



NEWSLETTER

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER IN
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR'S
WEST COAST HUB**

Spring/Summer 2026
(May - August)





MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL



Front: (L-R) Mayor Linda Chaisson and Deputy Mayor Pam Keeping
Back: (L-R) Councillors Donna Luther, Donna Wheeler, Steve Perchard, Sherry Dean, Eddie Kennedy

On behalf of City Council, I would like to welcome you to the City's new Community Newsletter. In these pages, we are delivering on a promise made during the 2025 election to open up our doors for a more transparent and informative municipal government in our wonderful City.

Here you'll find information about how your City works, what's happening, and what members of your community are doing to make Corner Brook the incredible place to live that it is.

This is the first chapter of a four-year journey for our newly elected Council, and it is rooted directly in the conversations we had with you at your doorsteps and in our public consultations.

2026 has been an amazing year so far, and we can't wait to get going for the coming Summer months. So far this year we've enjoyed another installment of the Winter Carnival, the introduction of new supports for our local businesses, town hall meetings as well as extended hours for our City Transit and much much more!

Yet to come is the Jigs & Wheels Festival, even more transit improvements as well as many exciting events and activities. Corner Brook is the jewel of the West Coast, and we hope this guide will help you see how much is really happening as well as how things work in your municipality!

Thank you for your engagement and your pride in our city. Together, we are building a Corner Brook that is vibrant, inclusive, and ready for the future.

Sincerely,
The Honourable Mayor Linda Chaisson

ACTIVITY GUIDE

MAY - AUGUST



ACTIVE TOTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-11am
Civic Centre Studio May & June,
Margaret Bowater Park July & August

JIGS & WHEELS

July 24 - August 2
Various Venues



RIBFEST

July 31 - August 2
Corner Brook Civic Centre



RECREATION MONTH

Watch for recreation events taking place
throughout the month of June!

TRENT MCLELLAN "BE NICE TOUR"

Comedy Show - August 6
Corner Brook Civic Centre



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMER GAMES

August 8 - 15
Various Venues



CANADA DAY

July 1
Margaret Bowater Park

For other community
events go to
www.cornerbrook.com/events
and visit us on our
social media channels!



Explore your own back yard at www.humberbayofislands.com

HUMBER BAY of ISLANDS

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



JULY 24 - AUGUST 2

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Festival Opener

Friday, July 24 & 25

Broadway

Open Air Market

Saturday, July 25

Broadway

Autocross

Saturday, July 25

Corner Brook Civic Centre

Light up the Bay

Wednesday, July 29

Curling Marina

Ribfest

Friday - Sunday, July 31 - August 2

Corner Brook Civic Centre

Car Show

August 1

West Street

...and much, much more left to be announced!

Go to www.jigsandwheels.ca for more event announcements, and keep your eyes on our social media channels!





FireSmart AT-HOME CHECKLIST

FireSmart is a national program designed to help neighbors work together to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to homes and properties.

The core principle is simple: while we can't control the weather or the landscape, we can significantly increase a home's chance of survival by managing the vegetation and combustible materials in the immediate area. By taking a few proactive steps, you can create a "defensible space" that slows the spread of fire and makes it easier for emergency crews to protect our community.

You can make a meaningful difference in just a few hours. Here is how to get started:

Learn more at
www.firesmartcanada.ca



Clean the Roof & Gutters

Remove dry leaves, pine needles, and debris that can be ignited by wind-blown sparks.



Manage the "Immediate Zone"

Ensure there are no combustible materials (like firewood stacks, dry grass, or wooden mulch) within 1.5 meters of your home's foundation.



Mow and Water

Keep grass cut to 10 centimetres or less. In dry conditions, keep your lawn well-hydrated if local water conservation levels allow.



Prune Your Trees

Trim low-hanging branches up to 2 meters from the ground to prevent "ladder fires" from climbing into the canopy.



Store Fuel Safely

Move propane tanks and any liquid fuels at least 10 meters away from your main structure.



Screen Your Vents

Cover exterior vents with 3mm metal screening to prevent embers from entering your attic or crawlspace.

WATER TREATMENT

REDUCE YOUR USE & SAVE!



The 2026 operating budget for the Water Treatment Facility in Corner Brook is

\$2,404,870

2024

\$257.50
per million litres

2025

\$267.85
per million litres

The Corner Brook Water Treatment Plant also spends:

- \$1,361,550 a year on treatment products
- \$323,936 a year on maintenance
- \$20,000 on safety
- \$50,000 on water quality monitoring, in house laboratory testing and regulatory compliance sampling

REDUCING COSTS SCENARIO

A reduction in 3 million litres a day has the potential to save the City **\$293,296** a year that can be re-directed to other infrastructure improvements and allow the plant to operate $\frac{2}{3}$ of the treatment processes which would extend the operation and maintenance life of the equipment further reducing costs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

- In the spring, let the snow melt naturally! There is no need to water snow.
- Regularly inspect your sprinkler head to make sure they are not damaged
- Adjust sprinklers so they are not spraying water on paved surfaces
- Wash your vehicle using a bucket rather than your hose to save 378.5 litres per month
- Use a rain barrel to collect water for use in your landscaping and indoor plants
- Sweep outdoor surfaces with a broom instead of using a hose to save between 378.5-643.5 litres per month
- Pool owners can use a cover to reduce water loss through evaporation- this will save water, energy, and the need for chemicals
- Water in the morning to prevent water loss due to evaporation

TRAFFIC CALMING IN CORNER BROOK

In 2025, Corner Brook City Council voted to implement a new traffic calming policy. This policy was designed to standardize a process by which staff can assess perceived issues and fix them according to guidelines informed by best engineering and traffic calming practices. The process is broken up into five stages:

1 INITIATION AND ASSESSMENT

The initiation stage confirms the scale of reported traffic issues through screening and data analysis to determine if a formal calming plan is required. Eligible requests are then ranked by severity to prioritize the most critical areas for intervention. Finally, these prioritized projects move to the development stage once they secure Council approval and necessary funding.

2 DEVELOPMENT

The development stage focuses on creating and evaluating traffic calming alternatives to select a recommended plan for implementation. During this phase, City staff or Council determine the necessity and scope of community engagement to help refine the final strategy.

3 APPROVAL

The approval stage involves a formal Council review of the project data and proposed plan, and the go-ahead for implementation.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

The purpose of the project implementation stage is to complete the detailed design and construction of the approved traffic calming plan.

5 EVALUATION

The plan's effectiveness is monitored to refine installations or remove measures that fail to address the identified traffic issues.

WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO TO KEEP ROADWAYS SAFE?

- Follow the rules of the road according to the highway traffic act.
- Navigate predictably and use signal lights.
- Watch for pedestrians – under the highway traffic act of Newfoundland and Labrador, pedestrians have the right of way at stop signs, yield signs and most intersections.
- Allow pedestrians to cross when they have the walk sign at signalized intersections.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks. At crosswalks with flashing lights, they must still be treated as crosswalks even if the lights are not flashing.
- Crosswalks are also marked by signs! Our line painting program may not get lines down until late May and even June. In cases where the crosswalks are faded, they are still crosswalks!
- When overtaking slow-moving traffic such as ATVs or bicycle riders, you must give at least one-metre of space ONLY when it is safe to do so. This also accounts for pedestrians and runners where sidewalks are not present.
- Look out for children!

IMPORTANT ROAD CLOSURES

June 22

Petries St. will be closed to through-traffic for the replacement of the Petries St. bridge. Duration is expected to be approximately 6 weeks

July 9

Lanes reduced on Park Street and West Street for the Downtown Dash.

July 25

A section of Canada Games Pl to accommodate Autocross.

July 23, 24, 25, 26

Broadway for the Jigs & Wheels Festival Opener.

August 1

West Street for the Kinsmen Car Show.

...and there may be more! Sign up for **Voyent, Alert** for important notices such as water outages, road closures, public consultations and more.

HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE ROADWORK?

The City of Corner Brook uses a structured, data driven process each year to decide which roads should be repaired or paved. Every fall, City staff inspect all streets (about 150 km in total) to assess their condition. They look for issues like potholes, cracks, and worn areas. This information is entered into a computer system that assigns each road a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score from 0 to 100. A higher score means the road is in better condition. This data is then analyzed using specialized software that helps the City decide which roads should be repaired based on their condition, importance, and the available budget. Priority is often given to busier “collector” roads that connect neighborhoods.

The goal is to repair roads at the right time, before they deteriorate too much. This helps the City avoid more expensive reconstruction work, which can cost two to three times more than regular paving. By using this approach, the City ensures that roadwork is planned fairly, efficiently, and in the most cost-effective way possible.



RECREATION FACILITIES

The City of Corner Brook has a wealth of amazing opportunities for events and recreation.

These include eight outdoor parks, three softball fields, one artificial turf soccer field and three natural turf soccer fields, one senior baseball field, one minor baseball field, tennis courts and beach volleyball courts and multiple parks and green spaces. To book any one of these amazing spaces go to www.cornerbrook.com to learn more.

Boasting two pools, a fitness centre, gymnasium, multipurpose room, the Marina Redmond Centre hosts tournaments, swimming lessons, and can also host birthday parties! Go to www.marinaredmondcentre.com to learn more.

The Corner Brook Civic Centre has two ice rinks and multiple event spaces ideal for weddings, conferences, local markets, birthday parties, concerts and more. Find information and how to book the spaces for your event, or what's on the go, at www.cbcciviccentre.com.



EXTENDED TRANSIT HOURS



NEW EXTENDED HOURS

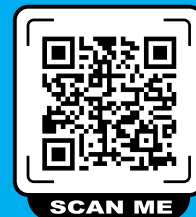
Fixed-Route:
Monday to Friday
7:00am - 6:00pm
(last run 6:00pm)

On-demand:
Monday to Friday
6:00pm-11:00pm
(last run 11:00pm)



Book on-demand
with the Blaise App

Go to
www.cornerbrook.com/bus-transit
for more info



GET THE INFO THAT MATTERS!

From road closure notices to water main breaks, don't miss the updates that actually affect your day. Voyent Alert! is the City's official way to send you localized, real-time notifications.

- **Customized:** Get alerts specific to your home, work, or school.
- **Flexible:** Choose app notifications, SMS, email, or voice calls.
- **Free:** Stay informed at no cost to you.

Download the Voyent Alert! app or register online today to stay connected to your community.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Recognizing Impactful Members of Our Community

In future editions of this newsletter we will profile residents who make an impact in Corner Brook, and we need your help!

Think someone deserves a shoutout? Email newsletter@cornerbrook.com providing a short summary of why they should be featured. The individual must be aware they are nominated, and be comfortable having a brief discussion as well as their photo taken.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Improving the Cultural Fabric of Our Vibrant City

Yearly, the City of Corner Brook awards grants to local organizations for initiatives that enhance our community. This could include supporting festivals and events, or even helping to fund non-profits and neighbourhood groups.

The types of grants, and eligibility requirements are listed on our website. Applications will be accepted up until all current year budgeted grant funds are distributed.



To apply go to
www.cornerbrook.com/community-grant-program



CONTACT CITY HALL

Hours of Operation:

9:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

5 Park St

709-637-1666

www.cornerbrook.com

Additionally:

Corner Brook Civic Centre, 1 Canada Games Pl: 709-637-1230

www.cbcciviccetre.com

Marina Redmond Centre, 22 University Dr: 709-289-3123

www.marinaredmondcentre.com

