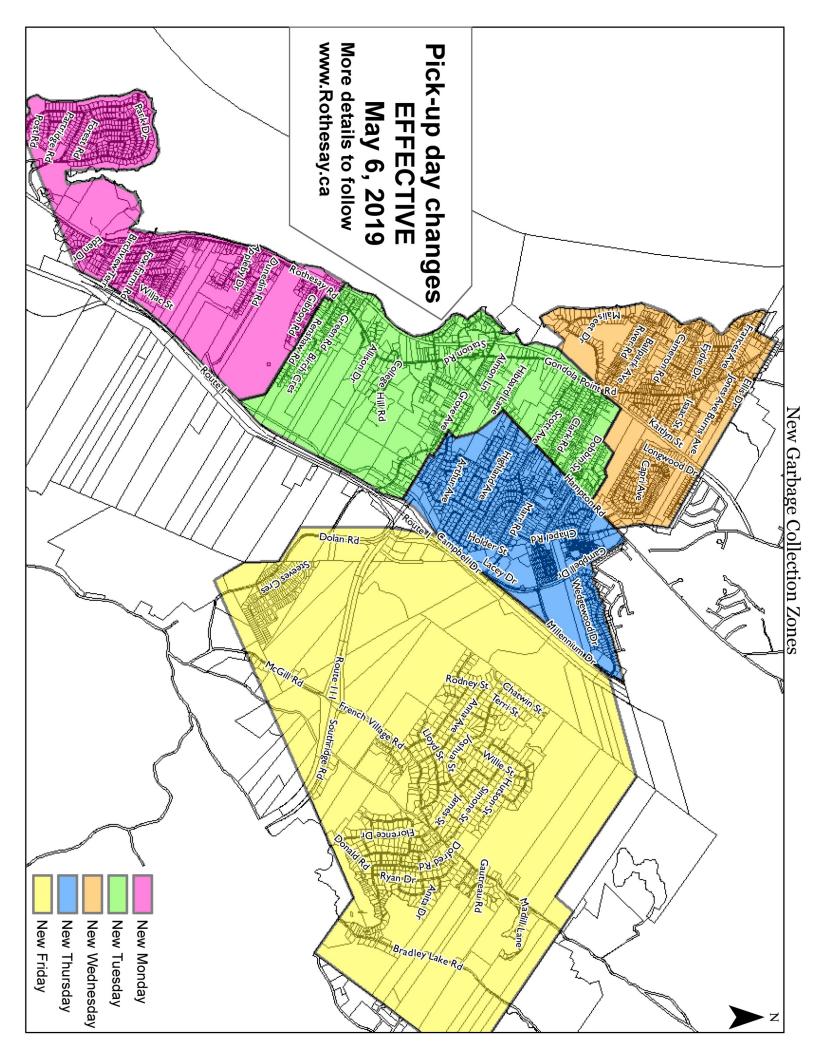
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Please join us on May 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the Town's designation as an Age Friendly Community, in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the Rothesay Hive Age Friendly Community Centre.

In partnership with the YMCA of Greater Saint John, the Rothesay Hive will be a gathering place to nurture the health and well-being of older adults. The Rothesay Hive will offer activities and opportunities that focus on socialization and connection, health and wellness, arts, crafts, culture, music and education.

Inter-generational activities invite all residents to participate at the Rothesay Hive. This Age Friendly Community Centre will support an Outreach Program led by the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department (KVFD) and Kennebecasis Regional Police Force (KRPF).

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available at the Rothesay Hive, from programs to transportation, there is something for everyone! Learn more at saintjohny.ymca.ca/Volunteer.

Membership options include a site specific Rothesay Hive membership or a full YMCA membership. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

To learn more about how to get involved or become a member, please visit saintjohny.ymca.ca or follow the link from the Rothesay website www.rothesay.ca.





Wells Recreation Park Trails

Additional trails are being constructed this year at the Wells Recreation Park. This will complete the trail network for the park and increase opportunities for walking, running and cross country skiing. Check out <u>www.rothesay.ca</u> to view all of Rothesay's trails.

Arthur Miller Field Turf Replacement

The Arthur Miller Lower Field will be replaced this spring. The project is scheduled to take place from April 22nd until May 17th.



Sunset Yoga Sessions with Yoga Haus

Come relax after a hard day at work and enjoy the picturesque sunset on the Kennebecasis River at Renforth Rotary Park. Join us for FREE outdoor yoga classes from 7-8pm, provided in partnership with Yoga Haus.

Wednesday, June 26 (Rain date: June 27) Wednesday, July 31 (Rain date: Aug 1st)

Wednesday, August 28 (Rain date: Aug 29)



Photo Credit: Nick Martin

No experience necessary – yoga sessions are for people of all ages and abilities. Optional – bring yoga mat or blanket. (overflow parking – down the street at the Bill McGuire Centre).

Please do not park on James Renforth Drive.

ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge Event

Join us on **Saturday, June 1st from 2-4pm** at the Wells Recreation Park (75 French Village Road) for a FREE, fun family event!

Wells Recreation Park is home to a unique trail system, dog park, ballfield, soccer field, tennis courts, pickle ball court, playground, recreation centre and more! There will be lots to do for people of all ages.

Join us in ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge while we get active and track our physical activity minutes for the chance to be recognized as a community that champions active living!

To learn more about the Community Better Challenge visit: <u>www.participaction.com</u>

Attention Dog Owners

Please remember dogs MUST be on a leash at all times when on public property (any property that is not privately owned by you). Picking up after your dog is considerate and is the law. Please remember being a good pet owner and a good citizen means picking up all year long. Your neighbours gratefully thank you!

Also, did you know, Rothesay provides dog waste disposal bins and bags on all five of our walking trails? Please do your part in keeping our trails enjoyable for one and all!

Don't forget to license your dog or cat at Town Hall. It is free with proof of vaccinations and the tag is valid for the animal's lifetime or until change in ownership.







Rothesay Arena 2019-2020 Available Ice Times

Looking for an ice time for your group this fall? The Rothesay Arena has the following ice times available for next season:

- Mondays 3:45pm-4:45pm
- Mondays 10:30-11:30pm
- Tuesdays 10:30pm-11:30pm
- Fridays 9:45pm-1045pm
- Saturdays 10:15-11:15pm

You can send an email to Ryan.Kincade@rothesay.ca for more information.

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Capital Works Projects

2019 will be a busy summer for Capital Works in Rothesay. Some projects will involve significant interruption to normal traffic flow and the Town would ask that you pay particular attention to the following streets:

- Marr Road between Lacey Drive and Tim Hortons,
- Church Avenue between Hampton Road and Gondola Point Road,
- Station Road between Gondola Point Road and Wharf Road, and
- Allan Avenue for its entire length.

Other streets will undergo infrastructure corrections as well as asphalt resurfacing, however the duration will be short and interruptions relatively minor.

The Marr Road Project will involve the installation of new concrete curb and sidewalk and resurfacing of the entire street. The schedule will be contractor dependent, however the plan is to have the work completed over a 5 week period between June 1st and August 1st.

The Church Avenue and Station Road Projects go hand-in-hand and will cause disruptions and involve active construction for a much longer period of time. The project will see a large-diameter storm sewer system installed along Church and Station from the intersection of Church and Hampton all the way to the cove near Wharf Road. This project is expected to commence in late April and continue throughout the summer and fall with an expected completion date in early November. Church Avenue will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Station Road will remain open however delays are to be expected.

Allan Avenue will be rebuilt and surfaced with base and seal asphalt. This project will also cause significant traffic interruptions over an estimated 4 week period between June 1st and August 1st.

Please visit the Town website **www.rothesay.ca** regularly for further construction scheduling information for these and other streets.

Spring Clean Up Weeks

Solid Waste Pick-Up - May 20, 2019 (Victoria Day)

- Items must be tied in manageable bundles, weighing no more than 40lbs.
- Junked car parts or batteries, appliances, paints/solvents, hazardous waste, containers from hazardous products and other similar items will NOT be accepted.

Organic Pick-Up - May 27, 2019

- Leaves, grass clippings & bundled twigs no longer than 4ft and weighing no more than 40lbs.
- Residents are required to use compostable bags, non-waxed cartons, or garbage cans that can be easily emptied into the trucks.
 - Please DO NOT use your compost cart for this pick-up.

All items must be placed curbside by 7:00am on Monday regardless of your scheduled pick-up day.