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your quarterly citizen update from the City of Bathurst



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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.

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PAVING THE WAY



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City Engineer



BASIN STREET - PAVED IN 2023

In recent years, our City's Public Works teams have made significant strides in improving their skills in paving and asphalt work. This dedication has allowed us to use our workforce more efficiently, completing more projects in less time and at lower costs.

In 2023, our teams achieved impressive results in paving quality and cost-effectiveness. Streets like Basin Street, St. Mary Avenue, and Couture Street were paved to perfection by our hardworking city crews, a source of great pride for everyone involved.

Looking forward to 2024, we're focusing our paving efforts on five key projects: continuing work on [Basin Street](#), [Riordon Drive](#), [Doucet Street](#), [Bayshore Drive](#), and [Ryan Avenue](#). We're excited about completing these projects successfully, as they'll lead to smoother roads and improved city infrastructure.



Basin St — 425 m



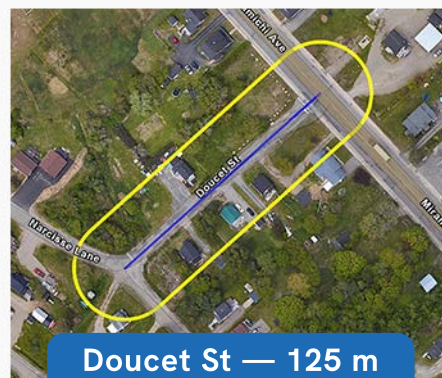
Ryan Ave — 400 m



Riordon Dr — 325 m



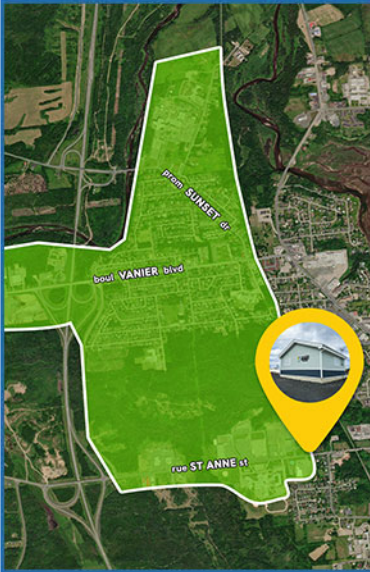
Bayshore Dr — 450 m



Doucet St — 125 m



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS



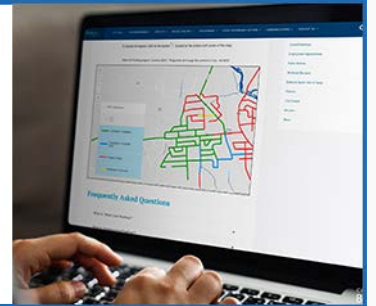
The activation of the St. Anne booster station has officially started. Once fully operational, this important investment in our water delivery infrastructure will provide **increased stability and pressure to the system**, positively impacting the following areas:

- Ste Anne Street, from the K.C. Irving Regional Centre to Highway 11
- Parkwood Heights
- Vanier Boulevard, from Sunset Drive to the Department of Natural Resources buildings
- Sunset Drive and surrounding streets, ending before Brown's Bridge

Clients in the highlighted area can expect gradual pressure increase beginning in early May, until the station is running at intended capacity.

Did you know? Every summer, the City of Bathurst activates a comprehensive unidirectional flushing (UDF) 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.

Learn more at www.bathurst.ca/udf



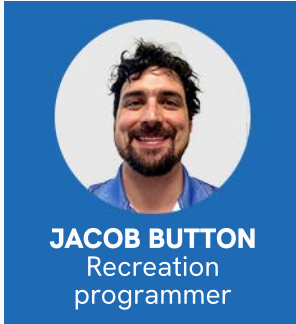
Our road patching program

The City of Bathurst's Road Patching Program is typically activated in late winter / early spring. This is because weather conditions greatly affect the public works crews' ability to properly repair a pothole; the drier the conditions, the more efficient the road patching will be.

As of the last week of May 2024, crews will be deployed in full force to focus on road repairs across the city. A number of high priority areas have been identified and scheduled for June and July, with a follow up period focused on critical "as needed" work going from July to September.

You can learn more about our approach to road patching in the City of Bathurst by visiting www.bathurst.ca/potholes

BATHURST SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Since 1985, the Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame has proudly recognized the accomplishments of those involved in sports in our community. To date, a total of 74 individuals and teams have been inducted into the sports shrine, and their photos are proudly displayed in the lobby of the K.C. Irving Regional Centre.

Now held every two years, the 2024 induction ceremony is set for November 9th at the Gowan Brae Golf & Country Club.

This year will see three new inductees. Currently, the nomination intake period is ongoing. It opened on March 5th and will run until June 5th, 2024, where three new inductees will be selected to join the impressive ranks of the Sports Hall of Fame. We encourage anyone to nominate a team or someone that they feel has made a significant contribution to sport in the Bathurst region. No matter the sport, or whether the individual was an athlete, coach, official, referee, trainer, team or any other involved in sport, if you felt their success and impact has positively contributed and help developed sport in our region, consider a nomination. If you know of someone or a team that you would like to nominate, now is the time to do so.



Jackie Roy and Diane Guignard, two inductees in the 2022 Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame.

There are two different nomination forms that you can follow as a template in creating your nomination: one for a team, and one for an individual to use if they are an athlete, coach, official or other. You can access the forms on the City of Bathurst website, under the Sports Hall of Fame section.

The Bathurst Sports Hall of Fame is recognized throughout the province for being one of the premier events of its kind. Its 74 current members are an impressive and diverse group of individuals who have not only excelled in sport, but have also made our community richer by their presence.

Many great athletes, coaches, teams and more from Bathurst have been inducted, and there are so many more deserving of this prestigious recognition.

Consider a nomination today! Go to www.bathurst.ca for more information on the hall of fame, previous inductions, and to access the 2024 nomination forms.

RECREATION NEWS



Registration for our **2024 Bathurst Summer camps** is underway. This year, once again, we have a variety of themes at different locations around the city. The camps are being offered to two age groups: six to eight-year-old, and eight to twelve-year-old kids. There will be wilderness adventure camps, taking place at Daly Point Nature Reserve, park pirate camps at Coronation Park, an art camp and a drama camp, both at Youghall Beach Park. Visit the [Bathurst Recreation & Tourism Facebook page](#) for more details.

Calling all adventure seekers, fitness enthusiasts, and fun-lovers alike! Get ready to lace up your sneakers and let your spirit soar at our electrifying 5km Fun Run! **Coming this May 18**, we have **the Bathurst 5km Fun Run at Daly Point Nature Reserve**. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just taking your first steps into the world of fitness, this event is for YOU! The event is \$10 (+tax) — find the event on www.bathurst.ca/events, or go to our Facebook page to learn more. Whether you are planning to run or walk, young or old, ALL ARE WELCOME!



This past April 14 - 20 was **Volunteer Week** across Canada. With over twelve million volunteers all over the country, we were part of the fun in celebrating and honouring the volunteers of our region with our Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation Night. With 18 groups and over 100 volunteers in attendance, the event paid respect to the many volunteers in the Bathurst region who give their time in a variety of ways, and for a great deal of different causes — to help in bettering and enriching our community.

It was a rewarding night, with city council members in attendance to help thank and pay their respect to these generous volunteers. The evening was also a great opportunity for some networking amongst the groups and for all the volunteer organizations to speak about what they do.

This summer, the City of Bathurst is pleased to be partnering with **East Coast Adventures** - a new and exciting start-up company - to provide equipment rentals, canteen services and event programming to visitors of **Youghall Beach**.



Equipment rental offerings will include kayaks & paddleboards, along with other popular beach games such as spikeball and volleyball rentals. Canteen offerings will include ice cold beverages and ready-made snack items. As part of its partnership with the municipality, East Coast Adventures will be conveniently operating from the municipal facility located near the supervised swimming zone. See you at Youghall Beach!

PARKING DOWNTOWN



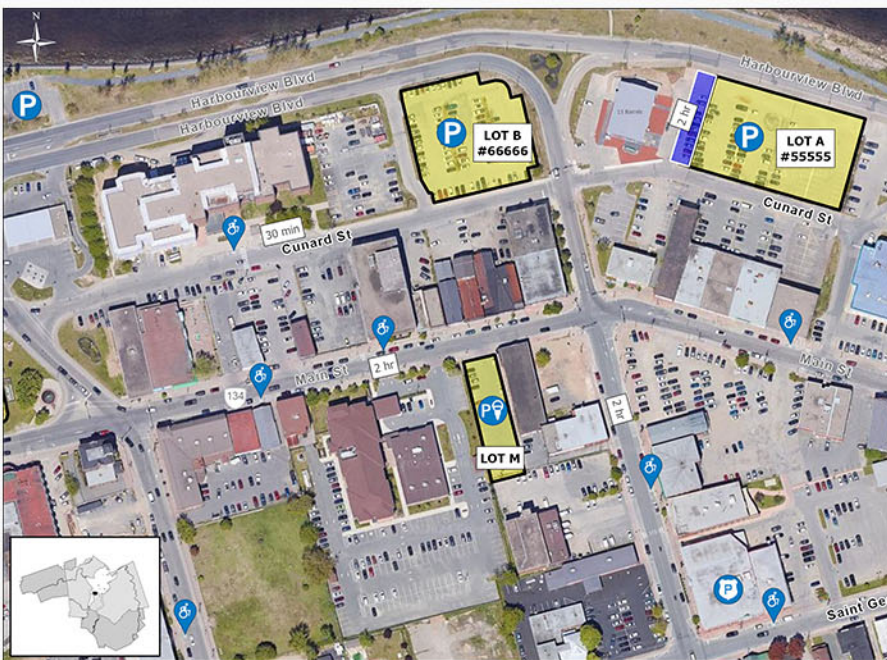
Are you a frequent downtown Bathurst visitor who is worried about where to park? Fear not! We've got you covered with convenient parking options that will make your downtown experience as smooth as silk. Say goodbye to parking woes and hello to hassle-free downtown adventures!

Easy Permit Purchases

Securing your parking spot is a breeze with our multiple locations and user-friendly options. Whether you're looking for on-street parking, parking meters, the traditional route of purchasing permits at City Hall or the convenience of online transactions through the HotSpot app, we've got the perfect solution for you. Just a few clicks or a quick visit, and you're all set to enjoy downtown Bathurst to the fullest!

Avoid Tickets, Enjoy Your Stay

We want your visit to downtown Bathurst to be memorable for all the right reasons. To ensure that, here are a few important tips to keep in mind:



Parking Lot A (#55555) provides options for daily, weekly, and monthly permits, catering to short-term and long-term visitors alike.

Parking Lot B (#66666) is perfect for those seeking long-term parking solutions, with monthly permits available in various durations.

On-street parking is available for up to 2 hours, with exceptions clearly marked. Just remember to keep an eye on the time to avoid any unexpected fines.

For quick stops along Cunard Street, take advantage of the 30-minute maximum parking limit.

Need to park on Main Street? Utilize the convenient **parking meters** with a 2-hour maximum stay, operable via HotSpot or traditional coin payment.

This spring, explore the Downtown area, indulge in delicious dining experiences, and discover what makes our downtown Bathurst truly special. Your downtown adventure starts here!

A CAREER WITH THE BATHURST POLICE FORCE



“The Bathurst Police Force will pursue professional excellence while protecting the lives and property of our citizens and visitors. We will ensure that our community is a safe and desirable place to live, work and visit.”

Are you looking for a career that allows you to make a real difference in your community? The Bathurst Police Force is now seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team. We offer a rewarding career path with the opportunity to serve and protect the citizens of Bathurst.

Why Choose the Bathurst Police Force?

Make a Difference: Join a team dedicated to public safety and building a strong, secure community.

Competitive Compensation and Benefits: We offer competitive salaries — ranging from \$71,260.80 to \$102,419.20 within your first four years — and a comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental, and pension plans.

Professional Growth: Opportunities for advancement through promotions or specialized unit transfers.

Sponsorship Programs: Future officers going into their training program can receive financial help. Contact our recruiting team at bathurstpolice@nbpolicy.ca for available sponsorship opportunities.

Recognition of Experience: The collective agreement between the Bathurst Police Association and the City of Bathurst acknowledges years of service from experienced officers.

Hear it from one of our officers:



Cst. Isabelle Hachey

“Growing up, my uncle's dedication to his community as a police officer always inspired me. When I decided to pursue a career in law enforcement, the Bathurst Police Force stood out because of their commitment to both professional development and community engagement. Now, I'm not only fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, but I'm also able to give back to my city. It's an incredibly rewarding experience.”

Ready to join our team? We're looking for passionate individuals to make a difference in our community. Visit www.bathurst.ca/policepromo to learn more about exciting career opportunities!

THE CORNER

Overview — Q1 2024

Here are some statistics from the first quarter of 2024:

- Total calls for service: **2,366**
- Traffic citations / warnings issued: **610**
- DUI arrests / suspensions / demands: **7**
- Domestic violence incidents reported: **29**
- Property crimes reported: **134**
- Suspended drivers: **22**



Electric Bicycles

With the nice weather around the corner, we wanted to provide the public with some information on Electric Bicycles.

In New Brunswick, the electric bike must follow all federal guidelines and legislation. However, there are a few unique differences. Electric bicycles must not have an electric motor that is more powerful than 500 watts and cannot travel faster than 32.km/h. They also must have fully operable pedals, which means the engine must disengage when the operator stops pedaling. However, they are allowed to have an accelerator controller. The wheel rims of the electric bike must be larger than 22 cm and the seat must be at least 68 cm off the ground. Also, the driver must have a headlight if they operate it at night.



- Cyclists using NB roads have all the rights of any driven vehicle and are subject to all applicable duties.
- Cyclists must use a regular attached seat while on N.B. roads.
- The number of person(s) on a bicycle on NB roads are limited to the number it was designed and equipped.
- All cyclists must use an approved helmet with chin strap properly adjusted and fastened under the chin, at all times while cycling on NB roads.
- Cyclists may not use NB roads when a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a road.
- Bicycles must be equipped with an approved forward facing white color light and a rear-facing red reflector for night time use on roads. A rear-facing approved red color light may be used WITH the red reflector.

THE CORNER

Overview — Q1 2024

Here are some statistics from the first quarter of 2024:

- Total calls for service: **110**
- Electrical fire calls: **2**
- Accidental alarms: **8**
- Malicious false alarms: **13**
- Gas or Oil Spill (Hazmat): **4**

Overall, our year-to-date total service calls have been **37.5%** higher than this time last year.



Burning Regulations and Permits

The City of Bathurst has implemented regulations that govern campfires, open fires or the use of burning appliances within city boundaries. Burning permits can be obtained from the Bathurst Fire Department. See below what situations require burning permits and those not requiring burning permits:

- OPEN FIRES, meaning fires lit to allowable combustibles that is not contained within a structure (outdoor fireplace), REQUIRE PERMITS.
- OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, meaning structures either built or purchased and installed, DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT. Note that there are still regulations to follow. Visit www.bathurst.ca/burning-permits to learn more.

NO BURNING can take place when the provincial Department of Energy and Resource Development has a ban or restriction on open fires.

When a valid complaint is received regarding a campfire, the Bathurst Fire Department is authorized to order the immediate extinguishment of the fire. Full regulations and more detailed information on restrictions can be found in By-Law NO. 2017-09.

HOW TO GET A PERMIT

Any person wishing to obtain a fire permit must apply to the Bathurst Fire Department at 256 St Andrew St Bathurst.



THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND



CHRIS LEGACY
Dir. of Economic
Development

In 2024, housing is a top priority for us here at City Hall. We recognize the pressing need for more homes as our community continues to grow. In total, Bathurst needs around 165 new homes each year until 2026 to meet the current and projected demand.

On March 1st, 2024, we were informed that the City of Bathurst would receive up to \$3 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund to bolster our housing efforts. We're mapping out an Action Plan to put this funding to good use. Here are some key initiatives we're focusing on:



HOUSING INCENTIVE POLICY

The City will offer grants for new housing developments. This new policy will be based on the City's Housing Needs Assessment and other important information.



DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL LAND POLICY

The City will create a new policy for selling city-owned land, in order to promote housing development.



INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

We will create a plan to improve or expand city infrastructure — roads, water, and sewer — for future housing growth. This ensures that investments made today accommodate the housing projects of tomorrow.



INCREASED HOUSING DENSITY

The City will change its zoning by-law to encourage more residential units on a single lot and to allow for taller buildings, especially in the city's downtown area.



REDUCED PARKING REQUIREMENTS

The City will update its zoning by-laws to require fewer parking spots for newly constructed apartment buildings, especially in the city's downtown area.



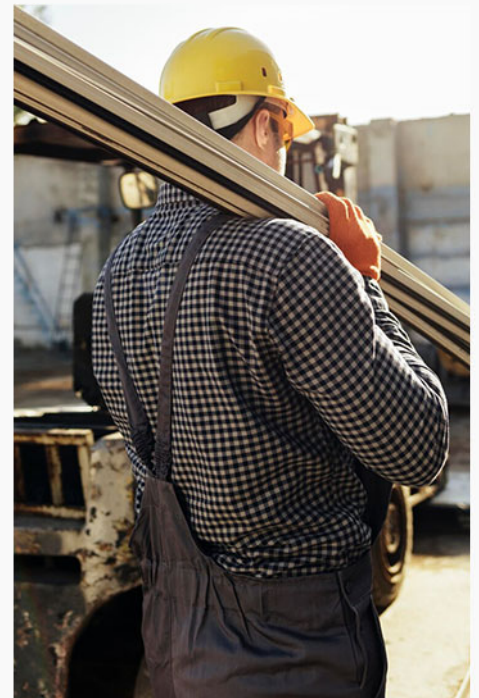
DELEGATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY

The City will change its by-laws to give more flexibility to the Director of Municipal Planning to approve projects faster in certain situations.



PROMOTE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU'S)

The City will update its zoning by-law to permit ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). An ADU is a separate living space (e.g.: in-law suite) on the same property as the main home.



The City encourage any developer who wishes to learn more about the Housing Accelerator Fund to contact Chris Legacy, (Director of Economic Development) at (506) 548-0400 ext. 286 or by email, chris.legacy@bathurst.ca.

CITY TALK



The Information Technology department at the City of Bathurst is pleased to announce a new project aimed at enhancing public access to digital resources. Among our various ongoing initiatives, we are excited to spearhead the implementation of **WiFi internet access at Coronation Park**.

Set to launch this summer — pending any unforeseen complications — this project will provide citizens with seamless connectivity while enjoying the park's amenities. Stay tuned for updates as we bring this innovative project to fruition, making leisurely days at Coronation Park even more enjoyable and connected.

Did you know? The City of Bathurst offers a grant to parents (or legal guardians) for up to \$150 per child to encourage the use of washable diapers.

Residents who qualify can fill out an application today by visiting our website and searching for “**diaper grant**”.



City of Bathurst Launches New Events Page!

The City of Bathurst has unveiled a brand new section on their website dedicated to city-organized activities!

Find it at www.bathurst.ca/events.

Whether you're looking for family fun, artistic endeavors, or ways to explore the outdoors, the new events page is the portal of all events the City has organized that suit your interests. Browse the calendar view for a quick overview of upcoming events, or delve into the detailed event cards for specific information.

From the K.C. Irving Regional Centre to the Promenade Waterfront, from Coronation Park to Daly Point Nature Reserve, from Youghall Beach to events Downtown, from our trails to cultural events, all the information from our activities is just one click away!

Head over to the City of Bathurst's new events page today and start planning your calendar for exciting adventures organized by our dedicated staff!