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Florenceville-Bristol News for Residents and Businesses



Does your non-profit group need financial assistance with a project that will benefit the residents of Florenceville-Bristol?

The Council of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol recognizes the importance of non-profit groups and organizations that contribute to the overall well-being of the Town. Grant applications will be considered from non-profit groups and organizations requiring funds under the following categories:

Developmental or Organizational Grants: Project funding for non-profit groups that complements an existing Town service or provides a necessary service the Town does not already provide. Application deadline is October 31 each year.

Sponsorship Grants: If you are a non-profit, but are not registered, the Town can sponsor your application for funding from other grant sources.

In-Kind Grants: For the use of Town staff time, equipment, or services.

For more information on these grants and details on how to apply, please visit our website.

www.florencevillebristol.ca/community-grant

The Old Florenceville Bridge Meetings Continue with the Province

Following the closure of the Old Florenceville Bridge in November 2020, Town Council, staff, and provincial officials have been working hard behind the scenes to find a solution that could allow the bridge to reopen.

In late July, Mayor and staff met with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Jill Green, MLA and Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Margaret Johnson, and local stakeholders to find a solution that would allow our historic bridge to reopen to traffic.

Local resident and bridge historian Gordon Hunter gave a brief history on the bridge to the Ministers. He explained that the Old Florenceville Bridge is one of the oldest, if not the oldest bridge over the Saint John River in New Brunswick, noting the covered span is certainly the oldest. The bridge has been the principal link uniting the northern half of Carleton County since it was constructed, and is designated as one of Canada's Historic Places.

Mr. Hunter referred to a petition he started

that shows the community's support that the bridge not just be used as a pedestrian bridge, but be repaired to reopen to vehicular traffic again.

In an attempt to get some use out of the bridge in 2021, Town staff asked DTI if it was structurally sound enough to allow pedestrians and bicycles to use the bridge.

The Town is focused on having the bridge reopened to vehicular traffic.

DTI raised safety concerns due to gaps on either side of the guardrail. After further investigation, they determined that the addition of wooden boards above and below the guardrail would eliminate the safety concern, and completed the installation. They also adjusted the cement blocks slightly to make it easier for those intended groups to gain access.

While this is only a temporary solution to ensure the bridge is not sitting idle, it is giving an opportunity for many to leisurely cross the historic structure and capture a new perspective of our Town.

In the meantime, Town Council and staff continue to pressure DTI to find a cost-effective solution for repairs.

Recent Town Projects >>>

Main Street Paver Replacement Project Continues

The new pavers have a lifetime warranty, making them a smart investment, and will alleviate numerous tripping hazards that have developed.



Replacement of the sidewalk pavers in the Downtown Retail Core resumed in 2021, which will continue to eliminate several tripping hazards that had become noticeable.

The areas selected include in front of Red Apple, the Florenceville Irving, and Pizza Delight. This will leave the section from Scotiabank to Pizza Delight for 2022.

Due to proposed development next to the Marco Medical Clinic in 2021 or early 2022, it was decided to hold off on replacing the pavers in this area, as they would likely sustain damage due to the construction.



The Town will continue to replace specific pavers that have deteriorated between Scotiabank to Pizza Delight that pose a tripping hazard in the meantime.

Once the business side of the street is completed, the boardwalk side will be tackled. The Town is currently working with the federal Disaster Financial Assistance program to repair damages sustained to the boardwalk during the 2018 and 2019 flooding. After that is complete, paver replacement can be planned on that side of the street.



Multi-Use Path Project Planning

Staff have been working with engineers to develop a 9 km Multi-Use Path that would span from one end of town to the other. It is an active transportation trail system that will bring both residents and visitors into a rewarding linear, riverside experience.

A potential funding stream through a newly announced Federal Government Infrastructure Canada program that is Canada's First National Active Transportation Strategy, which may be a good fit for the project's first phase.

If funding is approved, watch for more details in the upcoming months!

Dangerous Building Removed Building Hangs Precariously Over Little Shiktehawk Stream

Environmental concerns were raised to Town staff following a walk on the NB Trail near Riverside Park. From the train bridge, it was clear that a large section of earth had collapsed from underneath an old storage building on Main Street and was hanging dangerously over the Little Shiktehawk Stream.

The property was in the midst of being sold, but although the owner was from outside the province, once they could be reached, they quickly understood the magnitude of the situation that was unfolding.

The owners gave Town staff permission to remove the building, and bill them the removal costs.

The Department of Environment issued an Emergency Watercourse and Wetland Alteration (WAWA) permit to proceed with the urgent removal.

RG Ebbett Inc. demolished the building and hauled the debris away on Thursday, July 29.

This was a great example of the community, municipal and federal governments working together to fix a dangerous situation.



Recent Town Projects >>>

Maple Street Improvements

Pooling water was creating deep ice ruts during the winter months and flooding that would extend into garages during heavy rain in spring and summer.

Pooling water has been a recurring issue for residents of Maple Street for a long time. Years ago, there used to be a dry well that collected water run-off after heavy rains.

A dry well is a well that is used to transmit surface water underground and is deeper than its width at the surface. Most dry wells are 30 to 70 feet deep and 3 feet wide at the surface. They are lined with perforated casings and can be filled with gravel or rock or left empty.

Driving through a 6" puddle in warm

weather is little more than an inconvenience to residents, however when the cold weather comes, driving through it during a freeze and thaw cycle creates deep ice ruts that damages vehicles. Even in warmer temperatures, the water is so significant that it overflows into nearby properties and into a garage.

Our engineers at WSP looked at the situation on Maple Street, and determined the best way to improve it is to go back to



the original solution of adding a dry well.

The Town will take this opportunity to do other stormwater infrastructure upgrades and repave the street.

The tender was awarded to Tim Cook Construction Ltd. in July, who began the work in August.

Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery (ALMAG)

There is always something new to see and experience at the Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery.

Upcoming Exhibits:

Aug 28- Oct 2 **Currents** featuring Amy Ash and Deanna Musgrave

Oct 9- Nov 13 **Irene Tompkins: Flowers**

Watch for other workshops and events on their website at www.mccainartgallery.com:

Sept 11 **Buttermilk Creek Festival**

Oct 1-3 **pARTicipate**

Workshops at River Art Centre

To stay up to date on what is happening at River Art Centre and ALMAG, follow them on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/McCainArtGallery

www.facebook.com/riverartcentreandstudio



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Preparing for the Future

The Florenceville Amsterdam Inn & Suites are installing two Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at their new hotel on Centreville Road.

In partnership with the Federal Government's Natural Resources Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, the Amsterdam Inn & Suites will be able to offer its patrons use of the EV Charging Station while they dine or stay at the hotel.

The two units feature a Cloud based operating system with no membership or APP required, and can charge all electric vehicles. It will be owned and operated by ChargerQuest, who is Canada's electric vehicle charging network. They support local business and EV drivers alike by creating EV charging hubs that promote emission-free travel and sustainable living.

A full charge typically takes 2-3 hours, so users can enjoy their meal and relax while their vehicle charges.

The Town is exploring locations where additional charging stations can be installed throughout the Town, so we can keep pace with changing driving trends.



Northern Carleton Recreation Centre (NCRC) Addition

The first concrete tender was awarded in June for the Northern Carleton Recreation Centre (NCRC) addition, with work starting shortly thereafter. A second tender was awarded for the structural steel at the July Council meeting. Unfortunately, all bids indicated the earliest estimated delivery for the steel would be March 2022. Therefore, the concrete will continue, as well as some underground work to set pipes. After that, we will have to press pause until the steel is available.

In the meantime, the NCRC Fundraising Committee is not going to let the delay slow them down. Committee members have created several Sponsorship package options at a variety of donation levels that include lots of extras. A tax-deductible receipt will be available for all options.

Buy a Piece of the NCRC for \$150-\$500:

- Make a donation towards the furniture, gymnastic foam pit or equipment.
- Sponsors will be acknowledged through social media.
- Advertising slide on lobby rolling slideshow.

Buy the Scoreboard for \$10,000:

- Company name on scoreboard for 5 years.
- Complimentary use of facility multipurpose rooms for 1 corporate function
- Public announcements

Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Premiere sponsorship packages are also available for donations ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000.



Visit our website to view the full details of the sponsorship packages and to submit your Sponsorship Form.

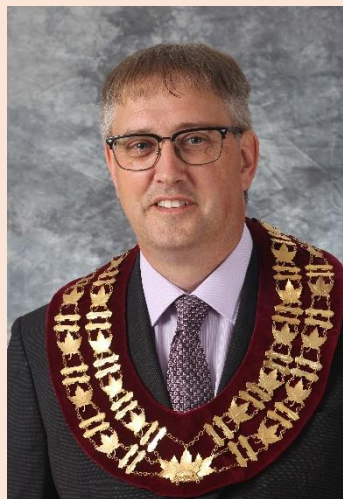
www.florencevillebristol.ca/ncrc-addition

Meet Your New Town Council

A Mix of New and Returning Members

The Municipal Elections took place May 10, 2021 across the province, with the results being tallied on May 25, and Mayor and Council sworn in June 8. Following the swearing in, Mayor Karl Curtis appointed Councillor Nancy Whyte-McCauley as his Deputy Mayor for a second term. He also appointed members of Council to a number of committees:

- Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery Board: Nancy Whyte-McCauley
- Andrew and Laura McCain Library Board: Nancy Whyte-McCauley
- Beautification Committee: Nancy Giggie
- Facilities and Maintenance Committee: Dan Guest
- Finance Committee: Karl Curtis, Nancy Whyte-McCauley, Dan Guest
- Human Resource Committee: Karl Curtis, Nancy Whyte-McCauley, Ryan Dickinson
- Planning Advisory Committee: David Trafford
- Public Works and Utilities Committee: Dan Guest
- Recreation Committee: Andy Saunders
- Northern Carleton Recreation Centre Fundraising Committee: Andy Saunders
- Tourism and Business Development Committee: Nancy Giggie
- Policing and Public Safety Committee: Karl Curtis, Ryan Dickinson, David Trafford



Mayor
Karl Curtis
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Many of you already know Karl Curtis, who is a lifelong resident of the Bristol Ward and is now serving his third term as Mayor of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol. He has served on Council since 2004.

Mayor Curtis looks forward to seeing the completion of several Town projects, like the Northern Carleton Civic Centre expansion, the availability of increased housing options, a medical clinic, and improvements to our policing.

Getting the Old Florenceville Bridge reopened is another key priority. “Council and staff are continuing to work with the Province to find a solution to allow vehicle traffic to safely use it again.”

Meet Your New Town Council (con't)

A Mix of New and Returning Members



Deputy Mayor
Nancy Whyte-McCauley
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Nancy Whyte-McCauley is a returning veteran on Town Council. She won her seat again in Ward 2 Florenceville, and has lived in Florenceville-Bristol for nearly 30 years.

She has served on Council since 2001, which at that time, was for the Village of Florenceville.

Mayor Curtis appointed her as Deputy Mayor for this new term, which is her second term in that position.

Deputy Mayor Whyte-McCauley is looking forward to seeing the NCCC expansion completed, Multi-Use Path project get underway, and getting the Old Florenceville Bridge reopened.



Councillor, Ward 1

Dan Guest
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Dan Guest is a familiar face to Council, having served two previous terms. He has lived in Ward 1 Bristol for 27 years.

Councillor Guest is looking forward to seeing several projects to completion, including the NCCC expansion, some street improvements and finding a solution to improve policing in our Town.

As a member of Council since 2012, Councillor Guest has enjoyed working on Town Council and making a difference in his community.



Councillor, Ward 1

Ryan Dickinson
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Ryan Dickinson is a new face to Council, but not in the community. He grew up in Hartland, but has called the Bristol ward home for the past 17 years.

Councillor Dickinson is looking forward to moving plans ahead with the Multi-Use Path project that will see the two wards formally connected. He is hoping to find ways to help our small businesses grow as well and encouraging new businesses and developers to come.



Councillor, Ward 1

Nancy Giggie
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Nancy Giggie is a proud resident of the Bristol Ward for the past 53 years, and was previously the treasurer of the former Bristol Recreation Council.

Councillor Giggie is hoping to find ways to improve policing, and would like to see more growth for the Town. She is hoping to be able to attract more businesses to our Town, so the young people will stay here when they finish school.



Councillor, Ward 2

David Trafford
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David Trafford is no stranger to serving on Council. He first served on the Village of Florenceville Council in the 1990s for two terms before rejoining in 2019 on the Town of Florenceville-Bristol's Council.

Councillor Trafford looks forward to working with Council on getting the Old Florenceville Bridge reopened, and seeing the completion of the NCCC expansion.



Councillor, Ward 2

Andy Saunders
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Andy Saunders may be new to our Town Council, but is a life-long resident of the Town, having grown up in the Florenceville Ward.

Councillor Saunders is looking forward to working with Council on improving services for existing residents, and creating new reasons for people to move here, like the NCCC expansion, where he will be serving on the NCRC Expansion Fundraising committee.

Outdoor Summer Market

Another Year in the Books

With the Mandatory Order being lifted the end of July, the market took on more of a familiar look and feel in August.

Residents were happy to see the return of the weekly Outdoor Summer Market this year, and so were the vendors!

With Covid restrictions implemented during the past year, local markets have been few and far between throughout the province. Therefore, the Town's Recreation Department was glad to be able to offer them again this year, and worked with vendors to ensure pandemic concerns were taken into consideration.

To prevent gatherings from being larger than permitted under the province's Mandatory Order, live music was not permitted the first half of the year. However, once the Order was lifted in August, local performers dusted off their picks and strings, bringing back a favourite attraction at the market.

Whether attendees were there to get a sweet treat, a bite for lunch, or a handmade creation, they were all eager to support our many small local businesses and farmers.



Design Charrette Completed for Riverside Park and Shogomoc Railway Site

Staff and stakeholders gathered for a workshop to determine the businesses, amenities and offerings that should be proposed at Riverside Park and Shogomoc Railway Site.



A design charrette is an intense period of design or planning activity, where a group collaborate to draft a solution to a design problem. The Town of Florenceville-Bristol, through partnership with CBDC, hired the Glenn Group to host the collaborative session, and invited several stakeholders on June 22 for their unique insights and areas of expertise.

Dan Glenn began the day by showing maps of Riverside Park, Shogomoc Railway Site, and the Bristol-Shikohawk Archaeological Site, and gave a brief overview of the work done to date.

The mission for the day was to determine what services, businesses, events, and offerings the site needs to make it a vibrant destination, and what is the best location for each of them.

Participants then split into two groups and began to brainstorm.

A few of the items identified were the need for food and beverage options, trails for people to explore, places for rest, and lodging options.

From those general categories, the participants labelled post-it notes on areas that would be suitable for each. The Glenn Group took these ideas and prepared their final report which confirmed the site is well positioned to succeed as a key destination for the Town.

The first priority is to revitalize existing assets. For example, the former Welcome Centre could become a food and beverage provider. As well, the report recommended to increase experiential activities on site such as new and or improved walking and biking trails as well as an upgraded boat launch area. Applications for funding have been sent to federal and provincial governments.

These improvements will build a case to support larger future investments at this site such as an event facility and perhaps the addition of more thematic accommodations.

New Development >>>

New Medical Clinic Underway Corner of Centennial Crescent & McCain Street

A local developer approached the Town to see if there was any appetite for a new medical clinic, which could be used to attract new physicians and practitioners.

Physician recruitment has been on Council's radar for a few years. Following discussions with local physicians, the province, and Horizon Health, the need for more physicians to our Town became apparent. They are needed to attract residents to our Town, and they are important for businesses to attract employees to move here as well.

With some of our doctors nearing what would typically be retirement age, they are choosing to continue to work because of the lack of replacements for them.

Council was recently approached by local businessman and developer, Byron McGrath. Following a transformative upgrade to the strip mall on McCain Street, he purchased an adjacent residential property on Centennial Crescent, and proposed to build a new professional building that could also include a medical clinic.

Knowing from discussions with the province and Horizon Health how the creation of a modern medical clinic space would attract physicians, Council opted to enter into a lease

agreement that would guarantee the gap in lease revenue for McGrath for a period that would allow sufficient time to fill the clinic with a combination of doctors and practitioners.

Council felt this was a perfect opportunity to partner with a local business to give us a competitive advantage for recruitment initiatives.

The current dental clinic on McCain Street that is in the former fire station will be demolished once the new space is available, making way for more parking.



Partial Solar Eclipse Enjoyed by All

To the naked eye, you may not have known a partial eclipse was happening in our early morning skies on June 10.

As the sun began to rise over the horizon around 5:30am, the moon slowly made its way across the sun, eclipsing approximately 75% of it at its peak. A few dozen viewers enjoyed the show from the lawn of Ruth and Dr. Ian Giberson's home located just outside of Town on Riverview Drive. While a partial eclipse is not a rare occurrence, one at sunrise is.

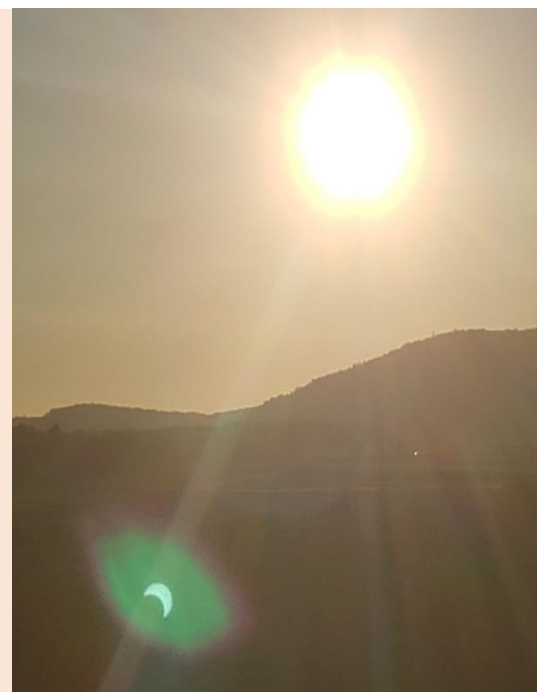
David Hunter provided information about the eclipse and explained what was happening at various stages of the event. He brought with

him a telescope that he used to project an image of the eclipse onto a sheet of canvas.

Anyone going about their daily business would not have noticed the lower level of light. However, the sun's eclipsed shape as seen on the projection screen or viewed directly using the solar glasses was spectacular.

The eclipse also made a surprise appearance in some photos due to the reflection of the sun in the camera lens or shining through leaves.

This event was just a taste of what we can expect with the total eclipse April 8, 2024, when the effects will be much more dramatic.





New Brunswick Day Fun A Busy Day at Riverside Park

The community gathered at Riverside Park and the Town Pool to take in the New Brunswick Day celebrations on Monday, August 2.

A variety of creative activities included a balloon sculptor, along with several local artists who brought their canvases to life. Suzanne Hansen, Roy Tibbits, Colin Smith, and Suzan Carsley impressed on-lookers with their painting techniques. Library staff were also on hand to do a craft with kids of all ages.

Members from the Andrew & Laura

McCain Art Gallery, Town Council, and Public Art Committee participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Marich Pole created by artist Stephen Hutchings.

Following the ribbon cutting, Maritime entertainer Ivan Daigle sang for the crowd.

The Kinsmen provided free hot dogs, while River's Edge Lemonade were on hand to quench everyone's thirst.

The day capped off with a free Glow Swim at the Town Pool and the much-anticipated fireworks show.

Final thoughts...

Speed Limit Change on Centreville Road

A recent resolution by Council to reduce the speed limit on Centreville Road from the BMR to the Town limits near the Esso from 80km/h to 70km/h has residents applauding the decision on social media.



The speed limit on Centreville Road will be reduced by 10km/h to improve the sight distance for properties with driveways along that stretch.

With the addition of the Amsterdam Inn & Suites, the traffic volume is expected to increase, making it more difficult to pull in and out of driveways along the Centreville Road. A private traffic consultant confirmed reducing the speed to 70km/h would improve the sight distance without causing much disruption to motorists.

If further improvements are needed, the Town may consider eliminating the passing lane to make a dedicated left turn lane.



Recycling Tip

Recycling placed at the curb in bags (clear, blue, or black) is not accepted and will be taken with the garbage. Recycling should be contained within your blue bin if possible. If your bin is regularly overflowing, you can purchase a second bin from a hardware store, take extra recycling to the depot located at the Northern Carleton Civic Centre, 40 McCain Street, or use a cardboard box to hold other broken-down cardboard and place beside your bin on recycling day. Film plastic (eg. plastic wrap around a case of water or toilet paper, food wraps) and plastic bags are not recyclable in our region. Only formed plastic packaging numbered 1-7 is accepted, along with food & beverage cartons, paper products, cardboard, and metal items.

If you have recycling questions, contact Western Valley Regional Service Commission at 276-3610 x 201, visit the website www.rsc12.ca or follow them on Facebook.

Big Garbage Day Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

The following items will **NOT** be picked up:

- Refrigerators & Freezers, Propane Tanks
- Liquid waste like paint, solvents, oil, etc.
- Toxic Materials
- Motor Vehicle Parts (including tires)
- Construction & Demo waste exceeding 180kg

