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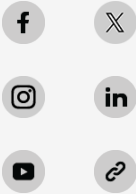
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Bundle Up for Winter Festivities!

November 28, 2024: 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,

It seems impossible, but another year has flown by, and it was a busy one for all Town Departments. Just a few highlights:

With regards to Recreation activities, we approved an exciting new Recreation Master Plan - a guide for the next 10 years. We held our first-ever Age-Friendly Wellness Fair; this was a huge success and will be an annual June event. Our busy summer Playground Program saw 336 kids registered, using three sites, including the new building at Wells Recreation Park. Users of the Wells Recreation Park will also appreciate the paving of the parking lot there - providing more efficient parking for this very busy recreational space. The Rothesay HIVE celebrated its 5th Birthday - and what a great community builder the HIVE has been, with more than 200 members in 2024.

In the Operations/Utilities Departments, there are two major projects currently on the go: Phase 2 of our new Wastewater Treatment Plant and a project to increase water production to meet the growing needs of our community. The year also saw our busiest year ever for street resurfacing, as well as completion of the upgrades to the Gondola Point Road/Clark Road intersection, providing improved safety, and flood mitigation.

Looking ahead to 2025, watch for details of Fundy Winterfest 2025! Enjoy winter fun events (January 18th to March 9th) planned by our Recreation Staff, in conjunction with the other Municipalities in our region. There will be something for everyone. Of particular interest will be the always-popular special skating nights every Wednesday evening in February on the Rothesay Common.

Finally, Council is pleased to inform residents that the Town Budget for 2025 includes a 2-cent reduction in the residential property tax rate, down from \$1.19 to \$1.17 per hundred dollars of assessed value.

The Mayor's Tree Lighting will take place on December 11th at 7pm at the Rothesay Common. Come out and watch as the glorious old tree is again illuminated for the season. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, music and skating for all. I hope to see many residents there.

It is also my hope that as the year draws to a close, we may all be able to put aside our "busyness" temporarily, and find time for relaxing with family, friends, and pets. May peace, hope, joy, and love be yours, and may we all be grateful for the wonderful community in which we live.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Dr. Nancy Grant
Mayor of Rothesay



Town Hall

Town Hall Closures

- Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 26 for Boxing Day
- Wednesday, 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 9, 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](#).

2025 Budget Highlights

General Operating Fund 2025 Highlights Approved by Council

1. Total Operating Budget \$25.227 million
2. 8.03% increase in aggregate property tax assessments (1.28% from new construction)
3. A two-cent reduction of the base tax rate to \$1.17 per \$100 of assessment
4. Maintain the mark-up % re non-residential properties at 170%
5. Aggregate warrant of assessment = \$23,655,395

Utility Operating Fund 2025 Highlights Approved by Council

1. Total Revenue \$4,243,000
2. Revenue from sale of water of \$1,160,000 includes a 4.5% increase in rates (base water rate - \$1.35 per cubic metre and \$235 per annum fixed fee)
3. Revenue from sewerage services \$2,400,000 includes a 10.5% increase of \$50 to an annual base rate of \$525 per equivalent user per year
4. Aggregate "typical" residential utility fees total approximately \$1,130 annually

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 utility bill will arrive to your email address which will improve the 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).

Parks & Recreation



The **26th Annual KV Santa Claus Parade** is this Saturday, November 30th, 2024! This year's parade theme is "Christmas Treasures". Learn more [HERE](#).

- The parade will commence at 6PM from KVHS and will travel along Hampton Road to 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 school zone.
- Don't forget to bring donations for the KV Food Basket.
- The parade will be live-streamed on Facebook.
- Severe Storm Date: Sunday, December 1st.

The logo for Grief Café features the word "Grief" in a large, brown, cursive font, with "CAFÉ" in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a logo for the Rothesay Hive Age-Friendly Community Centre, which consists of a stylized flower with four petals in blue, yellow, red, and green.

Drop-in for the new monthly Grief Café to enjoy tea and coffee with Jennifer Doherty (End of Life Consultant, Grief Advocate & Death Doula), Winnie (Therapy Dog) and others on their grief journey. Tea and coffee provided.

Date: **Thursday, December 5**
Time: **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

A close-up of a cup of coffee with a heart-shaped latte art design on the surface.

Get in touch: 1-506-799-9240 kirstinduffley@rothesay.ca www.rothesay.ca/recreation/rothesay-hive/

The Rothesay HIVE is an Age-Friendly Community Centre for people 50+.
Learn more about the Rothesay HIVE by clicking [HERE](#).

A logo for the 10th Anniversary, featuring a large "10" with "th" and "ANNIVERSARY" written below it.

Mayor's Tree Lighting

**DECEMBER 11
AT 7:00PM**

ROTHESAY COMMON
24 GONDOLA POINT RD

SKATING | MUSIC | HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES

For more information, visit: www.rothesay.ca

The logo for Energie NB Power, featuring a stylized red and orange flame or leaf shape.

The logo for Rock n' Roll Cowgirl, featuring a silhouette of a person on a horse.

Mayor' Tree Lighting

Join Mayor Nancy Grant and Council for the **10th Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 11th from 7PM-8PM at the Rothesay Common.**

Featuring live music from Rock n' Roll Cowgirl. Stop by for a skate on the ice, a walk around the Common or just to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season in the heart of Rothesay. NB Power will be handing out gingerbread cookies and will be serving hot chocolate so be sure to bring your mug from home!

We will be accepting non-perishable food items in support of the KV Food Basket at this event!

Storm date: Wednesday, December 18th 7PM-8PM.



Rothesay Arena Public Skating Schedule

The Rothesay Arena opened for its 53rd season in October. We have public skating activities for people of all ages! Please note: these scheduled public skating events may vary due to other special events (call ahead). Learn more [HERE](#).

- Public Skate: Sundays 3:00pm - 4:00pm (Cancelled on December 1st and 15th)
- Parent & Tot Skating & Hockey: Mondays 9:00am - 10:00am
- Seniors Hockey: Mondays 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Seniors Skating: Mondays - 12:45pm - 1:45pm



Fundy Winterfest is a regional event, from **January 18 to March 9, 2025**, 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.



Garbage Collection Date Change Christmas Day:

The only holiday that curbside garbage, recycling, and compost are not collected on is Christmas Day (December 25). FERO will collect garbage on **Saturday, December 28**, for those who would have normal pick up on Wednesday, December 25. Please have your garbage curbside by 7:00am.

Visit our website to learn more about curbside collection best practices and more. Click [HERE](#).

Christmas Tree Drop-Off: January 4, 2025

Rothesay, in cooperation with Urban Organics, is working to promote composting by diverting Christmas Trees from the Regional Landfill. Rothesay residents only.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- Bill McGuire Centre Parking Lot
- East Riverside-Kingshurst Park
- Rothesay Arena Front Parking Lot
- Entrance to the Wells Recreation Park

Trees must be dropped off no later than **Saturday, January 4, 2025.**

Did You Know?

Christmas Trees will NOT be collected as part of regular garbage pickup. However, you can compost your tree by putting it in your compost cart. Please remove all the decorations and trim, delimb the tree and cut up the trunk and branches (sections must be no longer than 4 feet and 2 inches in diameter). Be sure you can close the cart's lid. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Other Town Business



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New!

Send a Rave!

Rothesay's Raving Reviews

Rothesay's Raving Reviews is a way to let our employees know their hard work is getting noticed by residents, colleagues, & Rothesay!

Send a raving review about one of our employees, crews, or departments, to make their day extra special and spread kindness throughout our community.

TO SUBMIT A RAVING REVIEW, VISIT: WWW.ROTHESAY.CA/RAVES/

We're Hiring! Join Team Rothesay!

The town of Rothesay has employment opportunities available for the following positions. Learn more [HERE](#).

- Director of Planning & Development Services
- Public Works Superintendent
- Director of Operations

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.





**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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