

# Town of Eastport

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2022



## Council NEWS & Information



*Wishing you a very Happy Easter with hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.*

*From Eastport Town Council & Staff*

### Job Opportunity:

**Administrative Assistant Part Time  
(Maternity Leave Position)  
15-20 hrs/week**

Deadline to apply is April 14, 2022  
Please email cover letter and resume to [townclerk@eastport.ca](mailto:townclerk@eastport.ca) or drop off in person at the Town Hall Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.



### REGIONALIZATION:

#### What is it and what does it mean for our Town?

Most people around rural NL have heard the rumours about Regionalization. What does it mean for the residents of Eastport? The short answer is: not much for now.

First of all, there is nothing fixed in stone at the moment or in legislation but it appears to be inching closer. We owe it to ourselves to get familiar with the concept and hopefully provide input before it is thrust upon us.

According to the existing plan, Eastport will become part of a 'region' (the boundaries of which are not currently decided) that may include the whole Eastport Peninsula plus Glovertown, Traytown, Terra Nova, Charlottetown and possibly even Gambo. All local town councils will remain in place, with some reduction in responsibility in areas such as economic development, land use planning, by-law enforcement, etc. Any town that wishes, could dissolve their council and be governed by the regional council. Apparently, all local improvement districts and LSD's will be absorbed into the regional council and taxed accordingly. More information will be forthcoming as the plan progresses.

Courtesy of Councillor Roger Bull



### Main Street Water & Sewer Phase II Update

The Town is happy to announce that the final drawings have been approved by council and the project will be going to Tender within the coming weeks. If all goes well, the project is anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2022.  
Great news for our residents.

### Advocating for your Health

Our Town has been in contact with Central Health to express concerns over the recent public health allocations in our area with specific regard to the position of Community Health Nurse. We are continuing to strongly advocate for our area and its residents in hopes to maintain a high level of care. Please reach out with any concerns or experiences you may have had that could help us to strengthen our case, that the Eastport area and its residents deserve and require, at the very least, a standard level of service.

### Request for Info

We would like to get residents updated contact information, including phone numbers, emails and mailing addresses. If your contact information has changed recently, or if you would like to add your email to your file, please let us know by contacting the Town Clerk.  
This makes it easier to contact you in case of any urgent water/sewer matters or other emergencies. Thank you!

## Our Council & Staff

Mayor: Arthur Crisby

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Shannon Powell

Town Clerk/Manager:  
Chantal Lynch

Administrative Assistant:  
Chelsea Harris

Public Works Employees:  
Marvin Bull (Supervisor)  
Harvey Senior

Seasonal:  
Stephen Durdle  
Geoffrey Heffern

Cleaner: Sheila Dyke

Contact Information:  
Office: 677-2161 (P)  
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[townclerk@eastport.ca](mailto:townclerk@eastport.ca)  
website: [www.eastport.ca](http://www.eastport.ca)

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### TOWN HALL Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9-4pm

The office will temporarily be closed on Mondays to the public until further notice.  
We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Town of Eastport  
Regular Council  
Meeting minutes are  
available at the Town  
Office as well as online  
at [www.eastport.ca](http://www.eastport.ca)**

**Monthly  
Public Council  
Meeting**

April 13th, 2022

@ 7:00 pm

Town Hall





## Wellness Minute

Courtesy of Just a Waggin' Groom Room

### Springtime with your Pet

If you like to spend time outside with your pet, in the woods or on the trails you want to help protect them from fleas and ticks. Both fleas and ticks can carry disease and may even be fatal if not treated. Medications are available to help prevent your pet from becoming infected at your local vet and online.

Also, please help keep our community clean by picking up after your pet.

## Holy Cross School

The graduating class at Holy Cross School are hosting an online auction via Facebook and would love and appreciate your support!

Facebook page:

### Eastport Graduates 2022 - Silent Auction

If you would like to donate items you may contact either our parent representative or our student representative below. Charlene Burden @ 424-1482 or Hannah Babstock @ 571 9455

ANYONE WISHING TO PLACE FLOWERS IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES FOR EASTER, PLEASE CALL DONNA MARTIN AT 709-677-3977. DEADLINE APRIL 14.

## Easter Coloring Contest

The Town of Eastport would like to invite EVERYONE from ages 0-100 to drop by the Town Hall and pick up an Easter coloring sheet!

You may have a chance to win an Easter basket full of goodies from all our local businesses!

\*Coloring pages due back April 14th, 2022



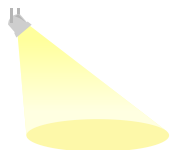
The Beaches Heritage Center presents  
Into the Mystic - The Essential Van Morrison

SATURDAY APRIL 30,  
2022 AT 8:00 PM

[www.eventbee.com/v/into-the-mystic-the-essential-van-morrison/event](http://www.eventbee.com/v/into-the-mystic-the-essential-van-morrison/event)

## Welcome Committee

The public engagement committee would like to be able to offer new residents moving to the Town of Eastport a warm welcome. We are hoping to form a small group of individuals to gather local information and various local items such as crafts, bottled goods, fresh vegetables, books, gift cards, etc to help introduce newcomers to the town and surrounding areas. If you would like to be a part of this group or have a contribution to make please contact Roger Bull: [thesailorsinn@gmail.com](mailto:thesailorsinn@gmail.com)



# Local Spotlight



## The Boat Builder of Eastport

Everett Saunders has been building boats for most of his life. He started out as a boy helping his father build boats and learned the trade craft from him. Although many of our forefathers built their own trap boats and punts, it is a dying craft. In the heydays of the fishery it was a necessary skill, but unfortunately there are few carrying on the skill and keeping the tradition alive.

Everett's family moved from Flat Island to the big island when he was just twelve years old. Everett spent his working years with Newfoundland Tel and its predecessors. He started out as a technician and later moved up to management. He retired and moved to Eastport in 1979 and began building boats as a hobby. He first built a large pleasure boat for himself and later a sail boat. He also tried his hand at a fiberglass boat. "That is too messy" he says so he gave it up. Now he builds punts as pond boats.

When he builds a boat he is always aware of the importance of it being safe enough to be used by children. Everett purchases all his materials at the local building supply and hardware stores. Everett Saunders is a man who enjoys his hobby and is skilled at it. Most any time you drive by his house you will see Everett in his workshop working on his latest project. When you do, try to find time to stop and say hello to him and admire his handiwork.



Photo & story courtesy of Councillor Ben Patey

Want to shine a light on a local resident, volunteer, group/organization or business from our community? Feel free to share a good news story with us so we can publish it right here in our community newsletter. Lets celebrate all the wonderful people that make our Town what it is!

## Ongoing

## Events/Meetings

Our Emergency Action Plan is under review and we would appreciate your involvement.

New members are always encouraged to join the Emergency Action Committee.

This is a requirement of the province and is important for the safety of our communities. For more info please contact Councillor Ben Patey @ 526-2033

Do you have a passion for healthy living and an interest in helping others?

The Eastport Peninsula Recreation and Wellness Committee will be holding a monthly meeting at Sandy Cove Hall  
April date: TBD

New members are welcome and encouraged to join!

## SOCIAL DAY

Church of the Resurrection  
Sandringham

Thursdays 9:30am - 3:30pm

Coffee and muffins are available to purchase for \$1 each.

Local craft table.

Come out to visit us!

We would love to see you!

## The Beaches Library

Happy to announce The Beaches Library is now re-opened to the public.

The revised hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
2-4 pm

Saturday 1:30-3:30pm



## Running & Walking Club

Running and walking club begun on March 28th.

The group meets every Monday @ 6:15pm at the rink in Eastport.

New members welcome!

## YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:

MENTAL HEALTH  
CRISIS LINE:

1-888-737-4668

CHANNAL:

1-855-753-2560

BRIDGE THE GAPP:

is an online resource designed to support mental wellness.

[www.bridgethegapp.ca](http://www.bridgethegapp.ca)