

East River Low Flow Contingency By-Law

This contingency by-law is to be used when the flow rate in the East River drops to 1.7 m³/s. This contingency by-law outlines the steps required to conserve water use in the Town of Stellarton water system.

Low Water Level Advisory

When flow rate reaches 1.7 m³/s, the Town will issue a restriction on water use for the following outside activities:

- Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
- Filling or topping of pools;
- Washing of motor vehicles;

The Town will notify residents and commercial users via radio communication and social media;

- Operating staff will continually monitor water levels and flow rates as per the latest Nova Scotia Environment permit;
- Water restrictions will remain in effect until water levels and flow rates return to an acceptable level as dictated by Nova Scotia Environment;
- The general public will be informed via social media and radio when the water restrictions are lifted.

STAGE 1: ALTERNATE DAY WATER USE

When the East River flow reaches 1.7 m³/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 1 restrictions. The following activities are restricted:

- Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
- Filling or topping of pools;
- Washing of motor vehicles;

The above uses are restricted to the following:

- Even numbered addresses are permitted on even calendar days (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc) from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;
- Odd numbered addresses are permitted on odd calendar days (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc) from 6am to 11am and 7pm to midnight;

STAGE 2: TWICE A WEEK WATER USE

When the East River flow reaches 1.5 m³/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 2 restrictions. The following activities are restricted:

- Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
- Filling or topping of pools;
- Washing of motor vehicles;

The above uses are restricted to the following:

- Even numbered addresses are permitted on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;
- Odd numbered addresses are permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays from 6am to 11am and 7pm to midnight;

STAGE 3: NO OUTDOOR WATER USE

When the East River flow reaches 1.4 m³/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 3 restrictions. And the following shall apply:

- No person shall use water supplied by the Town for other than a domestic purpose or commercial purpose. No person shall use water outdoors for any purpose.

Further information can be found at: www.stellarton.ca

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IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 14 - Council (ONLINE ONLY)

Apr. 22 - Volunteer Reception

Apr. 22 - Planning Advisory Committee

Apr. 25 - Community Cleanup

Apr. 27 - Committee of the Whole

May 7 - Police Commission

May 11 - Council

May 20 - Planning Advisory Committee

May 25 - Committee of the Whole

June 4 - Police Commission

June 8 - Council

June 17 - Planning Advisory Committee

June 22 - Committee of the Whole

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

We live in interesting times. I am typing this note on Monday, March 23rd, working alone, with only the sound of my fingers on the keyboard, in what is usually a busy office brimming with people, conversations and serious discussions.

We, as humans, live for the feeling of belonging. We cannot thrive on our own. We live in a society that, through media, stresses the importance of the individual. Now, more than ever, we need a strong sense of community. Being an individual does not mean much, unless you are part of something bigger.

This is the time for us all to act as a part of the bigger community. That means social (physical) distancing, working from home whenever possible, only leaving the house when necessary, washing our hands frequently, and taking the measures required to stop the spread of COVID-19. Do the things that show we care about our entire community. We need to work together, to stay safe. To keep our most vulnerable citizens safe.

Town staff is entering into a period of essential work only, for everyone's safety. Non-essential items may take a back seat. We will have to adjust as the situation evolves with COVID-19, one day at a time. Focus on what we can do to best help you, our residents, maintain as normal a life as possible. The Town's top essential services are clean water and sewer; this is our critical infrastructure. We will do our best to have as much other work done as possible, while maintaining a safe

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environment for staff, and a safe community for you.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteer Fire Fighters, our Police Officers, our administration staff, and our Public Works employees, for your critical work during these troubling times. As a municipality, we thank you, for doing the work that binds us all together, to become a safe and vibrant community.

We will get through the COVID-19 by looking out for each other. Let us keep focused on what is important in life, our friends, family and community, as we navigate our way through these difficult waters. Do the things, behave in the manner, that will keep you, and all our people, safe. It is the least we can do.

Take care.

Danny



Town Hall Updates

COVID-19 Health & Safety

The Town of Stellarton Mayor, Council and staff have been working status quo since this unprecedented event took over on March 13, 2020. Our essential services, police, fire, water and public works continue to work hard to ensure the safety of our citizens is, as usual, our top priority. However, with the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, our community has been adjusting our daily tasks almost hourly. We appreciate your patience and understanding throughout these changing times with many unknowns.

Due to the directives laid out by the provincial and federal governments, at this time, we have cancelled/postponed non-essential meetings. Staff and council have been conducting town business via teleconference. At the time of printing the newsletter, we are also enforcing a strict closure of Town Hall to the public – with the exception of emergencies, until such time it is deemed safe to re-open to the public.

If there are questions or concerns regarding an issue that you are having, please call 902-752-2114 or email town.office@stellarton.ca

ALL General Inquiries can be made by calling (902)752-2114 | 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

After hours: (902)752-6160

Please be conscious of your actions, ask questions, help others if you are able, and wash your hands. If we all take preventative measures to reduce the spread of this highly contagious disease, we'll have a safer community for all.

Administration

Low Income Property Tax Exemption

The Town of Stellarton has approved the low income property tax exemption for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. If your household income is \$25,786 or less, you are eligible for a \$200 rebate on your final property tax bill. This exemption will be applied to your tax account during the final property tax billing in September 2020. You must provide a copy of your 2019 Notice of Assessment received from the Canada Revenue Agency as proof of income. Forms are available by contacting the Town office at 902-752-2114 or from the Town of Stellarton website at: www.stellarton.ca.

Tax Billing

Property taxes levied by the Town of Stellarton are billed in instalments as follows: 50% of the assessed taxes are billed on April 1st of each year due in June. The remainder of the current year tax levy is billed on September 1st and due in November.

Police Department

Crosswalk Safety Tips

Warmer weather is around the corner, keep yourself and your community safe with these tips!

Drivers

- Stop for all pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk.
- Drive safe speeds & be aware of your surroundings.
- Never pass a vehicle at a crosswalk.
- Ensure the pedestrian is fully across, then proceed.
- Make eye contact.

Pedestrians

- Ensure you are crossing the street safely.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Use the Point, Pause, and Proceed method.
- Wear light-coloured & reflective clothing.
- Never cross at a mid-block or against a signal.
- Understand and follow signals.



Community & Recreation

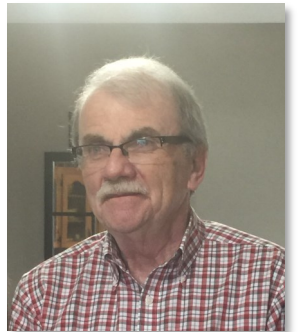
Summer Jobs

Youth employment opportunities for the Town are posted on our website and on our social media channels.

There are positions available in park maintenance, sport and recreation maintenance, day camp councilors, and day camp programmer.

Volunteer of the Year

We would like to celebrate Bill Colbourne as the Town of Stellarton Volunteer of the Year!



Nominated by the Christ Anglican Church, Bill exudes heart, willingness, and dedication to volunteering in our community.

His list of volunteer efforts is extensive. From selling 50/50 tickets and barbecuing to delivering school supplies and offering transportation to church services, Bill does it all. Any task given to him is completed with a smile.

When asked why he volunteers, Bill said: "Because of the good work they are doing, the enjoyment it brings to the people and the need to assist these groups. I get more out of it than the people we are involved with."

We're proud to have people like Bill in our community!

STELLARTON HOMECOMING
SAVE THE DATE
JULY 22-26, 2020