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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1 - Treaty Day: Mi'kmaq History Month Begins!

Oct. 7 - Police Commission

Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving: Admin Closed

Oct. 12 - Council

Oct. 25 - Committee of the Whole

Nov. 4 - Police Commission

Nov. 8 - Council

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day: Admin Closed

Nov. 22 - Committee of the Whole

Nov. 26 - Christmas Tree Lighting: Town Square

Dec. 2 - Police Commission

Dec. 13 - Council

Dec. 24 (NOON) - Jan. 3: Admin Closed

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The moderate weather of the fall is here. Clean, crisp air, leaves displaying amazing colors, breaking out our favorite sweaters, are just a few of the reasons why fall is a wonderful season. We are always sad to see the summer go, but what better way to follow it then with a beautiful fall.



This summer your council made an important change to the town's staffing model. We adopted a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) structure. Previously, we operated under a Town Clerk model. Most municipalities in Nova Scotia adopted the CAO system over 20 years ago. After Stellarton's change, there are only two municipalities left in the province with a Town Clerk Model, both with populations under 750 people.

It was time for Stellarton to modernize our staffing system. The Town Clerk model was developed in the mid twentieth century, when municipalities operated much differently. Under the Town Clerk System, council is much more involved in the day-to-day operations of the town. Years ago, the mayor was usually a retired local businessperson who was at Town Hall all day to *run the show*. Times have changed, most elected municipal representatives have full time day jobs. We rely on our staff team to run the operations. Council's role is one of governance. We direct staff through policies and communication during meetings. We tell staff where we want the town to go, they determine the most effective way to make it happen, report back to us on progress, we provide feedback, and our town moves forward. Our CAO is Susan Higdon, she has been with us since 2018, and council has complete confidence in her abilities to manage the day-to-day operations. She has proven her competency to us, and her abilities are reflected in the well managed operation that is the Town of Stellarton.

This summer, the Town applied for a grant through ACOA's Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF). The CCRF aims to help communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure projects. We are very excited to announce that the Town of Stellarton will be receiving funding from ACOA to support three projects!

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The Town will be commissioning a local artist to create a heritage mural representing how Stellarton has developed since before incorporation; we will be installing new wayfinding signage to highlight recreation and green spaces, as well as signage to highlight Stellarton's significant heritage districts (the Heights, Red Row, Bullpen, etc.); and we will be creating self-guided walking tour maps for residents and tourists alike. These projects are recommendations outlined in the Town's Heritage Plan (2021) and the Town's Communications Plan (2020). These plans are available online.

I'd like to thank the members of our Heritage Committee, and our staff. It is because of their hard work that we were able to access these funds that will allow us to highlight the significant historical aspects of our town.

We have determined the cause of the taste and odor problem with our water. The 2-MIB compound is the culprit. Low water levels are an ideal environment for the growth of this compound. We had a wet July, which kept water levels in the East River relatively high as compared to previous years. Therefore, the taste and odor weren't as bad as recent summers but were still noticeable. The odor becomes worse when the water is heated. Our Town Engineer, Blaine Murray, is working with Water Treatment Systems Supervisor, Andy Hartery, to find treatment solutions to eradicate the taste and odor issue. Preliminary findings indicate we may have an affordable solution, we will begin testing it next summer.

Council has completed the first year of the four-year mandate that you gave us in the election of October 2020. We continue to enjoy serving you and our town. Stellarton is often held up as a model for other municipal units to emulate, that is because of decades of strong management from council and staff. It is our job to continue this legacy, and we take this task very seriously. As always, we are open and transparent, easy to reach, our phone numbers and email addresses are on the website and in this newsletter. Feel free to reach out, we always appreciate the opportunity to help residents.

Enjoy your fall, and all the very best!

Danny

Stellarton Active Living

Sunday Fundays at the Wellness Centre

For the month of October, residents of Stellarton will have FREE access to the YMCA!

Residents can take part in activities like family swims and pickleball, or take advantage of open gym space and the weight room.

For more information on how Sunday-Funday works, visit: <https://bit.ly/2XICFu6>

Public Skates

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the Wellness Centre has \$2 public skates. Helmets must be worn.



9-10am Parent & Tot

10-11am Senior

12-2pm Adult

3-5pm Public



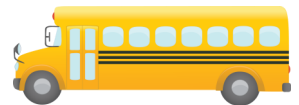
Stellarton Library

The library offers over 100 regular programs per month. All library programs are free and open to all!



Check out all of their programs and events online: <http://www.parl.ns.ca/events/calendars/STEL.php>

Police Department



Back to School

With school back in session, motorists are reminded to use caution and watch for children walking to and from school.

Buses make frequent stops to pick up and drop off children. When stopping, the bus deploys a yellow flashing light to warn motorists that they are about to stop and will flash red when fully stopped at a bus stop.

All traffic is required to stop while a bus has its red lights flashing. Motorists may only proceed once the lights have stopped.

Crosswalks

Crossing guards are in place at major intersections close to schools to provide a safe crossing for children. It is an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act to not obey the directions of a crossing guard.

Parking within 3m (or 15ft) of a cross walk or intersection is also an offence. This can hide or obstruct pedestrians trying to cross safely.



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Stellarton Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9, 2021!

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!"

This is to focus on the difference between a smoke alarm/detector sound and a carbon monoxide detector sound. Which is which? What should you know and why.

Throughout the week, the Stellarton Fire Department will be conducting Fire Drills in Stellarton schools to help students and staff be safe and prepared in the event of a fire!

Did you know there are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

Some devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds!



Business Advisory Committee

The Stellarton Business Advisory Committee is looking to add new members to the team!

The goal of this committee is to better connect members of the business community with one another, as well as to develop stronger relationships between the Town and the business community.

Interested in learning more? Contact Paige Clarke at paige.clarke@stellarton.ca or 902-752-2114.

Small Business Week is October 17-23!

Stop by your local favourites this week!

Rebate Programs

Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services and the Salvation Army are working together to provide rebates to low income Nova Scotians struggling with their heating or electrical costs due to financial loss as a result of COVID-19.

Here are the rebate program offerings for 2021-2022:

Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT): \$400 rebate for emergency home heating or power bills.

Type into address bar: <https://bit.ly/3F3WFZC>

Nova Scotia Covid Relief Fund (NSCR): \$400 rebate to help households impacted by the COVID-19 with their home heating or power bills.

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Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP): \$200 rebate for home heating costs.

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* Low income Nova Scotians who are eligible for these programs could receive up to \$1,000 to help them with their heating/power costs in 2021-22. *

Stellarton Heritage Corner

Calling all Stellarton High Alumnae!



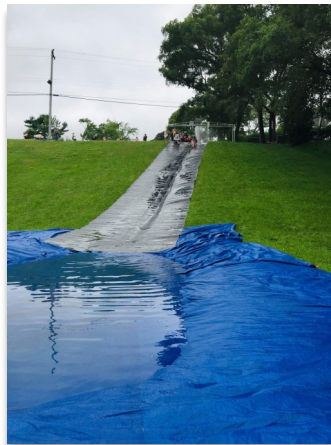
Stellarton's Heritage Committee is looking for class photos!

Our Heritage Room is growing with historic memorabilia from across Stellarton. Some class photos are missing or need to be restored and we'd like to complete our collection!

If you'd like to donate or for more information, contact: noah.delorey@stellarton.ca



The Community PlayBox
installed at Allan Park



The water slide back in
action at the Albion Ball
Field



Judith Hoegg Ryan speaking at the Miners'
Monument 100-Year Anniversary Service



Pictou County Highlanders
Provincial Champions



Wreaths were placed on behalf of the
Honourable Pat Dunn (left), the Town of
Stellarton (centre), and the Museum of
Industry (right)



Tanya Oldford-Cowley with Mayor
MacGillivray and family for the 2021
Virtual Provincial Volunteer Awards

**"Stellarton is a thriving
community that is safe,
healthy, inclusive, and
engaged with a robust
economy that appeals to
businesses, citizens, and
visitors alike."**



Mayor MacGillivray threw the opening
pitch for the AA Intermediate Albions
Provincial Championships



Stellarton Police placed 2nd in the United
Way of Pictou County's Pull for Change



Summer Day Camp Counselors:
Nick MacInnis, Jenna Rorison, Krista
Cameron, Madison Sample

