



OFFICIAL PLAN NEXT STEPS

A public meeting is planned for January to present the latest draft of the Official Plan. Come out to learn more.



WINTER FEST

Mark your calendars for Winter Fest 2026!

Save the date and plan to join in the fun February 14-16!



ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

Watch for the Annual Resident Survey early in 2026!

We appreciate your input through this survey each year.



Town Talk

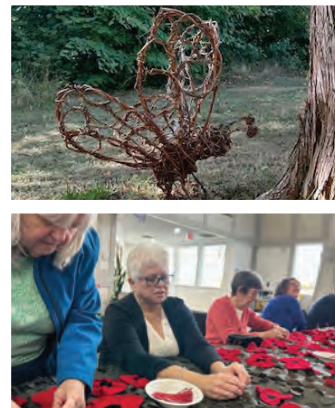
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Happy New Year!
2026 





MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Contact information for councillors is available on our website: www.townofstratford.ca

Hello Residents!

I hope all of you enjoyed the holiday season and are now looking forward to this season of new beginnings and progress toward our shared goals. Spring is not far away!

As I enter the final year of the current mandate you have given me as Mayor of Stratford, I would like to reflect briefly on the past three years and to look forward to the upcoming year.

In 2022, the new Council and I agreed on priorities and goals to be achieved over the next four years. For the most part, these have been realized, or are in the works, with one large item still outstanding at the time of writing this message: the finalization of Federal funding for the Town's new Wellness Centre on the Community Campus. Hopefully by the time this is published confirmation of funding will have been received which will allow design and construction of the new facility to begin as early as this spring.

As residents know, municipal taxes have been increased to help with the Town's portion of funding for this facility, and significant private fundraising commitments are in place. We have had support from the Provincial Government for a while now, so if Federal funding has been confirmed, most of the major priorities established by this term of Mayor and Council will have been completed.

The following are some highlights since my last update in the fall:

- FallFest 2025 was another great success
- The Stratford Poppy Project was a great tribute to Veterans this Remembrance Day and will be into the future. We had a great turnout for Remembrance Day and thank residents for always showing up to show their respect.
- The required update is underway for the Official Plan and the Zoning and Development Bylaw with great engagement and input from residents.
- Great progress has been achieved on the new sports fields at the Community Campus which will be opening for play this summer.
- We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Transit and the 30th Anniversary of Stratford's establishment as a Town. Since 1995 our population has more than doubled, and we have continued to be a community that is welcoming, open and growing. The next 30 will be exciting too!

Over the next three months we anticipate:

- Official Plan and Zoning & Development bylaw to be finalized and approved
- Draft 2026/27 Town Budget presentation (including opportunity for resident input)

Where do we go from here?

- Stratford continues to be a desired place to live with a respectful culture and great quality of life. Let's continue to keep our values as guiding lights in all decision-making.
- We will continue to work on addressing the social and recreational infrastructure deficit in our Town. As we grow in population it is imperative that the social and recreational facilities be there to allow for community gatherings for special events and for adequate recreational programming opportunities.
- Municipal elections will take place in the fall of 2026. Residents are encouraged to get to know the candidates and become informed voters.

2026 will be another exciting year in the Town of Stratford. We look forward to continuing to work together to build strong relationships and ensure that the best decisions are made for our residents. Together we are building the best community possible!

Sincerely,
Steve Ogden, Mayor

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WINTER DRIVING

Driving at fast speed is the main cause of winter collisions. Be sure to drive slowly and carefully on snow and ice-covered roads. Please DO NOT speed!

Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

The Infrastructure Department remain busy with many Stratford Utility projects either in progress or nearing completion. Staff recently completed the flushing of our watermains and the cleaning of our sewer mains and sewer lift stations.

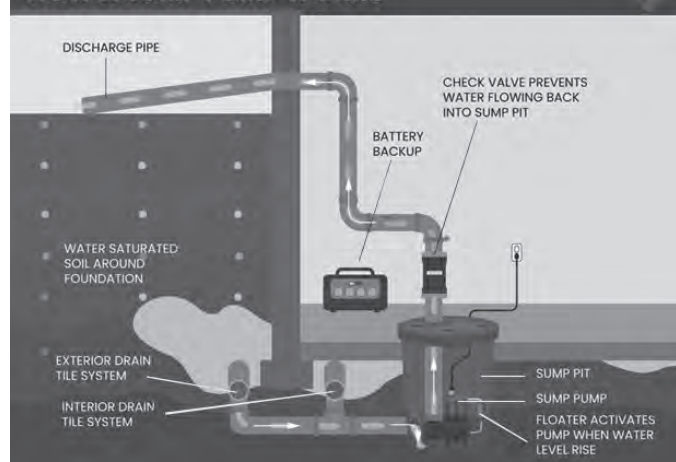
Contractors have completed the relining of sewer pipe along Heron and Wren Drives, and completed a short street extension on Myrtle Street to allow for two more building lots in the Stratford Business Park. Contractors also completed the installation of fourteen new hydrants in the core area of the Town this fall.



Corish Sewer Lift Station With Backup Generator

Design is now complete for the Reeves Estates Watermain Distribution Replacement project. Pending funding and budgets, we hope to tender and complete this project by the end of 2026. The Town has work currently underway to add backup generators at the Bayside, East Keppoch, Stonington, Skye Lane and Battery Point sewer lift stations. Consultants are designing the decommissioning of our Harbourside sewer lift station and we have applied for funding to upgrade both the Zakems sewer lift station and the Cable Heights water station in the near future.

HOW A SUMP PUMP WORKS



> New Subdivisions

In 2025 three new subdivisions came online with water and sewer. They were Kelly Heights Phase 3, McCarron Way extension and Clearview Estates Phase 4. Stratford Utility staff monitor and maintain all components of these water and sewer systems in Stratford which is comprised of over 90 kilometers of sewer and watermain and associated infrastructure.

> Sump Pump Redirection Rebate Program

In our effort to remove storm water from our Town's sanitary sewer system, the Town is continuing our rebate program to residential and commercial property owners in Stratford who have an existing sump pump piped directly into the Town's sanitary sewer system.

The rebate will help cover the costs to redirect the sump pump flow to the exterior of the home or building where it can flow directly to the ditches and storm systems.

For more information on this program please call our office at 902-569-4662 or email ckoughan@townofstratford.ca.

With the changing climate, Stratford Utility sees a significant increase in stormwater entering our sewer system during the more frequent heavy rainfall or freeze/thaw events. The redirection of these sump pumps removes clean water from our sanitary waste system, helps reduce flows to our lift stations and results in reduced energy and operational costs. When redirected properly the sump pump will continue to work as it did

before, with the only change being the redirection of flow to ditches instead of unnecessarily entering the sewer system. When considering this rebate please keep in mind that the Town sends our sanitary wastewater to Charlottetown and we pay a per volume rate so every reduction we can collectively make matters.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

The Town has partnered with the Province of PEI through their Provincial Climate Challenge Fund to provide this program. We recognize the continued funding support from the Province in regards to climate change effects on Town infrastructure and hope to continue working with them in this area.

> Public Works

Our Infrastructure staff are now focused on winter maintenance of Town equipment, snow removal and interior building maintenance over the next few months. This fall our staff installed a temporary new flagpole on Veterans Memorial Green for the poppy display as part of the Remembrance Day activities. Our staff have also been busy installing Christmas lighting throughout the Town this season. This work begins long before you see it with our infrastructure department beginning preparations as early as September to have the lighting ordered, repairs made and installed for December 1st of each year.

Contractors recently completed repairs on the clock tower at Stratford Town Centre. We also had contractors complete the multi-use paved path along Glen Stewart Drive and are currently constructing approximately 2 kms of gravel path behind the sports fields at the new Community Campus. This will be a great addition to the existing 2 km of paved multi-purpose path along John Joe Sark Drive in the Community Campus.

> Sanitary Manholes & Water Shut Offs In Driveways

Residents should note that sanitary sewer manholes and water shutoffs may not be covered over at any time as these need to be readily accessible in the case of a sewer backup or water service break to your property. Property owners are responsible for contacting the Infrastructure Department at 902-569-4662 when a sewer manhole or water shutoff is located in a driveway and in need of servicing. If these items are covered by a homeowner or contractor, the homeowner may be required to make these accessible again which can be expensive (especially if they are paved over). Please ensure you are aware of their location and accessibility.

> Safety Services

The Town's Safety Services Committee reviews new street lighting requests along with requests for speed and traffic signs, crosswalks and other traffic calming devices. These traffic recommendations then need to be approved by the Province of PEI as they own the streets in the Town of Stratford. Our speed radar signs continue to provide valuable data to RCMP and Town. If you notice a streetlight that stays on during the day or does not come on at night, please copy down the pole number (located on a tag attached to each pole) and report it to Maritime Electric directly at customerservice@maritimeelectric.com.

> Snow Clearing On Roads/ Sidewalks & Trails

Sidewalks and trails in Stratford are cleared of snow if they are along the public right of way, lead to public services or are groomed by the Recreation staff in some of our parks for walking or skiing. The Town currently clears 30 km of sidewalk and trails and grooms another 7 km. The groomed trails are located through Fullertons Creek Park and Cotton Park, the trail from Langley Road to Rosebank Road through Kenny Park and the trail from Jubilee Drive to Mason Road through Williams Gate Park.

All streets in the Town of Stratford are owned and snow cleared by the Province of PEI. If you have any issues with the clearing of snow from our streets, please direct them to Department of Transportation Highway Maintenance

at 902-368-4770. This includes issues with storm water drainage that occur during heavy rain or melt events where ditches and storm water catch basins are overwhelmed or covered.

The Town would like to note that, like every community on the Island, there will be times when one operator covers another's work. Workers make every effort to keep things tidy, however, some messes and overlap cannot be helped as provincial snow plow operators and private contractors clear snow from parking lots, streets, sidewalks and driveways at different times.



NIGHTTIME VISIBILITY

As it gets darker out, we would like to remind you to make yourself more visible to drivers when you are out and about.

The more you make yourself look 'human' at night, the safer you may be. Wear reflective gear and place them on the moving parts of your body to help drivers see that you are a person, and not a stationary post or object.

Groomed trails can be found at Cotton Park and Fullerton's Conservation Park. These trails are ideal for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and walking. Motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on our trails at any time of year.

Stay safe!



Be courteous when parking and don't:

- Park too close to a driveway
- Impede sightlines
- Block a fire hydrant
- Park on or block any portion of a sidewalk or active transportation trail
- Forget to check for cyclists, kids, or others sharing the street

Help make our streets safe for all users!



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & HERITAGE UPDATE

> Housing Accelerator Fund

On March 14th, 2024, The Honorable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, officially announced that the Town has entered into an agreement with the Federal Government, to provide the Town with a funding contribution of \$4.9 Million to make systematic changes to the current development regulations to remove barriers and promote new housing growth to meet the increase in population.

The following is an update on initiatives and planning projects that were developed as part of the agreement:

> Official Plan Review Update

Review of the Town's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw occurs every five years per the Planning Act. These are important documents intended to build the best community possible both now and in the future. Last year, the Town engaged Upland Planning + Design Studio to undertake the review as follows:

- September 2024 – Work began on the initial visioning of the project.
- September – December 2024 - Engaged with Stakeholders, elected officials, residents attending Fall Fest, and an online survey were held to help develop engagement workshops.
- February – March 2025 - 5 public open house engagement sessions were held on 5 focus topics: Housing, Transportation and Recreation, Culture and Heritage, Employment Lands and Development, and Environment & Agriculture. A copy of the What We Heard Report from Phase 1 Visioning may be found on the website noted below.
- October 2025 - A 1st Draft of the new Official Plan and Zoning and Development Bylaw was made available for residents. Two in-person engagement sessions and a virtual engagement session were held.
- November – December 2025 - What We Heard Reports will be prepared from Phase 2 Visioning to help find balance and guide the 2nd Draft. Additional engagement sessions will be planned for December 2025.
- Early 2026 – Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for upcoming drafts and Council's decision on the Town's new Official Plan and Zoning and Development Bylaw.

Thank you, residents, for your comments, feedback and participation. Your input is both appreciated and important to the process.

For more information on the project and the opportunity to stay in the loop, you can register for updates at: <https://www.shape.townofstratford.ca/projects/official-plan/> and of course be sure to follow the Town on socials and subscribe to our e-newsletter.

> Short-Term Rental Accommodation Bylaw

The Town has engaged ATN Strategies to develop a Short-Term Rental (STR) Accommodation Bylaw to regulate this activity in our community. Examples of STRs include online tourist accommodation platforms such as Airbnb, Vrbo, and Booking.com. Engagement was held in person and by an online survey in November 2024 to obtain community input to ensure that the bylaw reflects the diverse perspectives and needs of our community.

The formal public meeting and Council decision on the Short-Term Rental (STR) Accommodation Bylaw is scheduled for the end of the year 2025. For more information, residents and operators are encouraged to contact the Planning Department.

> Permit-Ready Housing Plans are available now!

The Town engaged Formed Alliance Architectural Studio (FAAS) to establish the Town's first catalogue of Permit-Ready Housing Plans. FAAS completed a study of existing housing types in Stratford and hosted public engagement to create a collection of building plans for "Missing Middle" housing types.

We hope the plans will provide a step up for small developers and landowners looking to help with housing needs by speeding up the process and reducing design fees. The house plans are designed to be cost-effective keeping non-profit organizations in mind. For a digital copy of the catalogue, please contact the Planning Department.

> Online E-Permit System

As part of the Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives, one of the Town's goals was to provide an online e-permit system. The implementation of an e-permit system will aid in streamlining applications and processing times. Town Planning staff are currently in the early stages of learning the e-permit system. Roll out of the e-permit system is planned for Spring 2026.

Planning & Development Updates

> Mobile Vendors Bylaw (formerly Street Vendors Bylaw)

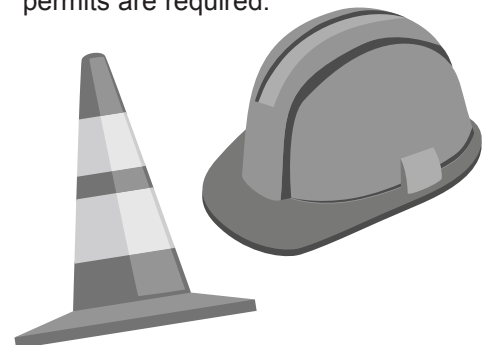
The new Mobile Vendors Bylaw has been adopted and in effect which, by permit, allows the operation of motorized and non-motorized mobile vendor units within certain areas of the Town. For more details, please contact the Planning Department.

> Thinking of Operating a Business in Stratford?

We love seeing our business community grow! Whether you are constructing your own building or moving into an existing space, permits help keep your business and customers safe and comfortable.

Thinking of operating a business from home? A Home Occupation Agreement helps to ensure your business is permitted and harmonious with your neighbourhood and may be an option for Single or Semi-Detached Dwelling homeowners.

Be sure to check in with the Planning Department to determine which permits are required.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & HERITAGE UPDATE

> Thinking of Building in Stratford?

Any permit application for a new Single Dwelling shall require the following information:

- Development Application Form
- Utility Application Form
- Entrance Way Application Form
- Completed Deck Pamphlet (if using Helical Piles, an engineer stamped helical pile design is required)
- Building Plans; including, floor plans, elevations, and cross-section
- Truss Package; including, layouts and individual truss design
- Site Plan/Grading Plan
- Letter of Authorization
- Additional Architect and/or Engineer Stamped Plans may be required for steel beams, tall walls, and/or if the building exceeds 300 m²

Additional requirements for attached dwellings:

- Engineer Stamped Fire Separation Detail

Preliminary plans will not be accepted and additional information may be required

To ensure that your permit is ready in time for your project start date, please submit your complete application as early as possible.

A copy of the Zoning & Development Bylaw, Building Bylaw, Application Forms, and Fee Bylaw can be found on the Town's website (www.townofstratford.ca) or you can pick up application forms in person at the Planning Department, located within the Town Centre.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department by phone at 902-569-6255 or by email at planning@townofstratford.ca.

> Development Permits

From January to October 2025, the Planning Department has issued a total of 117 development permits.

The following table shows a summary of development activities between January and October 2025.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Detached Residential	25	\$14,188,050
Single Detached Additions / Renovations	12	\$1,324,900
Duplex / Semi-Detached / Stacked-Semi	3	\$2,050,900
Duplex / Semi-Detached / Stacked-Semi Additions / Renovations	2	\$60,000
Townhouses / Stacked TH / Apartments	3	\$1,583,000
Accessory Buildings	19	\$129,500
Accessory Structures (Pools, Decks, Fences, Solar Arrays)	31	\$599,799
Demolitions	8	\$107,050
Commercial (New / Renovations,)	5	\$9,013,000
Industrial (New, Renovations, Additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (New / Renovations)	1	\$150,000
Signage	2	\$10,050
Other	6	\$2,025,400
Totals	117	\$31,240,749



Every year leading up to Remembrance Day, the bus shelters in Stratford become a reminder of our Stratford Heroes program. We would like to recognize the advertisers who provide us with their space at no cost to allow our Stratford Heroes to be displayed. We thank them deeply for their ongoing support year after year!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING IN 2025:

- McDonald's Restaurants
- Perfectly Clean Heat Pump Cleaning
- Datcha French Caribbean Cuisine
- Cavendish Farms
- Brett Revington and Andrew Higgins of Centum Mortgage Partners
- Egg Farmers of PEI
- A&S Scrap Metal
- PEI Cannabis Corporation
- Northumberland Ferries
- Taco Boyz

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



You can register for recreational programs with our Town Centre Recreation Attendants (located in the booth just inside the Recreation Centre entrance). You can also view upcoming programs and registration dates and create a personal account to register or pay for the program you'd like to sign up for directly from our website at www.townofstratford.ca. If further information is required, please call 902-569-6250.



The Town of Stratford does not take payment for property taxes. Please call the Province of PEI at (902) 368-4070 for more information on your property tax payments.



WHO DO I CALL?

If you have have questions about waste, compost or recycling, including pick up days, sorting, etc., please call IWMC at 1-888-280-8111.

STRATFORD YOUTH CENTRE

The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment to participate in social and recreational activities, various clubs, and special events. These activities engage youth which encourages social growth and helps develop self-confidence and skills to prepare youth for their future. The Centre guides members to focus on volunteering, empowerment, community engagement and provides youth with an opportunity to voice their concerns about the community and show that they can really make a difference.



Membership allows access to the Stratford Youth Centre, numerous clubs and events, as well as an opportunity to participate in regular weekly member meetings. There is no cost for youth to join the Stratford Youth Centre however all members must help out with regular fundraising and volunteer opportunities within the community, to maintain their membership. Parents are strongly encouraged to become involved with the Youth Centre and help out with our different events.



Youth Members are asked to commit to a minimum of 20-30 volunteer hours (depending on age group) with the Stratford Youth Centre every year to maintain their membership. This may include working at an event, assisting nonprofit organizations and fundraising. All volunteer hours members collect are recorded and can be used on a resume as valuable life experience as they approach adulthood. Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be included in parent emails and weekly member meetings. Members are also eligible to earn special prizes and awards for their volunteer service with the Stratford Youth Centre.

If you would like to become a Stratford Youth Centre Member, please visit



our website for more information and to register. Please note: registrations opens in late August/early September of each year and remains open until our program is full. Register early to avoid disappointment. Additional registrations may be accepted in January, if space is available. For more details or to join, visit www.stratfordyouthcentre.com.

> Stratford Youth Centre Clubs

The Stratford Youth Centre has a number of great clubs for youth to join. The clubs



are open to Youth Centre members only and are free of charge. For more information about these clubs or to become a Stratford Youth Centre member, visit our **website at www.stratfordyouthcentre.com**

> Drop In Schedule

Stratford Youth Centre Members are welcome to drop in and hangout during their allotted 'Drop In' times. (Note:



Must be a registered Youth Centre Member to Participate). For details, availability and bookings, visit www.stratfordyouthcentre.com

Mondays:

Grade 5 – 12 (3:00pm – 8:00pm)

Tuesdays:

Grade 5 – 12 (3:00pm – 8:00pm)

Wednesdays:

Grade 5 – 12 (3:00pm – 8:00pm)

Thursdays:

Grade 5 – 12 (3:00pm – 8:00pm)

If school is cancelled due to weather, the Youth Centre will be closed. This schedule is subject to change. Stay up to date, visit our website at **www.stratfordyouthcentre.com**.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

Please note:

The Town of Stratford will be offering a variety of programming this winter for youth and adults.

Unfortunately at the time of publication deadlines, final schedules were not available for all programs.

A more complete schedule can be found online at www.townofstratford.ca, on the Town's social media platforms or by stopping by to speak with our Recreation Gym Attendants during building operational hours.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Taekwondofit

Sundays
4:00pm - 5:00pm
January 4 - March 29, 2026

Participants 5 - 12 years old
\$200 / participant
Required uniform is \$85

Olympic Style Taekwondo where students will train their mind and bodies while learning to kick, punch, block, and other self-defense techniques. Respect and discipline are at the core of this Korean Martial Art.

> Youth Art Classes

Saturdays
January 10 - March 21, 2026

Ages: 10 - 15 years old
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Ages: 5 - 9 years old
12:00pm - 1:30pm

\$205 / participant

All supplies included but note that children will get messy and creative while experimenting with many types of art. Sessions will focus on painting, clay, collage, paper crafts, puppet making, drawing and more. The program is designed to be fun while fostering creativity.

> Town Centre Gymnasium & Meeting Spaces

Stratford Town Centre is open for Stratford residents to use seven days a week. The centre is equipped with a gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre, multipurpose meeting rooms, change rooms, stage, and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the fitness centre and walking track any time the building is open.

To book any of our meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, please contact the recreation office at 902-569-6250. We ask that you please sign in and out with the gym attendants when using our facility and remember to wear clean, indoor sneakers in the gym and track/fitness area.

> Town of Stratford Poppy Project

Thank you to the community for your tremendous support of the Stratford Poppy Project! It has exceeded the initial goal of 4,000 poppies with 12,000 poppies received! We extend a huge thank you to all those who have participated in this project through the knitting/crocheting and those who helped with the fastening of the poppies this fall to the nets.



STORM CLOSURE POLICY

When winter storms arrive and you are unsure whether the Stratford Town Centre (including the Gymnasium and Fitness Centre) are open, please be aware that we follow the Provincial Government offices for Charlottetown's cancellation or delays. Our cancellations are also sent to local radio stations (CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, Hot105.5) and are posted on the Town's social media accounts immediately upon a decision being made.

We also try to update the Town's website; however, the Town's social media pages are your best places to look. Since cancellation notices may be reported by media later than when the doors to the Recreation Centre normally open in the morning, we suggest you call 902-569-6250 for the latest updates on any storm-related event.

TOWN INITIATIVES

WINTER SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Stay warm, save money, and reduce energy use this winter!



GIVE YOUR HEATERS SPACE

Check that couches, rugs, or furniture aren't blocking your heaters or vents. Clear space allows warm air to move freely and helps your heating system work more efficiently.



USE YOUR CURTAINS WISELY

Open curtains during the day to let in natural sunlight and warmth

Close them in the evening to help keep the heat inside and reduce drafts

SMALL CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

> Residential Tree Planting Program - Now Accepting Applications



The Town of Stratford is continuing the Residential Tree Planting Program in 2026 to support residents in planting one large, good-quality native tree in their front yard!

The goals of the program are to:

- Help residents get affordable, high-quality native trees
- Encourage people to plant more trees and appreciate Stratford's urban forest
- Grow Stratford's tree canopy, especially along neighbourhood streets, to strengthen and improve our town's forest environment

How It Works:

1. Apply if you own residential property in Stratford and have space for a tree (15 ft. clearance from overhead power lines).
2. Applications are reviewed first-come, first-served (up to 50 participants).
3. A site visit will confirm the tree species and location. A \$50 fee applies.
4. You dig the hole; Town Staff will deliver and plant your tree.

If you are interested in getting a tree, please contact:
mcrowell@townofstratford.ca

> Community Gardens



Whether you're new to gardening or already know your way around a trowel, Stratford's Community Gardens offer a shared space to grow food, share knowledge, and connect with other! We have a limited number of garden plots, and they fill up each year!

If you'd like a plot in 2026, please reach out to add your name to our list! Contact stratfordcommunitygardens@gmail.com or call 902-916-1855.

> Stratford's 30th Anniversary

We've had a wonderful year celebrating our 30th anniversary! To recognize this special milestone, limited copies remain of our book where 15 local youth partnered with 15 longer-term Stratford residents to write and preserve personal stories that reflect the town's rich history, deep connections, and vibrant community spirit. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to Stratford, this beautiful anniversary book is a meaningful way to connect with the people and moments that shaped our town.

The Town also has a limited number of carry-all tote bags with our special anniversary logo.



Pick up these items before they are gone! Each is less than \$20 and available for purchase at Stratford Town Centre, Monday through Friday, between 8am and 4:30pm.

> Results Matter Key Performance Indicators Website Updated

The Town of Stratford has updated its yearly performance data for 2024 on the Results Matter platform. This performance management system tracks progress toward Stratford's long-term goals and ensures accountability in the work of staff and Council. To explore how the Town is performing and view project updates, visit www.resultsmatter.townofstratford.ca.

In addition, the results from the most recent Annual Resident Survey are now available on the Town's website. To see what residents had to say, visit www.townofstratford.ca. Watch for the 2026 Annual Resident Survey to come out this winter and have your say on a variety of topics.

GARDENING TIPS FROM THE TOWN'S HORTICULTURIST



Gardening indoors? Really!?...

Yes, you can, and here are a few ideas to keep your green thumbs in the soil this winter, or maybe try growing hydroponically.

What does it mean to grow hydroponically? It is a method of growing plants in a soilless environment using nutrient rich water. This makes growing plants efficient and saves space. Start with easy to grow plants such as leafy greens (lettuce and spinach) and herbs such as basil, parsley or mint. You can find several containers for setting up this growing method and are also less expensive. Gardening indoors or outdoors is always an experiment and very rewarding!

You can also consider growing microgreens. Microgreens are young edible seedlings of vegetables and herbs that are harvested just after the cotyledons (baby leaves) have developed. These greens are packed with intense flavours, vibrant colours and numerous nutrients. Many chefs use these greens at high end restaurants to top soups, salads and

sandwiches of all types. Microgreens are so easy to grow and inexpensive. All you need is a tray (preferably with a few holes for drainage) about an inch of potting soil and your preference of seeding mixes such as leaf lettuce, beet greens, broccoli, cabbage or spinach. Make your own mixes with leftover seeds from this year's outdoor garden to continue enjoying the freshness all year long.

Many gardeners enjoy growing herbs indoors as well. It is always so rewarding to use your own herbs while preparing your meals no matter what type you choose. These plants can be successfully grown on any windowsill preferably facing south or west. Monitor the temperature around your window to ensure that the plants don't get chilled though. Once the days start to lengthen, it would be advisable to start a bi-weekly fertilizing regime. After risk of frost has passed, these herbs can then be transplanted outdoors.

The winter months are a great time to start planning for next year's garden and to purchase your seeds while the selection is good. Plan ahead for the seeds that need to be started indoors to ensure you have a good harvest no matter if you're growing vegetables or flowers.

Keep cozy during the winter months and know that springtime will be here before we know it! Keep an eye out for more gardening workshops during the winter months which will be posted on the Town's social media.



The Stratford & Area Lions Club recently supported breakfast programs at both Stratford Elementary and Glen Stewart Primary Schools with a \$1500 donation to each. Our thanks on behalf of the students!



ONLY SHARE INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES

Stay out of the way of emergency responders or other essential services providers. Whether following an emergency or weather event, or during an active situation please stay away and allow the work by those responding to take place.

Remember to be kind. These situations are hard on everyone and those you encounter are likely doing their best at the given time while being often away from their own family and home to help others.

RESPECT

IT'S A TWO WAY STREET



PEI Winter Driving Emergency Kit

Use this checklist to ensure your vehicle is prepped for winter driving on PEI—don't get caught unprepared!

☐ Full tank of gas



☐ Cellphone charger



☐ Extra windshield washer fluid



☐ Jumper cables



☐ Ice scraper / brush



☐ Shovel



☐ Tow strap



☐ Blanket



☐ First aid kit



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

*This section is brought to you by the
Town of Stratford's
Diversity and Inclusion Committee.*

Town of Stratford is proudly a welcoming and inclusive community. We were pleased to be joined by representatives from **PEERS Alliance**, **PEI Transgender Network** and **Native Council of PEI** for a flag raising during Transgender Awareness Week in November.

Transgender Awareness Week in Canada is observed annually from November 13th to 19th and is a time to increase the visibility of transgender and gender-diverse people and address the challenges they face. The week is dedicated to celebrating transgender lives, promoting understanding, and educating the public about trans experiences. It finishes with the **Transgender Day of Remembrance** on November 20th, which annually honors and remembers those who have been killed due to transphobia.

An ally is someone who consistently supports, stands with and for, and acts as an advocate for the **2SLGBTQI+** communities. Each of us has the ability to be an ally. An ally is not expected to be perfect, but is someone willing to learn from and adjust when a mistake is made. True allyship is committing to a process of continual learning and reflection, doing the hard work and putting in the time to educate yourself. One of the easiest first steps to allyship is being open, willing and available to listen with an open mind and heart to those in your life who need you. Reach out to one of the above mentioned groups for more information or ways to get involved.



STRATFORD BUSINESS



STRATFORD BUSINESS

The Town of Stratford is pleased to welcome many new businesses over the past year. Please support businesses in our community whenever you get a chance as you shop, play, and explore!

Our annual survey for the business community will be available in January and we look forward to hosting a couple of activities as well – please come out to network with us and meet others from the Stratford business community when you see these dates shared.

Think Local.
Spend it here *to* keep it here.

RCMP IN STRATFORD



Royal Canadian
Mounted Police



KEEPING STRATFORD SAFE STARTS AT HOME

The safety and well-being of the residents of Stratford is priority for PEI RCMP, especially the team working out of the detachment in Stratford. Recently, the community has experienced an increase in vehicle thefts—many of which could have been prevented with a few simple precautions. We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of home and vehicle safety, and how small actions can make a big difference in protecting what matters most.

In many cases, vehicles are taken because the keys had been left inside. While Stratford is a close-knit and generally safe community, we are not immune to crime. Leaving a vehicle unattended, unlocked, or with the keys inside provides an easy opportunity for theft. We urge all residents to make it a daily habit to take your keys when you leave vehicles, lock any doors, and ensure valuables are out of sight—even if you're only stepping away for a short time or parking in your own driveway.

Home safety is equally important. A secure home not only protects your family and belongings but also deters criminal activity in the neighborhood. Please consider these simple, effective safety tips:

- **Always lock your doors and windows**, even when you are at home or in the yard.
- **Install exterior lighting**, especially around your driveway, garage, and entryways.
- **Keep shrubs and trees trimmed** to eliminate hiding spots near windows or doors.
- **If you have a security system or cameras**, ensure they are properly maintained and activated.
- **Get to know your neighbours** and look out for each other—strong communities are safe communities.

We also encourage residents to follow the “9 pm routine.” Each night at 9 pm, take a quick moment to go through a safety checklist:

- Are your vehicle(s) locked?
- Are keys removed and stored inside your home?
- Are garage doors closed and locked?
- Are exterior lights on or motion sensors activated?
- Are all doors and windows secured?

This small nightly habit can greatly reduce the chance of becoming a victim of theft.

If you see something suspicious in your neighbourhood—unfamiliar vehicles, people behaving strangely, or anything that just doesn't feel right—please don't hesitate to contact Stratford RCMP at 902-367-9300. Your call could help prevent a crime or keep a neighbour safe. In an emergency, call 911 immediately. For non-emergency concerns, you can reach us at our detachment office.

Together, we can keep Stratford a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to community safety. Let's all do our part—lock our vehicles, secure our homes, and stay alert. Safety starts with each of us.



BE COURTEOUS WHEN PARKING AND DON'T:

Park too close to
a driveway

Impede sightlines

Block a fire hydrant

Park on or block
any portion of a
sidewalk or active
transportation trail

Forget to check
for cyclists, kids, or
others sharing the
street

HELP MAKE OUR STREETS SAFE FOR ALL USERS



STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP



SAWIG is a not-for-profit group dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Stratford Area's diverse landscape and fostering interest and participation in watershed planning.

> SAWIG Healthy Headwaters Project

We wrapped up our Healthy Headwaters Project funded in part by the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund with the goal of improving headwater health and knowledge within the Stratford and Area Watersheds. We conducted headwater assessments, planted 500 native trees and shrubs, removed 1565 lbs. of invasive plant material, and shared educational posts on social media.

WANT TO BECOME A SAWIG MEMBER? IT'S FREE!

Fill out a membership form on our website. By becoming a member, you become part of and support an organization that is striving to make a positive impact in the community and improve the ecological integrity of Stratford, Alexandra, Mt. Herbert, Hazelbrook, Pownal, and Earncliffe.

If you'd like to learn more about SAWIG's projects, you can find us here:

✉ stratfordwater@gmail.com

f Stratford Area Watershed

@stratfordwatershed

www.stratfordwater.com

(902) 367-3605

> Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund



For our Nature Smart Climate solutions fund project we conducted eelgrass monitoring at Keppoch Beach and performed wildlife surveys. Our team partnered with the Town of Stratford to plant native species around Keppoch Marsh to improve the buffer zone.

> SAWIG Nature-Based Solutions to Shoreline Erosion Community Engagement Program



As part of the Climate Challenge Fund funded by the Government of Prince Edward Island we worked to encourage coastal property owners to utilize nature-based solutions to protect against erosion through the distribution of informative resources, conducting site visits, and planting trees and shrubs on coastal properties. Our team conducted over 30 site visits and planted 800 native trees and shrubs on coastal properties.

> Community Outreach

SAWIG had a fun and fulfilling year, taking part in over 18 community events!

From town celebrations like Fall Fest and Canada Day to educational activities such as Water School and the PEI Science Fair, our team enjoyed

sharing our work and connecting with residents of all ages. A highlight of the summer was our series of Park Pop-Up events at Fullerton's, Robert Cotton Park, and Pondsides parks. These events gave us the opportunity to meet community members, talk about watershed protection, and share our newly updated outreach booth filled with fun, interactive learning materials for both kids and adults.

We wrapped up the season by assisting Forest, Fish and Wildlife PEI with PEI Envirothon Training and Testing Days, supporting local students as they gained hands-on environmental experience. It was great to see so many students showing interest in conservation and learning about our natural environment.



SAWIG is excited to continue building community connections and protecting our local environment in the year ahead!

> Thank you field crew!

SAWIG would like to extend a huge thank you to our field crew this year, as none of this work would be possible without their help!



SAWIG would like to thank all of our funders and community members who make this work possible!

MP KENT MACDONALD



Dear Residents of Stratford,

It is so hard to believe that it's winter again on PEI. It seems like only last week I held my Constituency Social at Tea Hill Park on a beautiful summer evening. The weather is certainly very different now!

Housing is a priority for your federal government, and we're taking action right here in Stratford.

In August, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Gregor Robertson, announced that, through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), we're investing more than \$20 million in low-interest loans to support the construction of a new 60-unit rental housing development at 9 Irving Avenue in Stratford.

This investment will help build much-needed, energy-efficient, and accessible rental housing for Canadians. Stratford is one of PEI's fastest growing communities, and housing is a top priority for local families, seniors, and newcomers.

This development will help address that demand by offering safe, modern rental homes within financial reach.

I've recently received a few emails and call from constituents about Stratford's participation in the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), another federal fund aimed at getting homes built faster.

There seems to be some confusion about how this funding agreement affects the Town's official plan and zoning bylaw. Nothing in the HAF agreement overrides public input nor the Town's authority.

Community feedback continues to guide the process, and residents' voices remain central to shaping Stratford's future.

Please never hesitate to get in touch. I can be reached by email at kent.macdonald@parl.gc.ca or you can call my constituency office at 902-838-4987 where my team would be happy to assist you.

If you'd rather drop in, my constituency office is located 551 Main Street in Montague, and it's open 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter! It's an honour to be your Member of Parliament, and I look forward to working for you.

Sincerely,
Kent MacDonald MP
Cardigan Riding



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS: WINTER UPKEEP OF PROPERTY

Residents are responsible for ensuring proper upkeep of their property when traveling for extended periods of time. In winter, you must ensure your driveway is kept cleared.

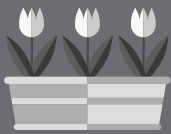


POTHoles AND SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

If you wish to report potholes and/or damage caused by snowplows, please reach out to the Department of Transportation at 902-368-4770.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOWN OF STRATFORD!

Earlier this fall the Town of Stratford received three prizes at the PEI Rural Beautification Society's Awards for:



First place for
Community
Commemorative
Garden



The Stratford
Youth Garden
Club won first
prize in the
youth garden
competition



First place
for the
People's Choice
Community Spirit
competition



Congratulations to our team,
Stratford Youth Centre
members and the community
for these awards! Great work
by everyone involved!



JILL BURRIDGE, MLA



Happy Holidays and a Bright New Year!

As we close out 2025, it's a great time to reflect on what we've accomplished together and look ahead to the opportunities that await us in 2026.

> Celebrating Our Progress

Our town has much to be proud of. Provincially, the new high school continues to take shape and remains on schedule to open in Fall 2027. Alongside that, approximately \$3 million has been earmarked in the 2026–27 fiscal year for planning the construction of our new Stratford Intermediate School.

Additional funding is already allocated for the years ahead to see this project through. These two schools, each designed for 750 students with flexibility for future growth, will ensure our children have a strong educational path right here at home. Enrollment numbers for Stratford fluctuate between 150-190 per grade level so 750 is a reasonable number with room for growth.

If you haven't driven by the campus lately, take a few minutes to do so. The outdoor fields are taking shape, parking lots are in, and you can start to see how this hub will come alive.

One critical piece still missing is the Wellness Centre. This is an "All Levels of Government" project, and we're waiting on federal support to move forward. Please consider reaching out to our MP to let him know how important this is for our community. Our active population needs infrastructure that keeps pace.

> Other Key Investments

- **AccessPEI Site:** Scheduled for Year 5 in the capital plan, a little way off, but great to have it locked in for Stratford.
- **Transportation Improvements:** The Glen Stewart Drive intersection upgrade, approved years ago, improving both flow and safety. This was on top of other provincial paving sections that were completed within the Town.
- **Healthcare Recruitment:** We continue to invest in competitive compensation and streamlined systems which allow us to hire more doctors, nurse practitioners and other health professionals more efficiently. The new patient medical home within the new UPEI Medical School will serve 10,000 Islanders once fully staffed. Approximately 7500 Islanders were affiliated this year, we are moving the needle and are not complacent at all in this endeavor.
 - **2024:** 41 new physicians hired (net gain of 21).
 - **2025(mid-year):** 25 new physicians signed on, with a net gain of 17 so far.
- **MyPEI/MyHealthPEI:** MyHealthPEI gives Island residents (16+) secure online access to parts of their personal health information. You can now view lab results, diagnostic imaging reports and immunization records.

> Looking Ahead to 2026

Beyond the big projects, I look forward to continuing the personal work that matters most, helping individuals navigate challenges in health care, education, and seniors' services. These opportunities allow me to give a hand up when it's needed most and for those, I am thankful.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my assistant, Danielle Sobey:

Contact Information:

Phone: 902-213-2297

Email: jsburridgemla@assembly.pe.ca

Danielle: danielleesobey@gov.pe.ca

Wishing you and your family a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Jill Burrige

MLA District 6 Stratford-Keppoch

JENN REDMOND, MLA



Happy New Year Everyone!

As we welcome 2026 with fresh beginnings and exciting opportunities, I wish you and your family a year filled with joy, prosperity, and lasting memories. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful fall—embracing the outdoors and all that Stratford and our surrounding communities have to offer.

> Celebrating Fall in Stratford

This past season, Stratford was alive with community spirit. The Town hosted a vibrant Fall Festival, which I was thrilled to attend. It was a celebration of connection, arts, culture, and local musical talent—a true reflection of what makes our community special.

In November, I was proud to join a group of community champions in organizing PEI's first Diabetes Canada Lace Up Walk, held right here in Stratford. Themed Show Your Glow, the event brought together families, friends, and our dedicated Crossroads Fire Department to walk in support of those living with diabetes every day. Stratford truly showed their compassion and solidarity.

> Investing in Our Future

This fall also marked the release of the 2025 PEI Capital Budget, which places a strong emphasis on healthcare infrastructure. Major new campuses are planned, alongside investments in schools, roads, and community facilities. It's a forward looking plan designed to modernize essential services and support our growing population.

> Winter Reminders

With winter now in full swing, I encourage everyone to stay prepared for snowstorms, power outages, and icy roads. Road safety remains a priority, and I was pleased to see Bunbury Road widened and resurfaced a much needed improvement that makes daily travel safer for all.

> Let's Stay Connected!

Through ongoing conversations with residents, it's clear that issues such as safer roads, affordability, and access to quality healthcare remain top of mind. Please know that I am deeply committed to advocating for meaningful improvements that reflect the needs of our community.

As we step into this new season with fresh energy, I look forward to continuing these important discussions and working together to build a stronger, more connected Stratford.

> Thank you!

It is truly an honor to support and advocate for the residents of District 5. Please don't hesitate to reach out as your voice matters. I can be reached at jlredmondmla@assembly.pe.ca.

Sincerely,
Jenn Redmond
MLA Mermaid-Stratford



ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY

If you plan to utilize a generator in an emergency be sure you test it out and know how to safely operate it. You will need to have a fuel source on hand for it which should be purchased prior to a forecasted weather event.

Immediately following an emergency, when it is safe to do so, check on your neighbours especially those who live alone, are elderly, or who have mobility or health concerns.



STRATFORD COMMUNITY GROUPS



SCENT FREE SPACES

All Town of Stratford facilities are scent free for the comfort and enjoyment of all users. This includes any meeting room, fitness and gymnasium space, Town offices, and all events hosted by or in Town facilities.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and understanding of those with sensitivities and allergies to scent. If you have any questions please contact our office at (902) 569-1995.



> Stratfords of the World

STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



From September 22-28 2027, Stratford, PEI is honoured to host the next Stratfords of the World Reunion. Delegates from the UK, Ontario, Connecticut, USA, Australia, and New Zealand will be gathered for a fun filled week. The upcoming reunion in PEI will include events such as a Civic Luncheon, a banquet, a tour around PEI and a Church Service but there is much more in the planning stages. Attendees are responsible for organizing their own travel to and from PEI and there is a registration fee to cover some of the cost of the hospitality. Accommodation is free as it is provided on a home stay basis although you can make your own arrangements if you prefer. Delegates are billeted with local families and most meals are provided.

For updated information, please visit our Facebook page "Stratfords of the World Reunion, PEI, September 2027." If you would like more information, please email Chair Debbie Reid at debbie.reid1234@outlook or phone 902-367-0450.

> Stratford Meals on Wheels

For the past three years, Charlottetown Meals on Wheels has been honored to deliver nutritious meals to our Stratford members. We are thrilled to announce that Stratford now has its own dedicated Meals on Wheels program! This initiative aims to provide Stratford residents with enhanced meal delivery services, fostering greater community support and well-being. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Charlottetown Meals on Wheels team for their unwavering support and look forward to seeing Stratford's program flourish. To learn more or to sign up for meal deliveries, please call Melody at 902-393-5289, or simply dial 2-1-1. This



service will connect you with all the information you need about Stratford's Meals on Wheels program.

> Stratford Army Cadets

The Stratford Army Cadets meet on Wednesday evenings, from 6pm-9pm, at the Stratford Town Centre. This program runs from September to June and is for youth ages 12-18, with no cost to join. For more information, please email 20armycadets@gmail.com or connect with them on Facebook (20stratfordarmycadets). Enjoy:



Adventure - Outdoors - Snow Shoeing - Canoeing - Hiking - Leadership - Citizenship - Camping - Biking - Expeditions - GPS - Maps and Compasses - plus much more!

> Stratford Scout Group

Our mission is to help develop well rounded youth and better prepare them for success in the world. We do this by following the Scout Method which uses non-formal educational methods to engage youth in the process of their own development, giving them program activities, guidance, and tools to help them become self-reliant, confident, caring, responsible and committed to the world around them.



It starts with Scouts.

For more information, please visit www.scouts.ca or contact Steve Ellis at peislander1@hotmail.com or 902-218-4885. The troop is also in need of volunteers to help at meetings. If you have a love of the outdoors and/or a love of working with youth we would love to have you! To register a Scout or volunteer visit: www.myscouts.ca

> Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group

Pulmonary fibrosis has a support group for anyone dealing with this disease. We meet on the second Sunday of

STRATFORD COMMUNITY GROUPS

each month at 1pm at Stratford Town Centre. Please feel free to call **902-626-7014** for more information.

> Mayflower Seniors Club

Many activities occur during the year in the Mayflower Room at the Robert Cotton Center. On Monday, there are crafts in the morning and lawn bowling in the afternoon. Tuesday is 45's in the afternoon. On Wednesday evening, the Lion's Club has cribbage. On Thursday, we have games at 1:30 p.m., and we offer a variety of board or card games. In the evening, Cliff Martin and a group have a guitar jam. Friday evening is crokinole and the Lions Club holds a ceilidh every second Sunday of the month. All seniors aged 55+ are welcome to join our club. Please call Bruce Fitchett at **902-370-2295** for membership information.

> Stratford Community Fridge

The Stratford Community Fridge is operated by Gifts from the Heart with current operating hours for use and donations from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. All food donations are welcome! If you are interested in volunteering (stocking and organizing the fridge, serving the public, and checking for expiry dates and cleanliness), you can choose either mornings or afternoons shifts, once a week or a few times a month. Please inquire about volunteering or other related questions to **902-628-6871**.



> Fire Department 50/50 Fundraising Draw

Fire departments across PEI have joined up for a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw.

Please support the Cross Roads Fire Department by selecting them from the dropdown menu when purchasing your weekly tickets at : rafflebox.ca/raffle/peifirefighters

> Citizen on Patrol - Stratford

Citizen on Patrol – Stratford (COPS) is a volunteer program designed to encourage residents of Stratford to contribute to the safety of their community.

Volunteers are proud to support the excellent work of the RCMP in Stratford by reporting any observed suspicious activity. COPS volunteers patrol by car, in pairs, in residential and business areas for one or two three-hour shifts a month on Friday and Saturday nights, or on occasions such as prom nights and Halloween.



Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, undergo a criminal record check, and complete an orientation of two evenings of supervised patrolling.

If you're interested in learning more, please email us at copstratford@gmail.com.

> Stratford and Area Lions Club

The Stratford and Area Lions is a community-focused organization dedicated to making a positive impact through volunteerism and charitable initiatives.

The club supports a variety of local causes and initiatives and brings together individuals who are passionate about giving back and improving the lives of people in Stratford and surrounding areas.

The Stratford and Area Lions Club is always welcoming new members. If you are interested in community service and meeting new people, please get in touch with any Lions member or call Avery Blaxland at **902-569-2409**.



The Stratford Community Seniors Complex, located on Mutch Drive, is owned and operated by the Town of Stratford, through an operating agreement with CMHC. The building includes 15 apartment units which are rented to low-income seniors.

The Town maintains an active wait list which is used when units become available. The application form is available on the Town's website or by email koconnell@townofstratford.ca.



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR UPDATED WEBSITE?

Visit www.townofstratford.ca and check it out! If you have any feedback for us we'd love to hear what you like, what you'd change or what you can't find so we can try to improve it.

Send your comments to info@townofstratford.ca



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



BE NEIGHBOURLY AND ENSURE YOUR PET IS NOT BEING A NUISANCE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Pet owners should refrain from letting their pets visit the yards of those around them, whether while on a walk or by leaving them to wander on their own.

Please respect your neighbours and find ways to keep your pet on your own property. Don't forget that is against our bylaw to allow your dog to be off leash anywhere except for the owner's property or the Town's dog park. This includes all our parks and trails.

Cleaning up after your dog is also part of being a responsible dog owner. Please dispose of the dog poop bag in the garbage – these do not compost and are NEVER to be left along the side of roads, trails, and sidewalks!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION!**



Did you know you can borrow tools, bike repair kits, mental health information kits, instruments, a telescope, snowshoes and more at the library?

Get your **FREE** library card in person, or online anytime!

It's a great time to discover Libby, the Overdrive app that gives you access to our ebook and audiobook collection. Visit peipls.overdrive.com/ to check out some of the thousands of titles that are available without a trip to the library!

Check out our Facebook page "**PEI Public Library Service**" or website "library.pe.ca" for event details, collection information, book recommendations and so much more!

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday:	Closed
Tue & Wed:	9:30am - 8:30pm
Thu to Sat:	9:30am - 5:30pm
Sunday:	Closed

Library Events

> Yarn Crafts

Join enthusiastic knitters, crocheters, rug hookers, and other fibre and textile makers for some crafting and social time. All levels are welcome..

Thursday's at 1pm

> Tech Time

Need some one-on-one tech help? Bring your device and come prepared with a tech-related question or challenge you would like to explore with a savvy staff member.

Friday afternoons (or by appointment)

> Adult Book Club

A lively discussion about this month's book. Welcome back, or come join in for the first time!

**Option for a
Tuesday afternoon or
Wednesday evening available**

> Wiggle, Giggle, Read

Songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers. A gentle way to introduce little ones to the library.

**Ages 3 - 5
Thursday mornings**

> Family Storytime

Stories, songs, and rhymes for kids and their grown-ups!

**Ages 3 - 5
Thursday mornings**

> Build it, Break it! Move it, Make it!

Drop in and build with your peers! Challenge your friends, or collaborate to make the best designs, using a changing variety of building materials.

**All Ages
Every Saturday**

> PD Day Fun Day

New tech, science or art experiments, activities, and fun every No School Friday!

Call the library for more information.
Ages 6 - 12

Plus book clubs and more!

Ask about our program details by calling **902-569-7441**, email stratford@gov.pe.ca, or drop in for a chat!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
50+ CHAIR/YOGA/CARDIO STRONG with JOAN	Call 902-213-6187 or email bfitjv@gmail.com	Fitness for 50+
Big Brothers Big Sisters of PEI	Website: www.bbbspei.ca Email info@bbbspei.ca or call 902-569-KIDS	Youth mentoring and volunteer opportunity
Canadian Tire Jump Start	Contact Kidsport PEI at 902-368-4110 or Recreation PEI at 902-892-6445	Help kids in need (ages 4-18) participate in organized sport
Citizen on Patrol - Stratford	Email copstratford@gmail.com Website: stratfordcop.wordpress.com	Volunteer program for community safety. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.
ElderDog PEI	Call 902-969-2926 or email elderdogpei@gmail.com	Help with senior dogs (for seniors): dog walks, travel to vet appointments, and temporary or permanent rehoming
Go!PEI	Email rarsenault@townofstratford.ca	Support program for healthy lifestyle change and volunteering opportunity
Hospice PEI	Call 902-368-4498 or email hpc@hospicepei.ca	Support families through hospice support and care programs
Immigrants & Refugees Services Association of PEI (IRSA)	Call 902-628-6009	Help for newcomers (immigrants and refugees) and volunteering opportunity
Island Karate Club	Email Sensei Kirk Dalziel at kdalziel@upei.ca Website: www.islandkarate.com Facebook page: (Island Karate Club)	Classes are Monday and Thursday nights at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall.
Kidsport Fund	Call 902-368-4110 Website: www.kidsportcanada.ca	Help kids in need participate in organized sport – offered through Sports PEI
Mayflower Seniors Club	Call Bruce Fitchett at 902-370-2295 for membership information	Senior activities
Privateers Football Club	Website: https://footballpei.ca/members/charlottetown/	Tackle football in U12, U14, U16 and U18 divisions
Reach Foundation	Call 902-620-0000 or email info@reachfoundation.ca	Support youth (under 30) from mental health or addictions challenges
Seniors College of Prince Edward Island	Email seniorscollege@upei.ca	Seniors Online Courses - To become a member, register at www.seniorscollege.ca
Seniors Navigator	Call 902-213-5820 or email seniors@gov.pe.ca	Support for seniors and their families. First Tuesday of the month from 10am-12pm at Stratford Public Library
Special Olympics PEI	Call 902-368-8919 or email sopei@sopei.com Website: www.sopei.com	Opportunities for individuals with an intellectual disability to participate in sport and volunteer
Stratford and Area Lions Club	Call Avery Blaxland at 902-569-2409	Volunteering opportunity
Stratford and Area Watershed Group	Call 902-367-3605 Website: www.stratfordwater.com	Protection and conservation of natural areas in Stratford and surrounding regions
Stratford Army Cadets	Email 20armycadets@gmail.com Facebook: (20stratfordarmycadets)	For youth ages 12-18 (no cost to join)
Stratford Community Choir	Call or text 902-367-6912 or 902-672-1814	Choir activities
Stratford Community Fridge	Call 902-628-6871	Volunteering/Donations opportunity. Operating hours Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm
Stratford Community School	Call Kathy Livingstone at 902-569-3098 or email stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com	Courses & learning
Stratford Meals on Wheels	Call Melody at 902-393- 5289 or dial 2-1-1	Meal delivery services
Stratford Public Library	Call 902-569-7441	Local Library (25 Hopeton Road, Stratford)
Stratford Scout Group	Call Steve Ellis at 902-218-4885 or email peislander1@hotmail.com Website: www.scouts.ca	Youth activities and volunteering opportunity



YOUR TOWN OF STRATFORD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

INQUIRY	WHO SHOULD YOU CALL...	CONTACT INFO	NOTES
Road Repairs & conditions, snowplow inquiries, report damage caused by a snowplow, culvert and ditch inquiries	Provincial Government - Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	902-368-4770 or email roads@gov.pe.ca	Roads, ditches, and sides of roads are owned and operated by the province (D.O.T.) (excludes private roads)
Wildlife Related Inquires	Provincial Government - Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action, Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division	902-368-5000 and select option 3	The Town of Stratford staff is not trained in wildlife removal
Public Transit Services and Schedules	T3 Transit	902-566-9962	Passes can be purchased in Stratford at: Murphy's Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart, and the Town of Stratford main office
Garbage Collection inquiries and to request garbage bins	Island Waste Management (IWMC)	1-888-280-8111	
Animal Control	PEI Humane Society	902-892-1190	
Safety concerns, speeding, noise issues, open burning, and trespassing	RCMP	902-367-9300	Please call the RCMP when the situation is happening. Provide helpful information such as; License plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, name of company on a vehicle, house numbers, specific times and locations.
Program Registration, Facility Bookings and gym inquiries	Town of Stratford - Recreation Department	902-569-6250	
Stratford's Public Library	Provincial Government - Stratford Public Library	902-569-7441	
Utility Bill Inquires and Payments	Town of Stratford - Finance Department	902-367-3228 or 902-569-6258	
Building Permits and Inquiries	Town of Stratford - Planning Department	902-569-6255	
Maintenance inquiries related to: Parks, Trails and Outdoor Rinks	Town of Stratford - Recreation Department	902-626-6834	
Property Tax Inquiries	The Provincial Government - Property and Land Taxes Office	902-368-4070	
Streetlight not Working	Maritime Electric	1-800-670-1012 and select option 5	All streetlight poles are numbered. This number is required when reporting an issue
Requests for additional streetlights	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		To request additional street lighting, you are required to submit a Request for Decision Form, located on the Town's website.
School Related Inquiries	Public School Branch, PEI	902-368-6990	Although the Town and the Public Schools Branch are in the same building, they are separate offices
Pesticide Spraying Inquires	Provincial Government - Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action		
Temporary Speed Hump Requests	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		Residents are required to submit these requests in writing. Please provide reason for the request, name, address and phone number
Permanent Speed Hump Requests	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		
Manhole - Grated Covers	Provincial Government - D.O.T.	902-368-4770	Managed by Provincial Government - D.O.T.
Manhole - Solid Covers	Town of Stratford Water and Sewer Utility	902-940-2189	Managed by Town of Stratford Water and Sewer Utility
Crosswalks lights and traffic lights	Provincial Government - D.O.T.	902-368-4770	Please contact department directly to report issues.

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