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Summer Fun in Rothesay!

June 20, 2023: 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, and Happy Summer!

Like everyone else, I was thankful to see Spring come this year - it really lifts the spirits to see trees blooming, gardens coming up, ducks nesting, and more people outdoors! And I am particularly thankful that we again had a freshet without flooding.

The Town is busy. The new ball field at Wells opened in mid-May and is in full use. Beginning on June 26th the Playground Programs will run at all three locations: KPark, Wells, and Rothesay Park. On the same day, our two lifeguarded beaches will open. Concerts in the Common will run on Thursday evenings at 7pm, from July 6th until August 24th.

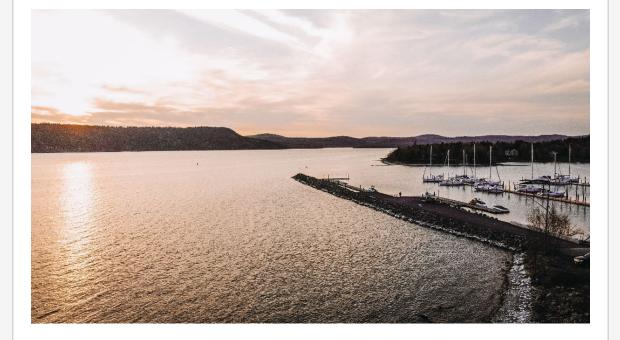
A special feature this summer - Rothesay has an Artist-in-Residence in the person of Rothesay resident Darlene Baker. You will see Darlene at many of our summer events, interacting with residents and discussing art in general. We are delighted that she will be producing some works showing life in Rothesay.

Two new venues will be opening in Town this Summer: the new building at Wells Recreation Park and the pickleball courts at Arthur Miller Fields. We are hopeful of both opening by mid-summer, watch for further details. Rothesay is hosting the Softball competition for the East Coast Games, the weekend of June 23rd. Games will be held at the Wells Softball Field, watch for the schedule, and get out and enjoy the competition!

So, we are ready for Summer: our parks and trails are tended, and our restaurant and bar patios are open. We have great opportunities to get out and get active, and to enjoy socializing over the food and drink of our wonderful establishments. But please, be mindful of the dry conditions of our forests - don't give fire a place to start. And be safe around the water - we don't want the Summer marred by accidents.

See you at Canada Day on the Rothesay Common: Saturday, July 1st, from 12-3 pm.

Dr. Nancy Grant Mayor of Rothesay



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.

Enter your photos for your chance to win the **10th Annual Photo Contest!** Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

Town Hall

Upcoming Town Hall Closures

- Monday, July 3 for Canada Day.
- Monday, August 7 for New Brunswick Day.
- Monday, September 4 for Labour Day.

24/7 emergency service is available by calling \$506-848-6600.

Council Priorities

The Council Priorities for 2021-2026 are now available on our website. You can read the full report by clicking **HERE**.

Operations

Update on Asphalt Resurfacing for 2023

Notice: Due to the tenders for the Asphalt Resurfacing project for 2023 dramatically exceeding budgeted funds there will be no major roadwork program this year in Rothesay. Residents can still expect line painting and minor repairs to be completed this year.

Solid Waste Collection

Looking for information regarding curbside collection? Our Garbage, Recycling, and Compost website has all the information on best practices, frequently asked questions, a helpful sorting guide, and more. Learn more **HERE**.

Parks & Recreation

Updates

Wells Community Building

Our new Wells Community Building is under construction, and we're witnessing
its transformation from blueprint to reality. This new, modern multipurpose
facility will house community event space, a residential kitchen, public park
washrooms, and a covered canopy for outdoor gatherings. Stay tuned for the
grand opening - we can't wait to welcome you to this incredible space! Learn
more HERE.

Pickleball Courts at Arthur Miller Fields

 Game, set, match! Our new pickleball courts are starting to take shape and will be ready for play soon! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner eager to learn, these courts will be your haven for thrilling rallies and unforgettable moments. It won't be long until you can gather your pickleball crew and let the games begin. Stay tuned for updates!

NEW! Trail Map Brochure

- Hiking on our beautiful trails is a great way to get outdoors and moving. We're
 excited to announce our newly updated Trail Map Brochure! Download the
 brochure on our website or pick up a printed copy at Town Hall for your next
 adventure in Rothesay! Learn more <u>HERE</u>.
- Reminder to pet owners: Dogs must ALWAYS be on-leash on any property that is not privately owned by you, including all parks and trails. Please scoop the poop, bag it, and throw it out!

Recreation Master Plan

 Rothesay is embarking on a Recreation Master Plan to enhance our community's recreational offerings. We are committed to providing diverse and inclusive recreational opportunities for all residents - let's build a stronger, healthier, and happier community together! Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to be part of shaping the future of our parks and recreational spaces!



Come out and celebrate our Nation's 156th Birthday on Saturday, July 1st from 12-3PM on the Rothesay Common.

Activities will begin at 12:00pm with a flag-raising ceremony. 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 2023! 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 is Open!

Rothesay Playground Programs are for kids ages 5-12 (including kids who are 4 years old turning 5 by December 31 of this year). This is a drop-in/punch pass program that operates at 3 different locations: KPark Elementary School, Rothesay Park Middle School and Wells Recreation Park beginning on Monday, June 26 running until Friday, August 25, 2023. Please note that Playground Program Punch Passes are being sold online this year through the Rothesay Recreation Online Portal. Learn more HERE.

Tip: Learn how to apply for Jumpstart, P.R.O Kids, or Kidsport click HERE.

Beaches Open June 26, 2023

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 **2023 season on Monday, June 26.** Beaches will close for the season on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Please note that there will be no Swimming Lessons offered this year.

Learn more **HERE**.



Other Town Business

EpiPens in Rothesay

In partnership with Rothesay Pharmachoice, Rothesay has EpipPens available for public access at the following seven 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.

Receive Your Utility Bill by Email

Would you like the convenience of receiving your quarterly utility statement directly to your email inbox? It is simple to switch to paperless billing! Send an email with your name and address to: utilities@rothesay.ca

Your next uility bill will arrive to your email address which will improve timeliness of receiving your bill (no waiting for postage!), give you access to your bill away from home, and reduce the environmental impact of printing and mailing paper bills (less paper, ink, plastic, fuel).

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 **KV Walkers 12 Weeks / 12 Walks**, events with **Artist-in-Residence Darlene Baker**, and more, there is something for everyone!

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

Council is closely monitoring proposed changes to provincial legislation that would give the Minister the power to overturn local bylaws including matters such as rezonings.









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