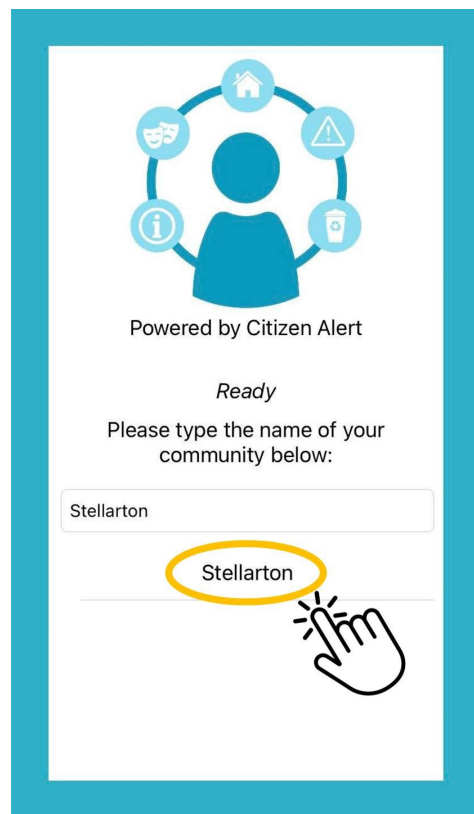
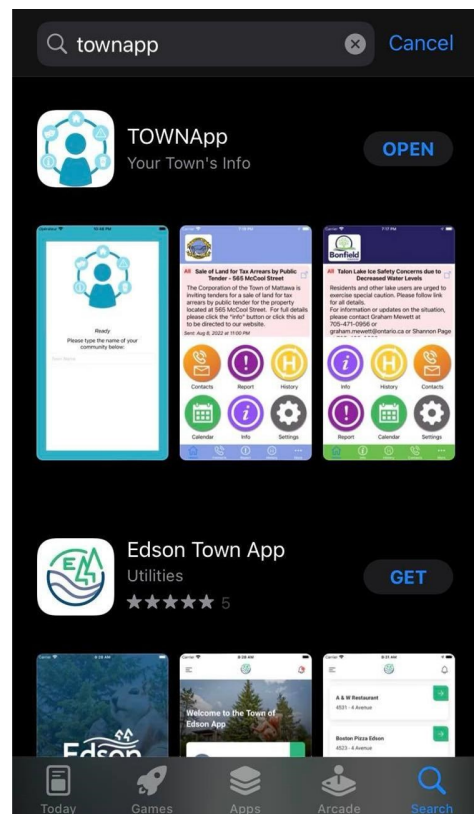


Hurricane Aftermath

Hurricane Fiona caused significant destruction throughout Stellarton and across the county. Given the extent of the damage in our town, we wish to provide residents with the following updates:

- 1. Open House for Water Meters Postponed**
The Open House with Neptune Technology Group scheduled for September 28 will now take place from 6-8pm at the Stellarton Fire Hall on Wednesday, October 12.
- 2. Permit Fees for Damage Repairs**
For a limited time, Stellarton will be offering a permit fee of \$25 to cover the administrative portion for permits required to repair decks, pools, fences, accessory building, and dwellings damaged by Hurricane Fiona.
Regular building permit fees will continue to apply for renovations not associated with the hurricane event. All other permit fees will remain in place.
- 3. Brush Removal**
Trees that have fallen across properties can be removed by residents even if they are trees from town-owned land.
Residents who are able to remove their yard debris and trees themselves can put manageable –sized pieces at the front of their property for Public Works crews to collect.

Our crews continue to assess and repair damage of critical infrastructure throughout Stellarton and there are still areas in town without power. While there is a sense of urgency in the restoration process, the impacts of Fiona are severe and will take time to repair. We ask for your continued patience as we work through this.



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 will be 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!



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 1 - Treaty Day: Mi’kmaq History Month Begins!**
- Oct. 13 - Police Commission**
- Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving: Admin Closed**
- Oct. 11 - Council**
- Oct. 24 - Committee of the Whole**
- Nov. 3 - Police Commission**
- Nov. 7 - Council**
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day: Admin Closed**
- Nov. 21 - Committee of the Whole**
- Nov. 25 - Christmas Tree Lighting: Town Square**
- Dec. 1 - Police Commission**
- Dec. 12 - Council**
- Dec. 26 - Jan. 2: Admin Closed**

Mayor’s Message

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

I am writing on Monday morning, following a wild weekend with Hurricane Fiona. The cleanup has begun but we ask for your patience. The Town has a dedicated Public Works staff of 13 employees, they have been out all weekend dealing with the damage brought by the storm, their work of removing debris will take weeks. They are a skilled crew, dedicated to the Town of Stellarton. We are lucky to have them, especially at a time like this, their work is appreciated by council, and we know, the residents as well.



Currently, I, like most residents, do not have power, and cell reception is very sketchy. I consider myself lucky to have running water, although I would pay good money for a hot shower. We can thank previous Town Engineer Tony Addis for the strong water pressure throughout the entire town during power outages, as it was him who realized Pioneer Coal had built a mountain high enough that we can gravity feed every household with the help of a water tower in Evansville. As a bonus, we also have a cool landmark, the tower itself with “STELLARTON” emblazoned on it for all to see.

I would also like to thank senior management for the coordinated and efficient response to the destruction brought by Fiona. Staff were at Town Hall day and night last week, preparing for the impact of the hurricane. Our senior leadership team and their staff, as well as our Regional Emergency Management Operations Coordinators, John Davison and Dan MacDonald, had very little sleep this weekend, as they were alert all hours dealing with emergencies as they happened. We are grateful for their efforts. As we hunkered down, they were up, looking after our collective wellbeing Generators have been invaluable with maintaining our water reservoirs, police dispatch, and the fire

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department with the Comfort Centre.

Along with our senior leadership, Public Works, the Fire Department, Police Service, and administrative staff, we have built a very strong team at Town Hall that looks out for residents 24/7, regardless of weather conditions. They work in a coordinated manner, with open communication keeping each other in the loop. The different staff departments do not operate in silos, we are one team headquartered at Town Hall and enjoy working towards the common goal of keeping our town in top form and our residents well served.

The consensus is severe weather events like Fiona will become more common in the coming years. The ocean water off our coast is warmer than ever, good for swimming, but also an ideal environment for hurricanes.

The climate is changing. That is one of the reasons for installing water meters in all of our homes. The environment is becoming dryer and our East River has perilously low water levels in the summer months. The changing climate affects us in many ways. The Town is doing what we can to mitigate these risks.

The Town of Stellarton has overcome many challenges in our history, and Fiona will be another chapter in the book of Stellarton – highlighting our resilience and willingness to help fellow residents through difficult times.

Sincerely, *Danny*



Firefighters' Competition, Stellarton Homecoming 2022

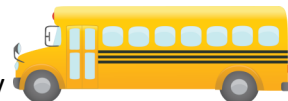
Police Department

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.

Stellarton Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2022!

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes to safely escape a home fire. Your ability to get out of a home depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning.

To kick off fire prevention week, the Stellarton Fire Department will be hosting activities for the public:

Saturday, October 8th
1:00-3:00pm | Open House at the Fire Hall

Saturday, October 8th
Beginning in Pictou at 7:00pm | County Truck Parade
(This year, the route will be reversed and coming from Westville, down Acadia Avenue.)

Follow these steps to make a Home Fire Escape Plan!

1. Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
2. Visit each room. Find two ways out.
3. All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
4. Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
5. Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
6. Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
7. Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
8. Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
9. Practice your home fire drill!



Stellarton Heritage Corner



Stellarton's Heritage Committee commissioned artist, Janet Wallace, to paint a 12-canvas series depicting Stellarton's vast heritage dating from pre-incorporation to Stellarton today.



This series will be installed as an exhibit in Stellarton's Heritage Room once the room has been set up for it. A grand unveiling of all 12 paintings will be held at a later date.



Image descriptions:

1. Members of Stellarton's Heritage Committee pose with Janet Wallace and three of the art pieces.



2. A rough sketch of one of Janet's pieces titled, "The Way It Was."



3. A glimpse of Painting #6 depicting work in the mines and the Miners' Monument.

4. A rough sketch of one of Janet's pieces titled, "Early Town."

5. A glimpse of Painting #3 depicting early mining before the railways.