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## Municipal Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

The Municipality of Colchester offers several grants to eligible community organizations. Please visit <https://www.colchester.ca/grants-and-funding> for information, guidelines, and application forms.

Upcoming deadlines:

- Grants to Non-profit Organizations - January 31, 2021
- Community Trail Funding Program - January 29 and June 4, 2021
- Community Park Funding Program - February 26 and September 15, 2021
- Not-for-Profit Community Events Grant - Applications accepted throughout the year

## From the Mayor's Desk

### *Colchester County Council*

Your new Council held its first meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> when the Mayor and all Councillors were sworn in for this new four-year term of office, 2020-2024. For Election Results and Councillor contact information, please see the article on page 5.

### *Council Meetings*

Colchester County Council meets three times each month on set dates: the first Tuesday of each month, as required, is a Council-in-Committee presentation meeting; the second (or third) Thursday of each month is a Council-in-Committee meeting; and the last Thursday of each month is our regular monthly meeting of Council where decisions are made on recommendations from our Council Committee meetings, along with other business of Council. These meetings are listed on Colchester's website: [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca).

All our meetings are public meetings, currently accessible digitally via Zoom by preregistering with our Administration Office. There are some things we must do in camera (non-public due to the nature of the subject). Under the Municipal Government Act, those subjects are clearly defined and strictly followed.

Orientation sessions through NS Municipal Affairs & Housing and the Municipality of Colchester are being held these next few weeks to introduce new Councillors, and to refresh those who have been at the table for some time, on subjects relating to municipal government.

There are several standing committees of Council, along with some Boards and ad hoc committees, on which the Mayor and Councillors are members. Councillors have an opportunity to state which committees they prefer to work on.

### *The Physician Recruitment Committee*

One of the joint committees of Council is the Physician Recruitment Committee. This committee was formed approximately two years ago because of a recognized need for physicians in the Northern Zone of the NS Health Authority (NSHA). It consists of representation from the NS Health Authority; Physicians and their local Association; Physician Recruiters; the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce; the Municipalities of Colchester, Truro and Stewiacke; Millbrook First Nation; and the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP). Despite the COVID-19 lockdown and lack of in-person meetings, through the TCPEP and working with the NSHA, we have been able to recruit 12 doctors. We have had the following join us: 1 Physician, Family Medicine – Tatamagouche; 2 Physicians – Family Medicine, Truro (November 2020 start and July 2021 start); 2 Physicians – Psychiatry, Truro, and one most recently in November 2020; 1 Physician – Obstetrics/Gynecology, Truro; 2 Physicians – Hospitalist, Truro; 2 Physicians – Emergency Department, Truro; 1 Physician – Anesthesia, Truro (started October 31<sup>st</sup>). I'm happy to report we are continuing to recruit and working hard to attract these professionals to our region.

### *COVID-19*

Every month, Council receives an update on COVID-19 implications and operational adjustments. Each department outlines all work done to keep staff and visitors as safe as possible according to the provincial protocols. Those employees who were laid off are now back to work and have been for some time, but protocols have changed the way they are working, entering and leaving the facilities, and the personal protective equipment they are wearing. Colchester County is maintaining the best practices without becoming complacent with regards to this pandemic.

### *Remembrance Day*

Remembrance Day 2020 was carried out in the best interests of those most vulnerable and for the safety and wellbeing of the general public. Remembrance Day services were limited to Legion Halls with invited guests, or to other special arrangements. In Central Colchester, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26, hosted a ceremony inside the Legion Hall for invited guests. It was an honour for me to lay a wreath on behalf of Colchester County residents, along with Silver Cross parents, Robin and Paulette Tedford; the Hon. Karen Casey, Deputy Premier, NS; Dave Ritcey, MLA, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River; Mayor Bill Mills, Town of Truro; Lois MacCormick, Chair, Village of Bible Hill; military representatives; the RCMP and Truro Police Service.

### *The Wagon Walk*

Congratulations to Dalhousie students Adrian DelliColli and Ireland Thurier for their determination in completing a 150 km walk from Portapique to Enfield November 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in support of those most impacted by the April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> mass shootings. They persevered and fundraised thousands of dollars which will go towards an educational fund through the NS Remembers Legacy Society Inc. and for the Portapique Community Build up project. It was my pleasure to meet and greet Adrian and Ireland on the Saturday morning of their journey, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and to offer them the best wishes of Colchester County residents. Well done, Adrian and Ireland!

### *In closing*

It will be a different Holiday Season 2020, given we are in the COVID-19 pandemic. However, our innovative abilities and resilience have come to the forefront and we are doing our best to cope and keep in touch with family and friends. My best wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas (Happy Holidays) and a healthy, happy 2021. Stay safe!

Kindest regards to all,  
Christine Blair

## Recreation

### Snowshoe Loan Program

Colchester Recreation loans snowshoes (adult and youth sizes) to community groups and individuals during the snowy winter months. Be sure to reserve in advance – our snowshoes are very popular! A deposit of \$25.00 is required and returned when the snowshoes are brought back in good condition. For more information, or to reserve, visit [www.colchester.ca/equipment-loan](http://www.colchester.ca/equipment-loan) or contact Colchester Recreation by phone at 902-897-3185 or by email at [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).



### Walking (or snowshoeing, or skiing) in a Winter Wonderland

The best way to get through winter is to embrace it and be active! Why not make it a habit to spend time outside this winter? Walking, snowshoeing, skiing, tobogganing, skating, making snowmen. Dust off those winter boots and toys. Plan to visit a favorite outdoor place this winter. Municipal parks and trails in Colchester County, including the Cobequid Trail, Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park and Nelson Memorial Park, are available for walking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months. Visit [www.colchester.ca/parks-and-trails](http://www.colchester.ca/parks-and-trails) to plan your winter fun. *Note, there is no regular park and trail maintenance during the winter months.*



**FundyConnect.ca** is a one-stop spot to find things to do – arts and culture, parks and trails, activities and facilities in Colchester and Cumberland Counties. Try something new or explore outside! Visit [www.fundyconnect.ca](http://www.fundyconnect.ca) to browse listings or to suggest a new listing for the database.

### KidSport Deadlines

Upcoming KidSport deadlines are January 1 and March 1, 2021.

For more information about KidSport, contact Craig Burgess at 902-897-3181 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca).

You can also apply online at <https://kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/provincial-fund/>.



## Property Tax Frequently Asked Questions

### How Are My Municipal Property Taxes Actually Calculated?

The Municipality of Colchester will set a tax rate each year that will be multiplied by your taxable assessed value per \$100 of assessment to determine your property tax. Property Valuation Services (PVSC) assesses property values yearly and mails you an assessment notice in January to advise you of your property's value for tax purposes.

### Can I View My Property Assessment Information Online?

Property owners can view detailed information on their assessment by accessing their "My Property Report" on the Property Valuation website at <http://www.pvsc.ca/en/home/default.aspx>. Use your Assessment Account Number and PIN access number to see your information. To obtain a PIN number, phone 1-800-380-7775.

### What If I Do Not Agree with The Assessed Value On My Notice From PVSC?

All property owners have the right to appeal their property assessment if they disagree with the assessment value, ownership, or classification of their property. We encourage you to contact PVSC with any questions or comments you have about your assessment notice before you make the decision to appeal.

### When Do I Appeal?

Your final annual assessment notice is mailed in January. If you decide to appeal your assessment, you **MUST** appeal within 31 days (the date specified on your assessment notice).

### What Are My Steps to Appeal?

1. **Review Notice** – Is the information on the assessment notice correct?
2. **Contact** – Contact PVSC and they will review your assessment with you.
3. **Complete Appeal Form** – Complete the appeal form found on your assessment notice by the date indicated.
4. **Send to PVSC** – Once completed, fax, mail or drop off your form to the PVSC office.

**Mail:** 15 Arlington Place Suite #6    **Phone:** 1-800-380-7775    **Website:** [www.pvsc.ca](http://www.pvsc.ca)  
Truro, NS, B2N 0G9    **Fax:** 1-888-339-4555

### If My Appeal is Successful, Will My Tax Bill Be Automatically Adjusted?

Yes. The Municipality will receive notification of the appeal decision and will adjust your tax bill to reflect the correct amount. **You are responsible for paying your tax bill by the due date, even if your appeal is still under review.** Once the appeal decision is made, and an overpayment is determined, the overpayment will be refunded to you.

### When Is My Due Date?

The property tax bills are mailed annually in the month of June and are due on the last business day of August.

### I Have Moved, How Do I Update My Mailing Address?

Please contact the Municipality of Colchester Tax Office at 902-897-3162 or [taxoffice@colchester.ca](mailto:taxoffice@colchester.ca) to provide us with your updated mailing address.

### How Do I Change the Name on A Deed?

You will have to provide proof of a name change such as a marriage certificate, court order, or death certificate to

the Registry of Deeds. Contact the Land Registry Office by calling 1-800-670-4357 and you will be directed to the appropriate location.

### What Do I Do If I Have Moved or Sold My Mobile Home?

Please contact PVSC if you have demolished, moved, plan to move or sold your mobile home. You will need to fill out a Mobile Home Transfer form with PVSC if you have sold.

## 2020 Municipal Election Results

The Municipal Election held on October 17, 2020 resulted in an overall voter turnout of 30%. All Colchester residents were able to vote for their Mayoral candidate while residents of Districts 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 also voted for Councillor. The results are shown below.

Election for Mayor					
Eligible Voters	Christine Blair	Bob Taylor	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
29,771	5,739	3,071	103	8,913	30%

Election for Councillor - District 2					
Eligible Voters	Heather Boyd	Laurie Sandeson	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
2,657	375	409	3	787	30%

Election for Councillor - District 4					
Eligible Voters	Mike Cooper	John Vissers	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
2,562	377	272	5	654	26%

Election for Councillor - District 5						
Eligible Voters	Colleen Doucette	Lloyd Gibbs	Tim Johnson	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
2,559	62	387	460	5	909	36%

Election for Councillor - District 7					
Eligible Voters	Mike Gregory	John Sellers	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
2,514	720	401	7	1,128	45%

Election for Councillor - District 8						
Eligible Voters	Stan Hampton	Edwin MacQuarrie	Lisa Patton	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
3,043	99	136	684	4	919	30%

Election for Councillor - District 9						
Eligible Voters	Marie Benoit	Bob Pash	Susan Taylor	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
3,059	794	287	86	3	1,167	38%

Election for Councillor - District 11					
Eligible Voters	Peter McCracken	Wade Parker	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	% of Voter Turnout
2,810	387	568	4	959	34%

There were four Councillors who were acclaimed, which means that only one person submitted their name to run in that District and therefore no election for that seat was necessary. The acclaimed Councillors are: Eric Boutilier - District 1, Geoff Stewart - District 3, Karen MacKenzie - District 6, and Tom Taggart - District 10.

### Council Contact Information

Below is the contact information for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2020-2024 term of Council. This information can also be found on our website at [www.colchester.ca/municipal-council](http://www.colchester.ca/municipal-council).

Mayor	Christine Blair	902-897-3184	<a href="mailto:cblair@colchester.ca">cblair@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 1	Eric Boutilier	902-890-5866	<a href="mailto:eboutilier@colchester.ca">eboutilier@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 2	Laurie Sandeson	902-957-2206	<a href="mailto:lsandeson@colchester.ca">lsandeson@colchester.ca</a>
Deputy Mayor, District 3	Geoff Stewart	902-673-3039	<a href="mailto:gstewart@colchester.ca">gstewart@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 4	Mike Cooper	902-671-2854	<a href="mailto:mcooper@colchester.ca">mcooper@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 5	Tim Johnson	902-899-0590	<a href="mailto:tjohnson@colchester.ca">tjohnson@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 6	Karen MacKenzie	902-324-8729	<a href="mailto:kmackenzie@colchester.ca">kmackenzie@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 7	Michael Gregory	902-305-4002	<a href="mailto:mgregory@colchester.ca">mgregory@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 8	Lisa Patton	902-890-8630	<a href="mailto:lpatton@colchester.ca">lpatton@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 9	Marie Benoit	902-956-1774	<a href="mailto:mbenoit@colchester.ca">mbenoit@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 10	Tom Taggart	902-647-2025	<a href="mailto:ttaggart@colchester.ca">ttaggart@colchester.ca</a>
Councillor District 11	Wade Parker	902-890-5840	<a href="mailto:wparker@colchester.ca">wparker@colchester.ca</a>

## Animal Control

### 2021 Dog Tags Are Now Available

As per the County's Dog By-law, all dogs must be registered and tagged by January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year, but tags can still be purchased throughout the year. If you live in Colchester County, you can register your dog and purchase your tags at the following locations:

- Central Nova Animal Hospital – 29 Main Street, Bible Hill
- Fundy Veterinarians – 6 Greenfield Road, Murray Siding
- Fundy Veterinarians – 21089 Highway 2, Shubenacadie
- Truro Veterinary Hospital – 165 Arthur Street, Truro
- Pilot's Doggy Daycare – 1205 Salmon River Road, Salmon River
- Cross Road Boarding Training and Behaviour – 10 Cross Road, Great Village
- The Store – 1171 Highway 311, North River
- Stay N Play Canine Centre – 214 Crossley Avenue, Truro
- Futureworx – 229 Main Street, Tatamagouche
- Colchester County Community Development Office - 1 Church Street, Truro

Once again, instead of mailing renewal forms, we've included the registration form in our newsletter! If you require additional forms, please visit our website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca) or give us a call at 902-897-3170 and we would be happy to mail out as many forms as you need.



Tag Fee:  
\$12.00 / Dog  
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### Municipality of the County of Colchester

1 Church Street Truro, NS B2N 3Z5  
Ph: (902) 897-3170

#### Dog Registration Form

Dog owners are required to obtain licenses annually. Licenses may be purchased at the Municipality or by completing this form and mailing it with a cheque or money order to: Municipality of the County of Colchester

#### For Office Use Only:

Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Owner Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Telephone:

(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dog Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female

Spayed/Neutered:  Yes  No

Microchip:  Yes  No

#### Emergency Contact (If you cannot be reached in an emergency)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Info:

#### Receipt

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Waste Resource Management

Reminder: All visitors must report to the scale house prior to unloading materials. The scale house operator can accept cash, a personal cheque, or Interac as payment for disposal. The scale house is **not** equipped with a credit card machine. All loads must be tarped to prevent litter problems. Untarped loads will be subject to a \$20 surcharge.

**Waste Reduction Helpline: 902-895-4777**  
**Website:** [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca)  
**Twitter:** @ColchesterWRM  
**Facebook:** Colchester WRM

**Colchester Balefill Facility**  
 188 Mingo Road, Exit 18  
 Highway 104 Kemptown

**Hours of Operation:**  
 Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Materials Recovery Facility**  
 185 Mingo Road, Exit 18  
 Highway 104 Kemptown

**Hours of Operation:**  
 Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Balefill and Materials Recovery Facilities will be **closed** on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day, Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Boxing Day and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

*Please note, the facilities will also be closed to the public on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.*

### Important Holiday Collection Changes

Please note the following changes to waste pick up due to the holidays:

If your regular collection day is scheduled to be **Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>**, this collection will take place the **FOLLOWING MONDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>**.

If your regular collection day is scheduled to be **Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**, this collection will take place the **FOLLOWING MONDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**As always, material must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.**

**Christmas is around the Corner**

Christmas **wrapping paper** is **NOT recyclable** due to the large amount of dye within the paper and the contaminants that accompany it (tapes, bows, ribbons, etc.). Wrapping paper **should always be placed in your clear garbage bag for disposal**. Broken Christmas lights and decorations are also garbage.

### Christmas Tree Collection

Please ensure that your tree is placed curbside on your collection day by 7:00 am. All trees must be visible (not buried under snow) and free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, stands and bags to ensure collection.

Collection will take place as follows:

Zone 1 - January 14, 2021	Zone 6 - January 6, 2021
Zone 2 - January 7, 2021	Zone 7 - January 15, 2021
Zone 3 - January 12, 2021	Zone 8 - January 8, 2021
Zone 4 - January 5, 2021	Town of Truro - January 5 - 8, 2021
Zone 5 - January 13, 2021	Town of Stewiacke - January 8, 2021



## Snow Days

Winter weather is unpredictable. If collection is missed on your road due to icy or snowy conditions, hold on to your material until your next collection day. The drivers will collect up to twice the allowable amount. An alternate date will be scheduled only if collection is cancelled across the entire County due to inclement weather. If an alternate collection date is necessary, residents will be informed by public service announcements placed on the local radio stations, our website and the ColchesterWRM Facebook Page. Residents will also receive reminders by email and telephone if they have signed up for service alert messages for collection service interruptions.

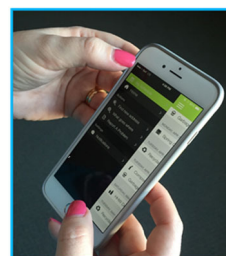


**COLCHESTER**  
WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Want to know the moment winter weather affects curbside collection in your area?

Sign up for a service alert message at [www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling](http://www.colchester.ca/garbage-and-recycling) or download our free 'Colchester Waste' app and you will be notified by phone, email or Twitter the moment decisions affecting collection are made!

Information will also be posted on our website at [www.colchester.ca](http://www.colchester.ca).



## Winter Green Cart and Garbage Tips

- Collection trucks may be passing your homes at different times because of winter road conditions. To ensure your material is not missed you **MUST** have your garbage and green cart to the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.
- Please remember that plastic and bio-degradable plastic bags are **NOT** permitted in the green cart. Paper bags are welcomed.
- To prevent your organics from freezing as a solid mass to the bottom of your green cart, try lining the bottom of your cart with a pizza box, newspapers or leftover fall leaves. To keep your organics from freezing to the inside of your compost bin, wrap moist organics in newspaper or boxboard (ie: cereal boxes).
- To ensure you maintain space in your green cart, put it out for collection regularly.
- With the increase of snow in driveways and roadsides, please use caution when placing garbage and recycling bags curbside for pick up. Uneven snow piles may cause the bags to fall onto the road and cause traffic hazards.
- Please remember that all bags and bins must be ten feet or less from the road and in a safe location.
- To ensure collection, please ensure that garbage bins, bags and green carts are not buried in snow on your collection day.



## Public Works

### Winter Tips and Reminders

Winter is fast approaching! Please help us keep our roads and sidewalks clear of snow by following these simple tips:

- Please don't park vehicles on roads or sidewalks before, during and after winter storms or in any areas that have no parking signs.
- No overnight parking is permitted in County parking lots after hours during the winter season. Vehicles may be towed if they are restricting snow removal activities.
- Please be sure not to place garbage, recycling or composters on sidewalks.
- Keep your garbage boxes and mailboxes clear of snow. Brightly painted guideposts can be placed beside garbage boxes to ensure visibility for those who are plowing.
- Remember to keep snow clear from fire hydrants when plowing driveways. Buried hydrants can cause problems in emergency situations.
- Moving snow from driveways onto the street is a hazard for vehicle traffic and is prohibited by law.
- Clear snow from catch basins and driveway culverts to help prevent flooding on properties, sidewalks, and streets.
- When placing stakes on lawns to protect grass from plows, please place the stakes far enough back to allow crews to keep snow well off the roads, shoulders and sidewalks. If your stakes have been damaged by the plow, they are too close to the road or sidewalk.
- Lawns extending into the roadways and sidewalks may be subject to gravel accumulation as a result of snow plowing activities. Please note that the Municipality will not be responsible for cleanup of these areas in the Spring.



The Public Works Staff greatly appreciates your cooperation during the snowplowing season.

### **Will Your Property Be Vacant over the Winter?**

If you are connected to our public water system and plan to keep your property vacant over the winter, you should consider a temporary water shut off. Even though you might shut the water off inside your home, pipes can still freeze between your shut off and your foundation wall, leaving you open to major water damage. The cost for a utility shut off is \$50 in Debert and \$60 in Tatamagouche, and there is no fee to have the water turned back on in the spring during our regular working hours.

## Not Sure Who To Call About Snow Removal?

- **Provincially Owned Roads (Green Signs)** - contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal at 1-844-696-7737 or refer to the picture below.
- **Municipally Owned Roads (Blue Signs)** - contact our Public Works Department at 902-897-3175.
- **Private Roads (usually White Signs)** - contact the person or company responsible for snow removal on your road.

In some cases, County owned roads may be plowed by the Province and vice versa. If you are not sure who plows your road, please call the Municipal Public Works Office at 902-897-3175.

## When will my road get plowed?

Levels of Service	
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	Cleared within 8 hours after snow stops
Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	Cleared within 12 hours after snow stops
Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops
Gravel roads	Cleared within 24 hours after snow stops

Salting <sup>1</sup> and Sanding	
100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve bare pavement</li> <li>• Salt applied before, during and after a storm if required</li> </ul>
* Secondary routes and other medium traffic roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve a bare centre line</li> <li>• Salt applied at beginning of storm and after a storm if required</li> </ul>
* Local paved roads, most subdivision and residential streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salted to achieve a bare centre line</li> <li>• Salt applied only after a storm</li> </ul>
Gravel roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow packed</li> <li>• Sanding as needed</li> </ul>

There are more than 400 snow plows and other snow-clearing vehicles working to keep Nova Scotia's roads, highways, and bridges safe during the winter months. Crews are on the job day and night, 24/7, keeping the roads as safe and as clear as possible. Work starts before the storm and continues during and after the storm. At left is more information to help explain what you can expect this winter.



*\* In sanding only sections, acceptable driving condition is considered to be snow packed and sanded as required.*

<sup>1</sup> Note that salt will start to lose its effectiveness at temperatures below -12°C. In these conditions sand may be applied to increase traction for all service levels.



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Highway conditions: 511

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1-866-728-5144

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902-897-3150, 902-897-3175  
Administration  
Tax Office  
Public Works

Community Development - 902-897-3170  
Building Inspection  
Development Officer  
Animal Control  
Planning

Property Information - 902-897-3178  
Colchester Recreation - 902-897-3185  
[recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)

Materials Recovery Facility and  
Regional Balefill Facility - 902-897-0450

Waste & Recycling Helpline:  
902-895-4777  
[helpline@colchester.ca](mailto:helpline@colchester.ca)

## Fax Numbers

### Courthouse Building

Administration - 902-843-4066  
Community Development - 902-843-4061  
Finance / Tax Office - 902-843-4067  
Human Resources - 902-843-4063  
Information Services - 902-843-4068  
Property Information - 902-843-4062  
Engineering/Public Works - 902-843-4064  
Recreation Services - 902-843-4065

### External Locations

Regional Sewage  
Treatment Plant - 902-897-0335  
Public Works Building - 902-895-5251  
Water Utilities - 902-641-3102  
Materials Recovery Facility/  
Waste Reduction - 902-897-0453

## Community Development

### Solar Colchester

The Municipality's solar panel financing program is open for applications once again! For more information, or to apply, visit [www.colchester.ca/solar](http://www.colchester.ca/solar).



### Home Energy Assessment Rebate

You can receive a \$50 rebate from the Municipality toward your Home Energy Assessment completed by Efficiency Nova Scotia. Apply today! Visit [www.colchester.ca/home-assessment-program](http://www.colchester.ca/home-assessment-program) for more information.

### Carbon-Free Colchester

The Municipality is developing a Community Energy & Emissions Plan called *Carbon-Free Colchester*, which will provide a pathway for Colchester to achieve its climate change targets, identify economic development opportunities from the green economy, and reduce Colchester's reliance on fossil fuels. For more information, or to get involved, visit [www.carbonfreecolchester.ca](http://www.carbonfreecolchester.ca).

If you have questions about any of the above initiatives, please contact Joanna Burris at 902-897-3168 or [jburris@colchester.ca](mailto:jburris@colchester.ca).

### Your Tatamagouche

The Municipality is initiating a review of the Village of Tatamagouche Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Over the next several months, Planning staff will be working with the community to define goals and aspirations to help guide future development within the Village. Stay up to date on activities and progress by visiting [www.yourtata.net](http://www.yourtata.net).

Questions? Email us at [info@yourtata.net](mailto:info@yourtata.net).

