

Stellarton Police Department

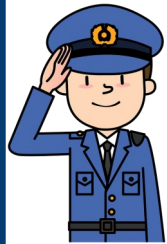
Whether you're out running errands or parked in your own driveway, it's important to take steps to protect yourself from theft!

Stellarton Police have been investigating reports of thefts from vehicles over the last month. Entry into these vehicles is gained through unlocked doors. Police are reminding residents to take precautions to keep themselves safe.

Anyone who has had property stolen from their vehicle is encouraged to report it to police. If your license plate is stolen, report it to police immediately.

Police ask that anyone who observes suspicious activity in or around parked vehicles or in their neighbourhood to call the police non-emergency line immediately—(902) 752-6160.

Scam Safety Info Session



Fraud is on the rise!

Scams come through email, phone calls, face-to-face, etc.

Scammers work hard to trap and trick you for their own benefit.

Join Cst. Gabe Vandergrift as he offers insight into how to better protect you and your family against scammers.

Thursday, January 19
6:30-7:30pm

Stellarton Community Centre
120 Leo Fahey Way

Free Session - Open to all!

Free transportation available through CHAD Transit. Attendees can call and

book their ride at: 902-928-1234
(All bookings must be made by 12pm on January 18)



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Winter Parking Regulations

Residents are advised that winter parking regulations are in effect from December 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023:

- (a) No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street in Stellarton between the hours of 1:00am and 7:00am of the same day.
- (b) No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall park or leave unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same upon any street in the above manner as to hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal of snow or ice from such highway or street.
- (c) No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall during the period from one hour after any snow storm has commenced to two hours after such snow storm has stopped, park the vehicle if it is unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same, upon any street in Stellarton.

In addition to the general winter parking regulations, there are regulations in utilizing the public parking lot located on Jubilee Avenue, behind Stellarton Town Hall. These regulations are as follows:

- (a) When snow is forecasted to be 10cm or more, vehicles must park in the furthest back rows towards Stellar Street. Vehicles should not park in any other row until the back is full.
- (b) All parked vehicles must be moved within 12 hours of the snow stopping. If you are planning to be away from your vehicle for a longer period of time, you must have accommodations in place to have it moved within the allotted time.
- (c) Any vehicles not adhering to these regulations will be towed at the owners' expense.

The complete by-law can be found here: <https://stellarton.ca/winter-parking-regulations.html>

(To access web link, type directly into the address bar of your browser.)



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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 5 - Police Commission

Jan. 9 - Council

Jan. 19 - Scam Safety Public Info Session

Jan. 23 - Committee of the Whole

Feb. 2 - Police Commission

Feb. 13 - Council

Feb. 20 - Family Day (ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED)

Feb. 27 - Committee of the Whole

Mar. 2 - Police Commission

Mar. 13 - Council

Mar. 27 - Committee of the Whole

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

A new year has arrived. We are grateful for all we have received in the past year and look forward with excitement to what 2023 will bring.

Looking back at 2022, what stands out to me is our display of Community Spirit, from two different perspectives.

One through the lens of celebration, and the other is a view during one of Stellarton's most trying times.

Homecoming 2022 was an amazing success and display of Stellarton's Community Spirit. For the first time since July 2019, we hosted a full slate of events. Staff and the Homecoming Committee worked tirelessly, in anticipation of a large turnout. We had record attendance at most events. It started with the Mayor's Garden Party at Allen Park on Wednesday evening and ended with fireworks at the soccer fields on Sunday night – with many highlights in between. We started a new tradition with the Saturday night held outside. About 900 people attended that event, the weather was perfect for a night of music and dancing in the parking lot behind Town Hall. We celebrated the good times.

The residents banding together in the wake of Fiona's destruction displayed how the people of Stellarton react to difficult times. We help our neighbours, and our neighbours help us. We are not used to extended power outages in town, so this was a new experience for us. I am proud of the way Stellartians showed compassion and resilience in the days and weeks following the hurricane. We handled the hard times.

The main item on the Town of Stellarton's agenda for 2023 is the installation of water meters. We are doing this for environmental reasons. The water levels in the East River are dangerously low in the summer months. The Nova Scotia Department of Environment is watching us closely. They are



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requiring us to find an alternative source, in case conditions continue to deteriorate and we can no longer draw water from the East River in the summer months. This is happening because of climate change. We can debate the causes, but there is no debate when it comes to the fact our climate is changing. It is noticeable with more extreme weather events, an extended fall season, a shorter spring season, and dry summers. Council must make decisions using an environmental lens, especially when it comes to our water supply. The installation of meters will reduce consumption 25%-30%. There is some resistance to the meters, as expected. However, many residents are pleased with the decision. Council, staff, and professionals in the field, all agree this is the right move. We are one of the last towns in Nova Scotia to not have water meters.

We are in reclamation talks now with Pioneer Coal and the Province. Council is looking forward to the end of operations, and moving on to the next step, reclamation of the site in an acceptable manner. The reclamation process is between the Province and Pioneer Coal, although the Town is obviously a major stakeholder. We were never really treated as such, until the change in provincial government in 2021. Prior to that we did not receive much information from the province and were not consulted about decisions. That has changed, the Province now includes us in information sharing and we are consulted during decision making processes. We don't have the final say by any means, but we now feel as though our concerns are validated and heard by those who make these important decisions that deeply impact our town.

This current council is into our seventh year representing you and our town. We are older, wiser, more deliberate, and focused, than when we began. Like anything in life, we learn as we go. Working with staff and residents, it has been a solid six years, we hit the ground running in 2016 and haven't stopped working hard. There have been ups and downs along the way, but overall, Stellarton has been moving consistently forward during our tenure. We have avoided a tax hike to date, which has not been easy. Each new budget cycle seems to bring additional pressures on the tax rate. Neighbouring towns have seen recent increases to the tax rate, assessments have increased, but our tax rate has not seen an increase since 1996.

Thank you for all your efforts in improving our town during 2022, from paying taxes to helping neighbours during Fiona, we all play a part in making our town a better place to live.

All the very best in 2023!

Danny

Stellarton Alert App

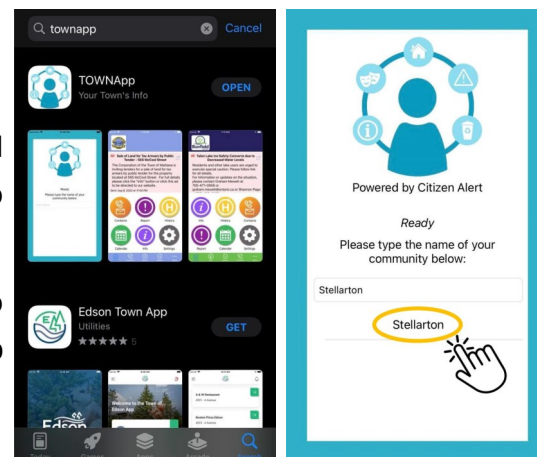
Stellarton's app is moving platforms—we are now on TownApp!

Why are we changing?

TownApp offers similar but improved functionality, as well as an overall improvement to the look and feel of the app. This new system will also save the town some money by removing developer fees.

Our system has been fully changed over and the original app will no longer work. Make sure that you download "TownApp" from the app store today to stay up-to-date on all Stellarton alerts!

(TownApp is available on both the App Store and the Google Play Store.)



Stellarton Fire Department

During the winter months, we tend to spend more time inside our homes with loved ones. Make sure your home is safe and protected from fire hazards!

Have your furnace checked annually.

Many people believe they can do this themselves, but it is safer to invest in hiring a professional.



Check your chimneys and vents.



If you use your fireplace often, you should get annual chimney inspections to make sure there are no hazards. Remember to burn dry, seasoned wood that will produce more flame with less smoke.

Test your smoke alarms.

You always want to double check your batteries are fresh and will last through the winter.



Cover your fireplace with a screen.



A metal screen or tempered glass will protect sparks from leaving the fireplace. Make sure to keep kids and pets at least 3ft away from a burning fireplace.

Use caution with lit candles.

Candles can easily be knocked over. Only light candles when you are alert and able to watch them—blow them out when you leave the room.



Use caution with space heaters.



Avoid placing heaters near curtains or other flapping fabrics. Ensure your space heater has an automatic shut off switch that will force the heater off if it reaches a dangerously high heat.

Non-Emergency: (902) 752-6506

Emergency: 911

Email: fire.department@stellarton.ca

Stellarton Water Meter Info

The Town continues to work with Neptune Technology Group for the installation of residential and commercial water meters. Neptune has been completing appointments throughout the town to ensure that meters are in place since the fall. Installations will continue in the new year and will be completed as soon as possible.

Residents are asked to book their appointments once they received correspondence from Neptune that installations will be occurring in their neighbourhood. Neptune employees will work with residents to accommodate the best time for installation—booking early will ensure you have an optimal time. It's important to note that repeated refusal to install a new meter may result in water services being turned off.

Residents who have their meter installed will continue to be charged the flat-rate for water until ALL residential meters are in place.

We thank residents for their continued patience through this process. The installation of water meters will help us to have a more sustainable Stellarton!



Stellarton Heritage Corner

The Fire Doors



"Interior of the Allan Shaft electric generating plant, Stellarton, NS"

Credit: Stellarton Mining Museum, Museum of Industry