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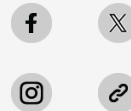
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Winter fun is here!

November 23, 2023: Thank you for subscribing to the R-Insider! We hope you enjoy the winter issue of the quarterly community e-newsletter.

Mayor's Message

Hello Rothesay Residents,

As the cool, crisp days of winter approach, anticipation fills the air, and the Town is thrilled to unveil an array of exciting activities for your delight in the coming weeks and months.

Prepare to be enchanted by the 25th Annual KV Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 25, starting at 6 pm at KVHS. Embarking on its usual route along Hampton Road, this year's parade celebrates a milestone with the theme "A Silver Christmas," promising a magical spectacle for kids of all ages.

Mark your calendars for the Mayor's Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 13, from 7 to 8 pm on the Common, with a storm date on December 14 at the same time. Immerse yourself in the festive ambiance with live music by local talents, indulgent hot chocolate and cookies, heartwarming conversations with neighbors, and a graceful twirl around the Rothesay Common rink. We anticipate the rink's opening in early December, weather permitting. Once it's ready, stay updated on the ice schedule through the Rothesay website and enjoy the live webcam views.

Kick off the New Year with the traditional New Year's Day skate on the Rothesay Common from 12 to 4 pm. It's a fantastic way to embrace the New Year and jumpstart those physical activity resolutions.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated Staff for the timely resurfacing of Campbell Drive, enhancing the driving experience for all Valley residents before winter arrives.

I am delighted to share the news that Rothesay Council has approved the 2024 Budget, with no increase in the residential tax rate - it remains at \$1.19 per hundred dollars of assessment. However, utility rates will see an adjustment, increasing by 4.3% for water and 9.2% for sewer to cover the rising costs of operations.

On behalf of Rothesay Council and Staff, I extend warm wishes for a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season surrounded by loved ones. As we navigate the season, please prioritize safety on the roads, and let us collectively commit to avoiding accidents by refraining from

drinking and driving. May accidents have no place in spoiling our festive spirit.

Wishing you all the best,

Dr. Nancy Grant
Mayor of Rothesay



Town Hall

Town Hall Closures

- Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day
- Tuesday, December 26 for Boxing Day
- Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day

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

Next Rothesay Council Meeting

Rothesay Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00PM in-person at Town Hall. The agenda and meeting details are available online [HERE](#). Public access to the Live stream will be available online [HERE](#).

2024 Budget Highlights

General Operating Fund 2024 Highlights Approved by Council

1. Total Operating Budget \$23.81 million (an increase of approx. 9.2% over 2023)
2. 10.8% increase in aggregate property tax assessments (1% from new construction)
3. Maintain the tax rate at \$1.19 per \$100 of assessment
4. Maintain the mark-up % re non-residential properties at 170%
5. Aggregate warrant of assessment = \$22,262,389

Utility Operating Fund 2024 Highlights Approved by Council

1. Total Revenue \$3,865,000
2. Revenue from sale of water of \$1,165,000 includes a 4.3% increase in rates (base water rate - \$1.29 per cubic metre and \$225 per annum fixed fee)
3. Revenue from sewerage services \$2,154,300 includes a 9.2% increase of \$40 to an annual base rate of \$475 per equivalent user per year
4. Aggregate "typical" residential utility fees total approximately \$1,055 annually

Parks & Recreation



The **25th Annual KV Santa Claus Parade** is this Saturday, November 25, 2023! This year's parade theme is "A Silver Christmas – Celebrating 25 Years".

- The parade will commence at 6PM from KVHS and will travel along the Hampton Road to the Marr Road, Clark Road intersection.
- Road Closures at major intersections and side streets begin at 5:45PM.
- Our Sensory friendly zone is located within the QES Elementary School zone.
- Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa and donations for the KV Food Basket.
- The parade will be live streamed on Facebook
- Severe Storm Date: Sunday, November 26.

Learn more [HERE](#).



Mayor' Tree Lighting

The 9th Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting will be on Wednesday, December 13th from 7-8pm! Join Mayor Dr. Nancy Grant for the special lighting of the tree, public skating, live music and light refreshments.



Rothesay Arena Public Skating Schedule

The Rothesay Arena opened for its 52nd season in October. We have public skating activities for people of all ages!

- Public Skate: Sundays 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- Parent & Tot Skating & Hockey: Mondays 9:00am - 10:00am
- Seniors Hockey: Mondays 11:30am - 12:30pm

- Seniors Skating: Mondays - 12:45pm - 1:45pm
- Adult Scrimmage: Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am

Please note: these scheduled public skating events may vary due to other special events (call ahead). Learn more [HERE](#).



Fundy Winterfest is a 6-week long, regional event, from February 1st to March 10th, 2024 where people celebrate and embrace winter as an opportunity to connect across generations, communities, classes and cultures. The 6 communities of Rothesay, Quispamsis, Hampton, Saint John, Grand Bay-Westfield and Fundy-St. Martins welcome you to participate in winter initiatives that empower everyone, including our most vulnerable residents, to be active in winter! Find your hats and mitts— you won't want to miss out on this Greater Saint John Winter experience! *More details coming soon!*

Operations

Winter Maintenance Reminder

Rothesay requests the public's assistance in conducting winter maintenance activities.

- Any vehicle left on Town streets, roads or sidewalks so as to impede snow removal or maintenance to roads or sidewalks will be towed away at owner's risk and expense.
- Any person removing snow from private property onto Town streets, roads or sidewalks is liable to a fine.



Did you know?

The only holiday that curbside garbage, recycling, and compost is not collected on is Christmas Day (December 25). Visit our website to learn more about curbside collection best practices and more. Click [HERE](#).

Other Town Business

CN Police want you to Stay Safe this Winter

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet, and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous. This winter, CN Police remind you to always

drive safely and be extra cautious around railway crossings. For safety tips, click [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! Learn more [HERE](#).

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.

A photograph of a young child wearing a dark blue winter jacket and a grey knit hat, playing in the snow. The child is reaching up towards a snow-covered tree branch. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a blue triangular warning sign with a black border and a black snowflake symbol in the center.

**Have Fun,
Stay Active
& BE SAFE!**

Snow provides winter fun for kids but PLAY SAFE!

Children should never play in or on snow banks that border roads, as snow plow operators and other drivers may not know there are children on/in them.

Have fun, stay active and BE SAFE! Learn more [HERE](#).



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