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Spring Forward with Rothesay!

March 21st, 2025: Thank you for subscribing and we hope you enjoy the spring issue of the quarterly community newsletter.

Mayor's Message

Hello Again Rothesay Residents,

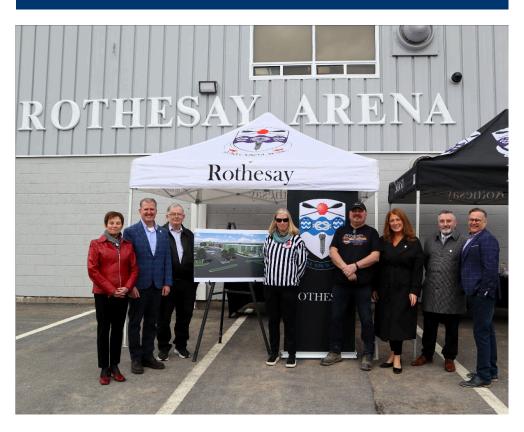
Wasn't that a winter?? But one advantage was that we enjoyed FUNDY WINTERFEST in weather fully worthy of it! Congratulations and thank you to our Parks and Recreation Staff for the marvellous 80th Anniversary Carnival on the Common (a day made even more special by the Courrier and Ives Ice Dancers), and the same to our Operations and Utilities Staff for keeping our roads clear and utilities working through this old-fashioned winter. Many people enjoyed outdoor activities this year, and we have the photos to prove it: Winner of the Frozen Moments photo contest was Jennifer Allen for a photo of a freezing bubble taken in Hampton, NB.

But spring is upon us-thank goodness. It's a favourite time of year for our Gardeners, the time when plants start arriving at the Town greenhouses. Personally, I'm looking forward to "ladder day", when the hanging baskets come to Town Hall. Recreation Staff are preparing for summer programming at beaches and playgrounds. Also, applications are being accepted for summer employment with the Town: closing date is April 1. We do look forward to having students on staff again - their enthusiasm always energizes us. Look for Town fields and outdoor courts to open as soon as weather permits. Also, we will be holding a Second Annual Age-Friendly Wellness Fair this spring on Monday, June 2, 2025. This event was very well attended last year.

Council has approved the contract for lighting the Wells Softball Field - so hopefully the very busy KV Girls Softball Association will have the ability to add more girls to their program. Lighting will be added to the roadway and parking lot at Wells Recreation Park. New streetlights will be added to Sierra Ave., bringing safety improvements to this long and curved street. Other good news: our street resurfacing this year will include the last old piece of the Rothesay Road, from Birchview to the Saint John boundary.

Happy Spring to All - enjoy the longer days!

Dr. Nancy Grant Mayor of Rothesay



Government of Canada invests in community building in Rothesay, NB.

The Government of Canada is investing \$7 million to transform the existing Rothesay Arena into a vibrant, energy-efficient part of the new Rothesay Intergenerational Community Complex!

This upgraded facility will offer more recreational spaces, including indoor courts and areas for community activities, benefiting Rothesay and the surrounding communities for years to come.

Learn more HERE.

Town Hall

Town Hall Closures

- Friday, April 18, for Good Friday
- Monday, April 21, for Easter Monday
- Monday, May 19, for Victoria Day

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

Building Permits

A building permit is required for various construction projects, including but not limited to pools, fences, decks, gazebos, sheds, and storage buildings. Permits are also necessary for installing or replacing windows, doors, and siding. Building permit applications are available for download <u>HERE</u>.

When applying, submit a site plan showing the location and height of the pool and any structures. This ensures compliance with Rothesay's Zoning By-Law requirements. Learn more **HERE**.

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).

Operations

Spring Clean-Up Weeks

All items must be placed curbside by 7:00am on Monday regardless of your scheduled pick-up day.

Solid Waste Pick-Up - Monday, May 12th, 2025

- Items must be tied in manageable bundles, weighing no more than 40lbs.
- **O NOT ACCEPTED:** Junked car parts or batteries, appliances, televisions, tires, paints/solvents, hazardous waste, containers from hazardous products and other similar items will NOT be accepted.

Organic Waste Pick-Up – Monday, May 19th, 2025

- Pick-up will begin on Monday, May 19, even though it is a holiday.
- Leaves, grass clippings, & bundled twigs with twine no longer than 4ft and weighing no more than 40lbs. No trees larger than 4 inches in diameter.
- Residents are required to use brown paper bags for yard waste.
- \bigcirc Yard waste in plastic bags (clear, black or any colour) will **NOT** be collected.
- O Please DO NOT use your compost cart for this pick-up.

Tip: Looking for the best practices when it comes to solid waste collection? Learn more $\underline{\text{HERE.}}$

Parks & Recreation

Community Centre Rentals

Looking for a venue for a special community event, private meeting, or even a Wedding? Look no further than the Bill McGuire Centre or the Wells Community Centre! Both locations boast scenic locations, modern amenities, and open spaces ready for your eye for design. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.





Think Green, Keep It Clean - Community Clean Up

We invite schools, businesses, community groups and residents in Rothesay to join the race to make the world a better place! Rothesay is hosting a community clean up from **Saturday, April 19th to Tuesday, April 22nd**. Get your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors involved and help make a difference!

Gloves and garbage bags are available for community members to use to clean up litter in our parks, trails and green spaces. Learn more $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}.$

Canadian Tire Jumpstart, P.R.O. Kids, & Kidsport



Did you know the Canadian Tire Jumpstart, P.R.O. Kids, and KidsSport programs are available to children and youth who live in Rothesay? These programs help remove financial barriers to participating in art, culture, sport and recreational activities! These programs enable more children to experience the many benefits of recreation, sport and leisure. Learn more <u>HERE.</u>

Other Town Business

Summer Employment Opportunities

The town of Rothesay has employment opportunities available for the following summer positions: Parks Labourers, Lifeguards, and Playground Counselors. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2025. Learn more <u>HERE.</u>



Turn Your Key - Be Idle Free

Did you know that idling your car for just 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting it? Let's work together to reduce air pollution, save fuel, and protect our beautiful environment.

Tips to Stay Idle-Free:

- Turn off your engine if you're stopped for more than 10 seconds (like at a red light or in a drive-thru).
- Be mindful of unnecessary idling when waiting for someone or parked.

Support clean air in our community and help fight climate change! Let's make Rothesay a cleaner, greener place for everyone. Together, we can make a difference!



Attention Dog Owners - Be a Good Neighbour!

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 <u>HERE.</u>

Also, did you know, that 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.



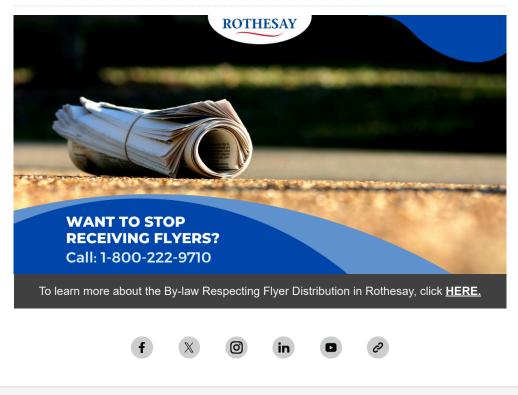
Staff are monitoring river levels during flood season and sandbags will be made available if flooding seems imminent. Learn more: **www.gnb.ca/riverwatch**

High Water Consumption Checklist

Water leaks happen for many reasons, and any water-using fixture or appliance can eventually leak. Leaks can range in size. A small stream of water from a faucet can waste 15 cubic metres (m3) per month. A leak this size could increase your bill by

\$18.60 each month. If the water level in a toilet tank is too high and overflowing into the overflow tube, or the flapper is completely lifted, it can waste 1,200 m3 per month. A leak this size could increase your bill by \$2,544.48 each month.

The first step in the process is for you to complete this <u>High Water Consumption</u> <u>Investigation Checklist.</u>



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