



ROTHESAY COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2021-2026



Introduction

This document is a record of the aspirations of the Rothesay Town Council for its five-year term concluding with the municipal election in spring of 2026. The contents of this document are intended to be used as a measure against which decisions of Council and allocations of resources can be compared.

The recommendations staff make to Council will be guided by these goals and action plans are being developed to achieve these goals. This document and the goals, objectives and plans it contains are public and are intended to inform Rothesay citizenry and allow residents to follow the progress toward these goals. The listed actions toward achieving the goals will be amended and expanded as progress is monitored and new opportunities identified. There will be regular progress reports and actions toward achieving the goals will be apparent as the Council goes about its regular business.

This document will be published on the Rothesay website and available in other formats on request.

Context

These priorities are built upon a set of priorities adopted by former Councils in particular those adopted for 2016-2020. These include:

- Adopting a long term, sustainable fiscal strategy based on sound principles including consideration of economic implications of all development proposals and actively seeking an improved position on Provincial transfers;
- Planning and executing capital projects on time and on budget including wastewater treatment plant, storm drainage improvements, recreation projects, ten year fleet and five year resurfacing programs;
- Including adopting a comprehensive municipal plan (and now fostering its implementation including zoning, and subdivision and off-site levy bylaws);
- Developing an Age-Friendly community strategy including.

Others are included again as circumstances have evolved and more work is yet to be done.

There are other discreet projects not specifically listed that will be included the Town's annual work program in response to specific needs identified as the Council term evolves.

The following are adopted as the Rothesay Council Priorities 2021 to 2026.



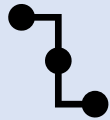
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Wells Connector (Link):

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Affordable Housing:

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Recommendations contained in the climate change adaptation plan are to be implemented and other emerging trends identified and addressed.



Collector Road:

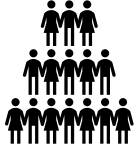
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Communications:

Potential changes and improvements to the way the Town communicates are to be examined and implemented.

This section describes how the Council intends to reach their priorities.



1. Intergenerational Complex

The 50-year old Rothesay Arena is to be replaced by a modern ice facility on adjacent properties and the existing building converted for multiuse recreation purposes.

Commentary:

Separate applications submitted for New Facility and funding for refurbishment of existing arena. Projects to be phased as funding permits.

Examples of Actions:

- Letter to RDC to reinforce priorities
- Respond to additional justification requests
- Committee meeting with Consultants
- Meeting with politicians
- Choose architectural consultants



2. Recreation Master Plan

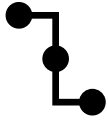
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Commentary:

Consultant Contract awarded at May Council meeting Implementation of recommendations in 2024 onward Supplement Active Transportation component if necessary.

Examples of Actions:

- Identify key projects and programs
- Make offer on required lands
- Design and implement capital improvements
- Review/implement recommendations as appropriate



3. Wells Connector (Link)

The Wells community and the remainder of Rothesay on north side of the Mackay Highway are to be connected via Grove Avenue and the Wells trail system.

Commentary:

Preliminary Discussions held with RDC for Provincial Funding (max. \$0.5M)
Federal Government may announce new active transportation funding in fall
Include project in Town's 2024 capital budget

Examples of Actions:

- Acquire access and property rights
- Order hardware for traffic and ped lights
- Prepare tender documents



4. Affordable Housing

Policy positions and specific actions and projects are to be identified to increase affordable housing in the community.

Commentary:

Develop terms of reference for joint study with Quispamsis
Encourage Envision to conduct study for KV
Investigate Pilot Project on Scribner Crescent lands

Examples of Actions:

- Call for proposals for design services for RFP (Scribner lands)
- Document process for future projects
- Review/implement recommendations as appropriate



5. Climate Change Mitigation

Recommendations contained in the climate change adaptation plan are to be implemented and other emerging trends identified and addressed.

Commentary:

Implement Climate Change Adaptation Plan
Engage consultant to update green house gas inventory

Examples of Actions:

- Implement or review 26 recommendations
- Formulate and implement Community Communications Plan
- Monitor climate change policy development at provincial and federal level



6. Collector Road

A road connection between the Fox Farm and Campbell Drive interchanges is to be planned and developed as resources permit.

Commentary:

Commission preliminary design and cost estimates
Identify potential funding sources inc. grants and off-site levies

Examples of Actions:

- Identify land acquisition requirements
- Apply for grants as appropriate
- Identify benefiting parties



7. Communications

Potential changes and improvements to the way the Town communicates are to be examined and implemented.

Commentary:

Develop an effective communications plan based on recommendations from Council and staff
Develop quantitative and qualitative feedback metrics on effectiveness of Town communication channels
Optimize benefits from participation in all inter-municipal and regional arrangements
Maximize the benefits from revised municipal legislation

Examples of Actions:

- Draft terms of reference for preparation of communications plan
- Survey Council for communication priorities
- Call for proposals for communications plan and services, if required
- Training Program for Current Staff