

# BATHURST MAGAZINE

your quarterly citizen update from the City of Bathurst



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# PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Please note: public meeting schedules are subject to change. Special Public Meetings may also be added to the schedule. Public meetings are also broadcasted live on our Facebook page.

Get all the latest news on our Facebook page!  
[facebook.com/cityvillebathurst](https://facebook.com/cityvillebathurst)



The Communications Department at the City of Bathurst has a mandate to inform citizens of activities, initiatives and success stories within the municipality. To fulfill this mandate, I'm proud to announce the launch of our City's newsletter. In an effort to increase accessibility within our senior population, the City has also produced printed copies delivered to our local nursing homes.

This initiative is the result of coordination and collaboration of all of the City's Departments, and produced by the Communications Department, to ensure citizens of all ages are informed on our strategic objectives, the work of council and our operations.

We hope you enjoy the read!

# WELCOME



Dear citizens,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this inaugural issue of **Bathurst Magazine**. This publication has been created with the intention of providing our community with a source of informative and engaging content that celebrates the people, places, and events that make our city so special.

As the mayor of Bathurst, I am constantly reminded of the unique character and spirit of our community. From our rich history to our modern-day accomplishments, there is no shortage of stories to tell about this wonderful place we call home.

Within the pages of this magazine, you can expect to find a wide variety of articles that touch on every aspect of our work at the City of Bathurst. We will feature interviews with City employees, highlight our public works efforts, and keep you informed about important city news and updates.

At the end of the day, Bathurst Magazine is a celebration of all that makes our city great, and we hope that you will join us in this exciting new venture. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to bringing you many more issues in the future.

Sincerely,  
**Kim Chamberlain**  
Mayor of the City of Bathurst

# LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORM

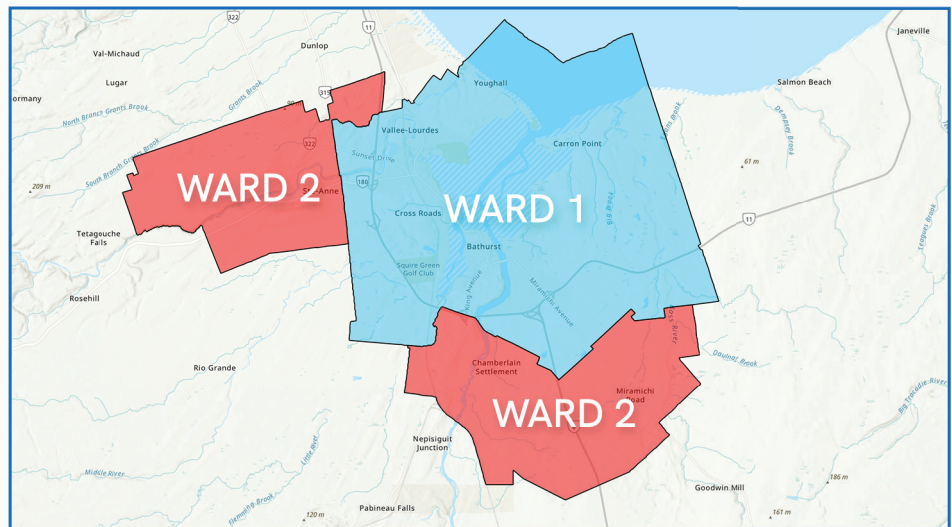


**TODD PETTIGREW**  
Chief  
Administrative  
Officer

On January 1, 2023, the provincial government's local governance reform was officially enacted, the result of which is a new structure consisting of 77 local governments and 12 rural districts.

For the City of Bathurst, this milestone shifted its existing boundaries (ward 1) and allowed us to welcome approximately 3000 new residents (ward 2) to the city.

- WARD 1  
"Old" City of Bathurst
- WARD 2  
Territory added to  
the City of Bathurst  
boundaries on  
January 1, 2023



*(The new City of Bathurst boundaries as of January 2023)*

As with all major changes, questions and concerns from citizens may arise. In an effort to help you navigate this new landscape, the City of Bathurst has dedicated an entire section of its website to Local Governance Reform.

It's where you will find a list of Frequently Asked Questions as well as multiple interactive maps for boundaries, service delivery and tax rates.

VISIT [click.bathurst.ca/reform](https://click.bathurst.ca/reform) TO LEARN MORE

# PLANNING AHEAD



**DONALD  
MCLAUGHLIN**  
Municipal  
Planning Officer

Through its Planning Department, the City of Bathurst offers all the necessary resources to citizens of **Ward 1 and Ward 2** looking to start a construction or renovation project.

In order to ensure that all work meets National Building Code standards, as well as other regulations, a **building permit** must be obtained before you start working on a new building, an addition, or any significant alterations to an existing building.

Types of Construction or Intended Use	Required plans						
	Site Plan	Foundation Plan	Floor Plan	Detail Section	Exterior Elevation	Roof Truss	Structural Design
New Construction	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED
Addition	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED
Renovation	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED
Accessory Building	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED
Deck or Steps	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	REQUIRED			REQUIRED
Swimming Pool	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED		MAY BE REQUIRED			
Fence	REQUIRED			MAY BE REQUIRED			
Change of Use	MAY BE REQUIRED		MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED
Demolition	MAY BE REQUIRED						
Signs	REQUIRED	MAY BE REQUIRED		MAY BE REQUIRED	REQUIRED		MAY BE REQUIRED



You will need the following before you apply for a permit:

1. Location of the project
2. Owner information
3. Contractor information
4. Type of work or intended use
5. Description of the work
6. Department of Environment approbation for onsite septic system (if applicable)
7. Other department's approval (if required)
8. Two sets of complete, scaled construction plans.

Your application **will not** be processed until you provide us with all the necessary documents!

REQUIRED

MAY BE REQUIRED

N/A

548-0400 - CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TODAY



**Paul J.  
Godin**  
(Constructions)



**Alain  
Levesque**  
(Demolitions)



**Donald  
McLaughlin**  
(Land use)

# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



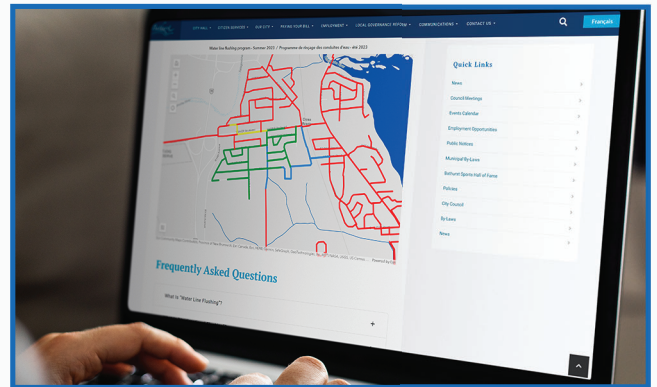
**MATTHEW  
ABERNETHY**  
City Engineer

Every summer, the City of Bathurst activates a comprehensive flushing program of its water distribution network.

The goal of this program is to ensure that the drinking water quality is at its optimal level and to properly maintain the City’s water distribution system.

We will be working to minimize any inconvenience caused by the program, but we do ask for your cooperation and patience during this time.

You can view a live map of our Unidirectional Flushing program (UDF) on the City of Bathurst website: [click.bathurst.ca/UDF](http://click.bathurst.ca/UDF)



**Did you know?** Geosmin, a harmless compound produced by bacteria and algae, can cause an earthy odor in water during particularly **hot weather**. The human nose is extremely sensitive to geosmin — if you poured a teaspoon of geosmin into the equivalent of 200 Olympic-sized swimming pools, you would still be able to smell it!



## ← Public Works Week

From May 21 to May 27, the City of Bathurst celebrated the hard work and dedication of Public Works professionals during the National Public Works Week.

On May 26, the Public Works employees connected with local teachers and families during our first “Touch-a-truck” event!

This summer, when you come across a construction zone, remember:

# PLEASE SLOW DOWN!



## SAFETY FIRST

When you encounter a construction zone, please slow down and exercise extra caution. Construction areas can be hazardous due to changing traffic patterns, heavy equipment, and workers actively engaged in their tasks.

By reducing your speed, you play a significant role in protecting both yourself and the hardworking individuals who are striving to enhance our city's infrastructure.

## SMOOTH PROGRESS

Slowing down in construction zones not only improves safety but also contributes to the timely completion of projects. Higher speeds can create dust, vibrations, and unsafe conditions, which may lead to project delays.

By adhering to reduced speed limits, you help maintain a stable environment, allowing construction crews to work efficiently and complete their tasks promptly.

**REMEMBER:** slowing down in construction zones is not only a legal obligation — fines are doubled in construction zones — but also a moral duty. Let's work together to make Bathurst a shining example of a community that values safety, efficiency, and progress.

# THE CORNER

## **Reminder:** Permits for Outdoor Fires within the City of Bathurst

With the warm summer weather, the risk of outdoor fires increases. We want to remind all residents of the city of Bathurst that a permit is required for **any open fire within city limits**, including grass fires, brush fires, bonfires, and campfires.

To obtain a burning permit, please contact the City of Bathurst Fire Department via email at [city.fire@bathurst.ca](mailto:city.fire@bathurst.ca) or in person at Station 1, located at 256 St. Andrews St.

Best of all? There is **no cost** to you!

Let's work together to prevent unnecessary outdoor fires.



## **Smoke alarms save lives**

During the month of May, the Bathurst Fire Department (BFD) attended to several fire incidents, including a significant fire on Bridge Street that resulted in the displacement of multiple families. Fortunately, due to the swift action of a vigilant resident, both himself and other occupants of the property were successfully evacuated, potentially saving their lives.

Upon arrival at the scene, the firefighting teams observed the activation of smoke alarms. It is crucial to emphasize that functional smoke alarms play a vital role in preserving lives, even reducing the risk of fatalities in residential fires by half. We want to remind everyone of the importance of having working smoke detectors and an evacuation plan in place.

These simple steps can make all the difference in the event of a fire.



# THE CORNER

## Overview — March to June 2023

Here are some statistics from March 15th to June 13th:

- Total calls for service: **2,248**
- Traffic citations issued: **421**
- DUI arrests: **13**
- Domestic violence incidents reported: **34**
- Property crimes reported: **116**
- Suspended drivers: **32**

Our commitment to assisting and engaging with our community remains, as always, unwavering.

We also extend our collective heartfelt congratulations to the graduates of Bathurst High School and l'École secondaire Népisiguit. As your moments of celebration begin, we kindly remind you to prioritize your safety.



## Police Academy Camp and Road Safety

This quarter, our police force is pleased to announce the Police Academy Camp day scheduled for July 20th, 2023.

Events like these provide an excellent opportunity to foster a strong connection with our community, and we eagerly anticipate the participation of the chosen candidates on this memorable occasion.

On a final note: with the summer months ahead — along with the influx of vacationers — we kindly urge both our citizens and tourists to prioritize road safety and maintain a vigilant approach while traveling.



# RECREATION REPORT



**RYAN WILBUR**  
Director of  
Recreation & Tourism

I am pleased to report that the City of Bathurst is undertaking a Feasibility Study for a prospective new Aquatic Facility!

We invite you to join us in shaping the future of our region's recreational services and facilities as we embark on this important initiative.

With our existing aquatic facility reaching the end of its life as a piece of infrastructure, this endeavor holds tremendous potential for revitalizing our community.

In collaboration with Sierra Planning and Management, Perkins & Will Architects, and CBCL Limited, the City aims to understand what kind of Aquatic Facility would best meet our community's diverse needs.



On May 31, a group of 35 engaged citizens and community stakeholders gathered at the K.C. Irving Regional Centre for the initial Public/Stakeholder meeting. They shared their ideas and concerns during the very important first phase of this 5-phase project.

Furthermore, the Aquatic Facility Feasibility online survey — which concluded on June 26 — was a success with over 1000 responses from citizens across the region.

Do you want to learn more about the Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study?

Visit [click.bathurst.ca/aquatic](http://click.bathurst.ca/aquatic)



**Mark your calendars!** The Promenade Waterfront will be buzzing once again with musical acts and events throughout the summer.

Visit [facebook.com/promenadewaterfront](https://facebook.com/promenadewaterfront) for all the latest details!