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Summer is Here!

Thank you for subscribing to the R-Insider! We hope you enjoy the summer issue of the quarterly community e-newsletter.

Mayor's Message

Hello Rothesay Residents,

Summer has finally arrived and the Town is lush and green. Thanks to Town Staff and private property owners who keep our properties looking beautiful!

Congratulations to the Rothesay HIVE who celebrated three years of Age-Friendly service to the community. We welcome the Saint John Newcomers Centre to the HIVE with their Thursday morning Future Engage Program, learn more here.

Regarding Local Governance Reform: Rothesay's boundaries will not be changing, its Council composition will not change, and we will not require an election in November 2022. But significant changes are coming to the Fundy Regional Service Commission, as it takes on new mandates, including economic development, tourism, community development, and a social mandate.

Re development: Council has approved the following:

- Rezoning for two apartment complexes in the commercial zone.
- Design proposal for the new building at Wells Recreation Park.
- Council has received a comprehensive Storm Water Management Report, with suggestions for improvement, which will be sent to the 2023 Budget process.
- Purchasing and installing traffic signals at Grove/Hampton/Church Intersection.

Summer is here, and recreational programs are in full swing!

- **KPark and Renforth beaches** open June 27, with lifeguards. For safety's sake, bollards have been placed at the entrance to Renforth Wharf, to keep vehicular traffic
- Canada Day Celebration on the Rothesay Common, July 1, 12-3pm, with something for everyone, including Indigenous Storytelling.
- Concert in the Common Series from July 7 to August 25.
- Playground Programs in three locations starting June 27.
- 9th Annual Through the Lens Photo Contest until August 24.

Happy Summer Everyone - enjoy, and don't forget to support local!

Dr. Nancy Grant Mayor of Rothesay

(Read the full Mayor's Message online here)



Operations

Asphalt Resurfacing

Information and updates on the 2022 Asphalt Resurfacing Porject can be found on our website, <u>HERE</u>. Please plan your travel accordingly, reduce speeds in construction areas and observe all signage – **SAFETY FIRST**. Dates of work and projects are weather permitting and subject to change.

Solid Waste Collection

Looking for information regarding curbside collection? Our Garbage, Recycling, and Compost website has been updated to provide you with best practices, frequently asked questions, a helpful sorting guide and more. Learn more $\underline{\text{HERE}}$.

Through the Lens Photo Contest



Our Town is well known for its people, history, quality of life and picturesque location in the Kennebecasis Valley. Rothesay boasts parks, beaches, wharves, playgrounds, hiking trails, biking lanes, many recreation sites and some hidden gems too! Every year from May until September, Rothesay hosts an annual photo contest to see and share our community gems through the lens of your camera. Learn more **HERE**.

Parks & Recreation

Wells Community Building Project Update

The design proposal for the new building at Wells Recreation Park has been approved. Rothesay secured funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the New Brunswick Development Corporation for a combined total of \$983,000 toward the \$1.7M budget subject to a substantial completion by March, 31st, 2023.

The schematic design work by Acre Architects is now complete and a building design of 2,600 square feet with a terrace of 1,150 square feet has been developed. The building will include community event space, public washrooms and a covered canopy. Learn more HERE.



Canada Day Celebrations in Rothesay

Come out and celebrate our Nation's 155th Birthday on Friday, July 1st from 12-3pm on the Rothesay Common. Activities will begin at 12:00pm with a flag-raising ceremony.

- After the ceremony enjoy:
 MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT by Alison Dawn Voice & Music Students
- FIRST NATIONS STORYTELLERS with Dave Smith
- READING CRICLE with the Kennebecasis Library
- POPCORN & COTTON CANDY
- CUPCAKES
- FACE PAINTING
- BALLOON ANIMAL CREATIONS
- GIANT INFLATABLES & BOUNCY CASTLES
- ICE CREAM served by Royal Canadian Legion Kennebecasis Branch 58
- BBQ served by the Kennebecasis Lion's Club

All activities are free to the public except for the BBQ

Parking: Overflow parking is available at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (31 Gondola Point Road, Rothesay)

Rain location: Rothesay Arena (65 Hampton Road)

Learn more HERE.



Concert in the Common is back for Summer of 2022! Each Thursday in July and August take your evening walk, bring your blanket/chair, and enjoy free outdoor music on the Rothesay Common stage from 7-8pm. You won't want to miss the amazing performances that we have lined up for this year! Learn more **HERE.**





Playground Program Registration

We are excited to have our popular Playground Programs for **kids ages 5-12** back this summer! We are returning to our drop-in/punch pass programming format that will operate out of KPark Elementary School, Rothesay Park Middle School, and Wells Recreation Site from **June 27 to August 26**. Daily activities include: Cooperative Games, Field Games, Nature Walks, Drama & Singing, Arts & Crafts, Theme Days, Water Days, and much more! Learn more **HERE**.

Beaches & Swimming Lessons

Located on the shores of the beautiful Kennebecasis River, Rothesay has two supervised beaches that are open to the public during the summer months. K-Park and Renforth Beaches will open for the 2022 season on **Monday, June 27.**

Swimming Lessons will be offered at both KPark and Renforth Beaches, Session 1: 22nd and Session 2: August 8th – 19th. Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Learn more HERE.



Did you know? Rothesay offers FREE sunset yoga sessions during the summer months? Learn more **HERE**.

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**.

Community Events

Looking for commmunity events happening near you? Visit our **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** on our website to keep up to date with all the events that are happening in Rothesay! Including events in partnership with the Rothesay Recreation Department, from **Tai Chi Tuesdays**, **KV Walkers 12 Weeks / 12** Walks, Future Engage, and more, there is something for everyone!

Interested in promoting your own community event? Learn more **HERE**.

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.



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.







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