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# **Introducing the NEW R-Insider**

We are very excited to unveil the brand-new e-newsletter for the community of Rothesay! Thank you for subscribing and we hope you enjoy the first issue of the quarterly community newsletter.

## <u>Mayor's Message</u>

Hello Rothesay Residents,

It's been a brutal winter, but we have made it through! And in addition to the hope of better weather, there are some pieces of good news to share with you:

- First, Spring brings the good news of a drop in the Rothesay residential property tax rate from 1.24 to 1.20, which should help many property owners cope with the increase in assessments by the Province.
- Secondly, we have received funding from the other levels of Government for our longawaited new, state of the art Wastewater Treatment Plant, and work has begun on this project. We are hoping to break ground by mid-2022.
- Thirdly, congratulations and thanks are in order to the Rothesay Age Friendly
  Committee. The Town initially received Provincial Certification as an Age Friendly
  Community in 2019; periodic recertification is required, and Rothesay has just received
  Provincial notification that we have been recertified an Age Friendly Community for an
  other three years. Great news for seniors in the Valley! And once Public Health
  restrictions are lifted, the Rothesay Hive plans to fully reopen.

Looking ahead to summer, Residents will see a change in intersections in Town. Full signalization is already in place at Spruce Street and Clark Road, and, as a result of a Traffic Study of the area around the Common, the Grove Ave - Hampton Road intersection is scheduled to become fully signalized during this construction season.

We are hopeful that our Concerts in the Common will go ahead in July and August, as well as Canada Day celebrations, which we have so missed the past two years.

Enjoy Spring in Rothesay, please continue to follow Public Health guidelines, and please support Rothesay and Valley businesses whenever you can. We want to keep these great businesses around!

Dr. Nancy Grant Mayor of Rothesay



# **Operations**

### 2022 Spring Clean Up

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

#### Solid Waste Pick-Up - Monday, May 16th

- 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 Waste Pick-Up - Monday, May 23rd (Victoria Day)

- Pick-up will begin on Monday, May 23, even though it is a holiday.
- Leaves, grass clippings, & bundled twigs with twine no longer than 4ft and weighing no more than 40lbs. No trees larger than 4 inches in diameter.
- 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.

### **Spring Road Weight Restrictions**

A reminder to Rothesay residents that spring weight restrictions for truck traffic on Rothesay roads is now in effect. Restrictions will continue until midnight on Sunday, May 15 in southern New Brunswick and midnight, Sunday, May 22 in northern New Brunswick. These dates are dependent upon weather conditions and are subject to change. Learn more **HERE**.

## **Report Street Light Outages**

Did you know Rothesay pays for every street light - working or not? Please report any that are not working properly to NB Power by filling out the **ONLINE FORM.** 



### **Parks & Recreation**

#### **Summer Student Employment**

The town of Rothesay has employment opportunities available for the following positions: Parks Labourers, Lifeguards and Playground Counselors. The Application deadline for these summer student positions is **April 1, 2022.** Learn more **HERE**.

#### **Rothesay Hive**

The Rothesay Hive is an Age Friendly Community Centre (50+) located on the first floor of Rothesay Town Hall. There are a variety of programs, events, and activities offered at the Rothesay Hive to help nurture the well-being of older adults in Rothesay. Learn more **HERE**.

## **Playground Program Registration**

Details regarding our 2022 Summer Day Camps/Playground Programs will be available in May 2022. These programs are for kids ages 5-12 and will be offered Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm from June 27 to August 26. Learn more **HERE**.

## **Canadian Tire Jumpstart & P.R.O. Kids**

Did you know the Canadian Tire Jumpstart and P.R.O. Kids programs are available to children and youth who live in Rothesay? These programs help remove financial barriers to participating in art, culture, sport and recreational activities! These programs enable more children to experience the many benefits of recreation, sport and leisure. Learn more **HERE.** 



**Did you know?** Rothesay has its very own greenhouse where staff grow new plant material for Town flower beds and hanging baskets. We are producing all the bedding plants for 25 hanging baskets and 26 flower beds in Rothesay which will total over 5800 individual plants. Some of the plants being grown are old favorites such as: Geraniums, Petunias, Lobelia, Ageratum and Marigolds. We are growing some not so well known species such as Salpiglossis and Osteospermum.

## **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. 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.





## **Other Town Business**

## Receive your Rothesay Utility Bills Electronically

Did you know Rothesay sends over 11,000 utility invoices each year? Of course, each invoice must be printed and requires postage. We offer a solution to make it more convenient for our residents to receive their invoices and also save the Town time and money. Learn more **HERE**.

**REMINDER:** Ice-fishing shelters must be removed from all provincial waterways no later than Monday, March 14th, 2022. The annual removal order falls under Section 15 (7) of the Water Quality Regulation of the GNB *Clean Environment Act.* More information relating to ice-fishing shelters is available online **HERE.** 

## **Epipens in Rothesay**



We have partnered with Rothesay Pharmachoice to provide public access to Epipens at the following seven (7) locations:

- The Bill McGuire Centre
- The Rothesay Arena
- The Rothesay Common Skate House
- The Main Building at Arthur Miller Fields
- In a washroom at Wells Recreation Park
- The Renforth Beach (when beach is open)
- The K-Park Beach (when beach is open)

Rothesay would like to thank Pharmachoice for their continued support.



Rothesay encourages everyone to sign up for the emergency alert system (Sentinel) so that we can let you know when there is a crisis in your neighbourhood. You can register on the Rothesay website **HERE**.

#### **Did You Know?**

Paying Provincial Tax Bills: Provincial tax assessment bills are mailed each spring to property owners in New Brunswick. You can pay your tax bill online at www.snb.ca, at your local SNB office, or through your bank. Payments are made directly to the province ("Minister of Finance") and cannot be accepted at the Rothesay Town Hall. Have questions about your assessment or the payment process? Call the Hampton SNB office at 832-6002.

\*Note: New Brunswick property tax notices will come a month later than usual this year. Notices for 2022 will be issued on April 1 rather than on March 1 as the government further examines the provincial property tax framework. Learn more **HERE.** 







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