



THE BEAT



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Governance Review Public Survey

The Town of Middleton has engaged Stantec Consulting Limited to study the size of its municipal council. Stantec has prepared a survey to investigate your views on council size.

Your Town Council currently has seven council seats, which consists of six Councillors, one of whom is appointed Deputy Mayor, and an elected Mayor. We would like to know whether you would prefer the Town of Middleton to continue with seven members, be reduced to fewer members, or increased to have more members.

Have your say by Completing Our Survey at <https://www.discovermiddleton.ca/boundary>

Council Size Public Meeting

October 18, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

The consultant will return to present their recommendation for Middleton's future Council membership size and respond to questions and comments from the public before making a final recommendation to be taken to Town Council.

Hydrant Flushing



The Public Works Department will be flushing the fire hydrants throughout the Town from October 24th to November 4th, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

As a result, residents and businesses may experience water discolouration, sediment discharge and/or decrease of water pressure. If any of these occur, please run your cold water tap for a short period of time and it should clear up. The discoloured water is not harmful; however, it will stain clothing.

This work is necessary to increase the water quality and water main maintenance. The volume of discharged water will also benefit the Town's storm system. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program



The 2022-23 Heating Assistance Rebate Program is now accepting applications until March 31, 2023. If you qualify, you can receive up to \$200 towards the cost of heating your home this winter. For full program details, <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

Phone: 1-800-670-4357



Winter Parking

Winter parking regulations are as follows: effective either on the first snow storm



or December 01, 2022 (whichever is earlier) to April 30, 2023, during the hours of 12am-8am, no person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle upon any highway or street within the Town limits in accordance with provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Vehicles, whether attended or unattended, shall not be left in a position or manner which may interfere with or obstruct snow removal or winter maintenance operations. Ticketing and/or towing will occur when a parked vehicle restricts snow removal or winter maintenance operations.

Need a Permit?

Whether you are renovating an existing building, building a new house or just putting up a baby barn, you need to obtain a permit before starting the job.

Permits are also required for repairs, alterations, additions, or demolition of existing buildings. Even if no construction occurs, a development permit is needed for a "change of use" such as a new business.

Give our planning & development department a call at 825-4841 (ext. 104) or smcauley@town.middleton.ns.ca.

Sign-up for e-billing

To receive your property tax and/or water bill electronically, please email:

info@town.middleton.ns.ca

Recreation Happenings

Teen Center

There is a new Teen Center in Town called **The Spot**. Initially they will be running a weekly Pick-Up Basketball program Fridays from 7-8:30 and a Weekly Art program on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm. The location is 26 School Street (Gym Entrance). Their Instagram and TikTok links are:
<https://www.instagram.com/thespotns/>
<https://www.tiktok.com/@thespotns>

Learn 2 Run & Run Stronger

Learn 2 Run and Run Stronger are underway for a new session. The group meets Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm and Saturday at 9am. Register by emailing mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca and join the Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/learnrun>



Walking Challenge

The Walking Challenge started again October 1st with some fun new challenges. In addition to this and prizes, we will be adding Bird Watch Bingo. Bingo Cards will be available online and at the Recreation Department.

Equipment Loan



We will also have some new equipment available soon including a few pairs of binoculars and additional pickleball rackets. Watch the town Facebook Page for their arrival.

