



# Town of Eastport Newsletter



## AUGUST 2024



### ROAD SAFETY

Council has heard concerns raised by residents, regarding certain areas of roadway within the Town, that are considered to pose risk to pedestrians and the motoring public. Please know, your concerns do not fall on deaf ears. The areas of road in question, fall under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. While driving in Eastport, it is everyone's responsibility, to adhere to the posted speed limit; this would ensure roads are safer for motorist and pedestrian's.

Flashing Amber Lights have been ordered and will be installed in the area of **Lanes Road and Eastport Beach intersection onto Beach Road.** It is our hope, that these lights will remind motorists to slow down!

You are reminded, the area of **Church Street / Beach Road at the intersection of Bank Road,** the speed limit is **30km/hr.** Another option for this area, could be a NO LEFT TURN - a possibility to explore with the Department.

**Northside Road** with its numerous turns and hills, driveways and **entrance to Northside Beach** is definitely an area to use extra caution as well.

*Council is committed to the betterment of our town and it's residents. If you have a question or concern pertaining to this, or any matter, please contact the Town Clerk's office, ensuring it is added to an agenda and addressed by Council.*

### COUNCIL NEWS

Council for the Town of Eastport wishes to inform residents that Councilor Roger Bull has resigned. Since being elected in 2021, Roger has been a strong voice on Council, advocating for the betterment of the Town. We, the Council and staff would like to thank Roger for the three years he's dedicated in his time on Council and wish him well with any future endeavors.

Due the vacancy left by his resignation, in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, section 6, the Council for the Town of Eastport will hold a By-Election.

### Municipal Taxes

Please note, 2024 tax bills are due and payable. As of June 30, interest has been accruing! To avoid further interest charges, please pay your tax bill asap. The Council Office is open for counter service Tuesday - Friday from 9am -4pm, payment options include cash, debit, credit or cheque. As well, EMT payments can be made by contacting the Town Clerk Manager at 709-677-2161 or email [townclerk@eastport.ca](mailto:townclerk@eastport.ca)

### Northside Beach

Northside Beach, is known as Eastport's hidden gem! Depending on the tides, it is often covered in kelp - here today, gone tomorrow (hopefully)! Due to it's vast expanse (roughly 1km), clearing the kelp is near impossible. In addition, the kelp and sea grass become home and feeding grounds to all sort of birds. The brook, both fresh and salt water, is a great place to trout (in season) and the 1km of sandy seashore is an amazing place to wander in search of peace and tranquility. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the beach.

Mother Nature often wreaks havoc on Northside Beach; she doesn't need help from ATV/Dirt Bike use. Your cooperation is appreciated!

## The Town of Eastport Municipal By-Election: Nomination Day

August 27th, 2024

8am-8pm

Town Office

69 Church Street

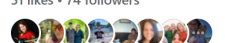
## Municipal By-Election

September 17th, 2024.

Voting will take place at the  
Town Office 69 Church  
Street between  
8am-8pm



Town of Eastport  
Recreation  
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# Events in Eastport

- Mondays  
**Bingo** 8pm at the SUF Hall
  - Wednesdays  
**Game of Scrabble** 2pm-4pm at the Beaches Library
  - Thursdays  
**Bingo** 8pm at the Legion
  - August 23 at 1:30 kids ages 2-8 can join **Brent & Woofy** at the Beaches Library for two hours of fun entertainment!
  - Beaches Library **Book Sale**, August 10th from 10:30-2:30
  - Monday August 5th 11am-2pm **Eastport Beach Day**
- Breakfast at the SUF Hall starting at 9am on Saturdays August 10 & 24**



## Eastport Family & Friends Day

August 5th 11am-2pm at Eastport Beach

Join us for BBQ, cake, music, games and tons of fun as we celebrate 50 years of Incorporation as a Municipality on Eastport Day 2024.

### VOYENT ALERT!

Voyent Alert is designed to ensure everyone is receiving real-time information as situations arise. It's a valuable tool for our community and residents. It costs nothing to sign-up. If you require more information please contact the Town Clerks Office 677-2161.

# Council News

**Recreation:** The rink is finally resurfaced! It has been lined for a Pickleball court and the nets are up. We will be adding lines for other sports soon. Council wishes to acknowledge a generous donation of \$500 for the Pickleball net and court paint.

**Public Engagement:** Coffee with Council was a tremendous success! A great afternoon of conversation on topics ranging from brush cutting, to taxes, to septic disposal, to emergency management and much more. One issue brought to our attention was lack of garbage cans and dog waste disposal receptacles – rest assured this is already in the works to help keep the Town clean and tidy! The next Coffee with Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 29 from 2-4pm; we hope to see you there!

**Finance & Administration:** The committee is gearing up for budget 2025. Deputy Mayor Monica Bull has created a Budget Request template to help facilitate and streamline the process of preparing Budget 2025. The Town is still waiting to see if we will be a recipient of MCWP funding to begin the work on Church Street infrastructure, will continue to apply and carry forward the standard 10% representing the Municipal portion. During the July 14th, meeting a motion was made to include the purchase of a JCB Backhoe in the 2025 budget. The 2023 audit is expected to be completed in the coming weeks, and a motion was made to retain Jody Cooper as Auditor for 2024.

**Public Works:** Like many rural towns similar to Eastport, Public Works staff will have the capability to do snow clearing, water & sewer digs, ditching, general maintenance work, and much more with the purchase of equipment planned for 2025. After reviewing past years spending, it is noted that the Town pays on average almost \$70,000 annually, for services requiring equipment (not including grading). Owning this piece of equipment will increase the efficiency of our Public Works staff, provide some savings during the term of financing, and prove to be exceptionally cost effective afterward. Your Council is digging in to ensure your tax dollars go further!

The Eastport Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents that the number to call in case of emergency is 911... If you require the assistance of the fire department, please call 911, give the operator your name, number, physical location and nature of the emergency!

### Report a Wildfire: 1-866-709-FIRE (3473)

**Please remember when the Provincial and/or Peninsula Fire Ban is in place, NO outdoor fires are permitted, except a propane device!**

The Town and Peninsula is only safe from the hazard of a fire, if each of us does our part. If you see a fire, please call 911 to report it!

### Town of Eastport

**Contact Info:**  
**Phone: 677-2161**  
**Email:**  
[townclerk@eastport.ca](mailto:townclerk@eastport.ca)  
**Website:**  
[www.eastport.ca](http://www.eastport.ca)

**Town Hall Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm**

### Monthly Public Council Meetings

**August 14**  
**September 11 & 25**  
**Meetings are held at the Council office and start at 7pm.**  
**Everyone welcome to attend!**  
**If you wish to address council on any issue, please provide the Town Clerk's office with notice by the preceding Friday at noon!**