

Town of Eastport

December Newsletter 2024



Dear Residents,

Living in Eastport, we're reminded daily of the many blessings bestowed upon us, from the refreshing ocean air to the incredible bounty of the forest, sea and soil. As Christmas arrives, let's make time to appreciate these gifts, focus on what's truly important, and nurture a deeper sense of gratitude for all the good things in our lives.

Our town, is blessed with the most gracious of volunteers. People who bring hope, love, joy and peace to neighbors and friends. This season, we hope to find the spirit of giving alive and well; that each of us who are able, will be inspired by the spirit again this year, and in return will reap the joy that is felt by the act of sharing.

What's truly special to remember is that it's not the gifts under the tree that bring joy, it's the love and presence of family and friends and a sense of belonging in our community that bring the greatest happiness. Spread the joy this holiday season by taking the time to remember and connect with those who may be less fortunate and who may be struggling or alone this season. Welcome them into your hearts and homes.

As we move closer to the new year, let's make the most of the time we have left in 2024 to create lasting memories. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year!

Sincerest Regards,
Mayor Powell, Councilors & Staff
Town of Eastport



Merry & Bright Christmas Lights

Between December 9th - 19th, email a picture of your Christmas Lights to townclerk@eastport.ca, including your name, phone number and street name. All pictures will be posted to our Facebook page, for everyone to enjoy the Merry and Bright Christmas Lights. On December 19th, there will be a number of prizes to give away via a random draw!



Santa Claus Parade
Sunday Dec 15th
Parade starts at 1:30 pm
*Floats line up for judging at 1:00pm
Parade route:
Holy Cross School to the Motel,
and returning to the SUF Hall.
Loot Bags will be given out at the SUF Hall. Santa & Mrs. Clause will visit and be available for pictures!



Christmas
Office Closure
The Town Council Office will be closed from December 23rd to December 27th, and on January 1st!
Tuesday December 31st, the office will be open from 9am-3pm.
Regular business hours will resume on January 2nd, 2025.

Our Council & Staff

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TOWN HALL
Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9am-4pm

Upcoming
Public Council
Meetings:
December 11
January 8
January 22



2024 in Review

2024 has been a year marked by challenges and often chaotic times, yet meaningful progress has been achieved by Council in various service sectors, underscoring our resilience and adaptability.

Resolute in our pursuit of improved traffic safety at the intersection of Lanes Road and Beach Road; we persisted in efforts until a favorable outcome was realized. Council is ongoing in it's pursuit of additional solutions for other problematic areas.

Financial statements for all prior years are complete, and we are working closely with auditors to maintain compliance.

The water tower computer system suffered a catastrophic failure, causing the system to fail entirely and requiring a full replacement.

The public works maintenance truck requires replacing, a new truck should arrive before year-end, with the associated costs shared with Happy Adventure and Salvage.

Electricity has been made available for mobile vendors, at the recreation grounds and Eastport beach; this will enhance dining experience for both residents and visitors to the area. The rink resurfacing project has been completed, yielding a high-quality multi-court surface for gameplay.

The Town Plan review is now underway, the first public consultation has taken place, with more to come in 2025.

A balanced, achievable budget, aimed at improving services with minimal fee increases, has been adopted for the coming year.

Councilors are dedicated to implementing well-defined policies and standards for new councilors, in the fall election of 2025.



Students in Ms. Randell's Kindergarten/Grade One class welcomed Mayor Powell (a.k.a Ms. Kim) to their classroom for a discussion on decision-making. Afterwards, they visited council chambers, where they learned about the decision-making process. A motion to eat snacks at council was defeated, with 2 votes in favor and 3 against. Students then headed back to school, with their snacks for recess!



The Beaches Library Teddy Bear Tree

The Beaches Library will be closed over the Christmas holidays from December 24, 2024, up to and including January 6, 2025. We will reopen January 7, 2025, when we will return to our usual schedule of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All the Volunteers and Members of The Beaches Library wish you a Very Merry Christmas and an exceptionally wonderful 2025!

Visit The Beaches Library--where hungry minds go to be fed!



December Events in Eastport

It's a lively time of the year in Eastport! From the bright lights of Christmas, to all sorts of fun events and activities, there is sure to be something on the list of events that you'll want to do!

December 15th, & 22nd **Chase The Ace** at the Legion 7pm-8:30

December 12th **"The Perfect Gift" a Christmas Pageant** at the Beaches Heritage Centre

December 15th **Santa Clause Parade** 1:30pm

December 21st **Breakfast With Santa** at the Legion, no set admission, donations accepted for the Janeway Children's Hospital

December 26th **Boxing Day Dance** at the Legion, Music by The Breeze

December 31st **New Year's Eve** Dance at the SUF Hall, Music by The Breeze

ROAMING

DOGS

Council has received multiple complaints about roaming dogs. Please ensure your dogs, if outside, are properly contained or tethered.

2024 Taxes

As we approach the end of 2024, this is a reminder for residents and property owners, all taxes should be paid in full. Our community depends on tax dollars to provide services such as snow removal, sanding, fire protection, garbage collection, water, sewer and more...

Payment is accepted by EMT, CASH, CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER, DEBIT and CREDIT CARD.



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MENTAL HEALTH
CRISIS LINE:
1-888-737-4668

CHANNAL SELF
HELP CENTRE:
1-855-753-2560

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