



# STELLAR NEWS

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## Mayor's Message

Welcome to Summer 2026! Our Spring budget has been set, town staff continues to hit above its weight class, and our Beautification Team has adorned our streetscape with its widely acclaimed (well deserved) flower baskets. Meanwhile, Stellarton Homecoming is around the corner and I trust we are all ready to enjoy the sights, sounds, and sun of summer.

Town Council is pleased to have passed another balanced budget with no changes to tax rates despite rising costs. A few notes, as follow:

- **Recreation:** We have entered into agreement with the Town of Westville to share the costs of a Recreation Director and a Municipal Physical Activity Leadership (MPAL) staff. This will help us achieve our strategic goal of enhancing recreation programming in a cost-efficient manner.
- **Albion Ball Field:** We will see the field resurfaced with improved drainage, funded using secured provincial recreation funding.
- **Water and Sewer:** Metered water and sewer billing is anticipated during the third quarter.

We are very pleased to welcome new amenities as they continue to emerge downtown and in our business park. On behalf of town council and staff, I thank each of our business owners throughout Stellarton for choosing to invest in our town. I am continually thrilled with the growing vibrance and character of Stellarton. To build on this, we are actively organizing more opportunities this summer to enjoy time and town together. This will kick off with music at Town Square on July 16 and the Allan Park on July 21. Watch online and for posters around town for additional events throughout the summer.

Big thanks to the many hands on deck preparing for Homecoming Week (July 22–26). It begins with a coffee party at 10am July 22 and wraps with a concert and fireworks at 6pm July 26. Across all days in between, we have 28 separately scheduled events that cover all ages and are sure to remind everyone of how wonderful it is to be part of this Stellar community. A couple of new events to mention:

- July 23, 4:30pm: Homecoming Hustle 5km Fun Run (pre-register at <https://t.ly/Wuwum>).
- July 25, 9am-noon: On-site public viewing of the Stellarton Memorial Community Centre (SMCC) project in progress – the former Rink!

Honoured to be your mayor, I look forward to seeing you this summer and remain committed to helping foster better connection and continued growth across our community.

Yours Truly,

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Jul. 1: ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED  
Jul. 2: Police Commission  
Jul. 13: Council  
Jul. 22-26: Homecoming Week  
Jul. 27: Committee of the Whole  
Aug. 3: Natal Day—ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED  
Sept. 3: Police Commission  
Sept. 7: Labor Day—ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED  
Sept. 14: Council  
Sept. 28: Committee of the Whole  
Sept. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

# STELLAR CONCERTS

**11TH & DUKE DUO | JULY 16**

Town Square | 7-8pm

**PC BRASS & REED BAND | JULY 21**

Allan Park | 6:30-7:30pm

Stay tuned for more events!



## Town Hall Updates

### Low Income Property Tax Exemption

If your household income is \$30,406 or less, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate on your final property tax bill. This exemption will be applied to your tax account during the final property tax billing in September 2026.

You must provide a copy of your 2025 Notice of Assessment received from the Canada Revenue Agency as proof of income.

Forms are available at Town Hall or via our website: [www.stellararton.ca](http://www.stellararton.ca)



# Summer Events!



**July 3: Story-Writing Contest Closes**

**July 7: Bingo with Prizes and Treats**  
**July 14: Yard Games at Horseshoe Pits Park**

**July 16: Mr. Mark Comedy in Allan Park**

**July 29: Splash Pad Party & Bubble Machine**  
**August 4: Yard Games in Olympic Park**

**August 6: The 6-Day Travelling Zoo**

**August 11: Stay tuned for details!**  
**August 14: Movie Night: The Wild Robot**

**August 18: Yard Games in Allan Park**

**August 20: Inflatables + Foam Party**  
**August 24: School Supplies Swap**

**August 25: Kids End of Summer Party**



### 2026-2027 Budget

The 2026-2027 budget was approved at the Town Council meeting held on May 11. The General Operating Budget was approved at \$11,015,599; and the Capital Budget was approved at \$1,809,865.

The tax rate for residential/resource is \$1.88 per \$100 of residential assessment, and \$4.30 per \$100 of commercial assessment.

The remainder of the current year tax levy will be billed in September and due in November.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details on each event or contact Michaela Aikens at [student@stellararton.ca](mailto:student@stellararton.ca)!