



What's New in Fredericton

Third new pavilion underway at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery

Construction is well underway on another new pavilion to the Gallery. The Harrison McCain Pavilion will add over 9000 ft² space to the Queen Street side of the building creating an accessible larger entrance, expanded gift shop, café and additional gallery space. The new wing, named in honour of Harrison McCain, and will be the first public building to bear the name of this remarkable Canadian. Like Beaverbrook, Harrison McCain was both world class businessman and a passionate New Brunswicker. Anticipated opening date is Spring of 2022 and the Gallery will remain closed until then. In the meantime, people can enjoy programming and exhibitions [virtually](#).

On the Green beside the Gallery, there are new additions to the public art collection. This past summer the statues of Lord Beaverbrook and Robert Burns statue and the refurbished Sir James Dunn Memorial "Three Graces" fountain were installed creating a pleasant area to relax.

Historic Garrison District Revitalization

A multi-million [makeover](#) to the Historic Garrison District area is still underway and with an expected completion date of late 2022, we'll see a Great Lawn, a new performance stage and a new children's play area. There will also be a water feature, a multi-use plaza for events and parking and a new ornamental cast-iron fence around the district.



2021 Garrison Night Market back on for Thursday nights.

Due to Covid, the market did not operate for the 2020 season, but planning is happening for 2021. Local vendors feature local and imported handmade products, art, craft & design, and locally-grown farm products. Buskers, food trucks and local musicians add to the festive atmosphere.

Airport Expansion / Renovation Reaching Completion

The YFC terminal is now much bigger, more open and has a new modern appearance as they finish up this major renovation/ expansion . * Due to COVID-19 air service with Air Canada, Porter and Westjet have been temporarily suspended.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020 that will be celebrated in 2021

The **New Brunswick Spirits Festival**, Canada's Oldest Spirit Festival had to postpone celebrations of their 25th anniversary in 2020. In November 2021 this 5 day festival will feature 200 of the world's finest Spirits, Single Malt Whiskies, Scotches, Cognacs, Rums, Gins and Liqueurs, theme dinners, samplings, seminars and even a taxi ride home. www.whiskynb.ca

Fredericton's biggest festival, the **Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival** turned 30 in the fall of 2020 but could only present a small scale virtual and live programming, which they called 29.5. So, 2021 should see the 30th celebrated in a much bigger way!

2021 marks 40 years of the **NB Highland Games Festival** sharing Scottish culture through music, games, food and drink on the beautiful grounds of Government House. World-class Piping and Drumming, crowd favourite-Massed Bands, Caber-tossing and other traditional sporting events, highland dancing, Celtic music, Gaelic language, and genealogy and Scottish treats-haggis anyone?

Looking ahead... In 2023, Fredericton will be 175 years old, our Dodransbicentennial!



Food & Drink Scene

Fredericton boasts the largest number of craft brewers per capita in the Maritimes with 25 local breweries, cideries, distilleries, meaderies, and wineries!

In 2020 the **Fredericton Taproom Trail** launched, the first of its kind in New Brunswick. The passport-style map shows the 11 taprooms around the city. Gather stamps for exclusive #FredTapTrail swag.

New Guided Tours

Tipsy Muse, a local café launched new guided tours this past summer. A Foodie Tour and a Happy Hour Tour, both take place weekly and are 2-3 hours long. This summer they will also offer a Café Tour and Behind the Scenes Barista tour.

During 2020, Delta Fredericton transformed their lobby and restaurant to create a new bar and dining experience.

Stmr.36 Bar & Social, cooks up soulful BBQ flavours in a fun, family style atmosphere.

Market News

A new Northside Creators Market will re-open this spring at a new larger location to feature locally made goods and produce showcasing the city's northside community.

Food market at the Ex is a new "grab & go" food market opened last summer offering international flavors, featuring 10 vendors with fare ranging from Jamaican to Mexican.

Fun Fredericton Fact: Crowne Plaza Fredericton's rooftop veggie and herb garden also features bee hives. Honey is gathered by local meadery Pollen Angels to produce mead, aptly called 'Crowne Jewel'. It is believed they are the only hotel in the world to create their very own mead.

Fredericton al fresco

During the covid summer of 2020, bistro-style tables were installed in the city hall courtyard to extend seating at cafés and restaurants affected by physical distancing. Musicians and public art scheduled and a cool new dining space emerged which will continue for the 2021 patio season.

By the River B&B -a grand historic home on the river bank was restored into our newest B&B (2019). Owners share their love of cooking authentic Chinese food offering family style dinner for guests. They are currently building an addition for a full service spa to the B&B.

Fun Fredericton Fact Once a poor telephone operator who made delicious pickles, Maria Anderson became Fredericton socialite, Lady Ashburnham when she married Lord Ashburnham in 1903, but she's perhaps most famous for creating the popular mustard treat, Lady Ashburn pickles (find at the Boyce Farmer's Market



The Great Outdoors

Medicine Walk with Wabanaki Tree Spirit Tours

On a medicine walk through the old growth forest of Odell Park with Wabanaki medicine keepers Cecelia Brooks and son Anthony share knowledge about local flora and fauna and their use as medicines, food and in ceremony and the fascinating history of the Wabanaki people. Visitors can also book a traditionally prepared meal of Three Sisters Soup & Acorn Corn Bread www.wabanakitreespirit.com

The **Wolastoq**, our beautiful National Heritage River can be enjoyed with Second Nature Outdoors, who offer guided tours like *Paddle & Pint*, *Sunrise Paddle* or simply canoe or kayak rentals. Bike rentals and a Gears & Beers self-guided tour are also available to explore the trails system and taprooms along the way.

Another option for biking the trails in summer 2021 will be an electric bike rental from Pedego Fredericton.

Glamp Camp is a new operator in the region offering luxury outdoor accommodations with 10 luxurious, fully-equipped geodesic domes, each one with its own unique theme and wood-fired hot tub.

River Run Resort is another new camping option, located just 30 minutes from downtown. Fully equipped domes have a queen bed on the main level, 2 singles in the loft, mini fridge, microwave & a propane bbq on the deck,

New at the Botanic Garden

A Wabanaki Healing Garden will be completed in early 2021 and will highlight plants used in traditional Indigenous medicine, and it's being designed and planted in partnership with some local First Nations plant experts. Another interesting new garden found in the Botanic Garden is the new **Literary Garden**, combining the beauty of nature with written word inspired by New Brunswick writers and poets.

New All Wheel Plaza Official Opening Spring 2021

Fredericton will have a celebration to officially open New Brunswick's largest skateboard park this spring. The 15,000 ft² all wheel sport plaza features 3 bowls -the largest at 8'6", another at 7' and a smaller 4'6" bowl.

Fun Fredericton Fact: Fredericton is home to the oldest astronomical observatory in British North America, the Brydone Jack Observatory, which was established in 1851. The UNB's Physics Department hosts public viewing events of the night sky.



Multi-Generational Fun

Kings Landing -This scenic, open-air museum offers an authentic 1800s experience by immersing guests in the sights, sounds, colours, and personalities that heralded the transformation of a young colony into a vibrant nation. The bustle of farm life, the tantalizing aromas from old-fashioned kitchens, the distant melodies from lively musicians and the thunder of horse-drawn wagons combine to create an experience unlike any other. In 2021, Kings Landing will be open from Wed-Sun from June 9 to October 10 with new weekend events, exciting new off-season programming for Halloween and Christmas, and development of Indigenous programming.

Once the Historic Garrison District has been refurbished and re-opened, slated for late 2022 – early 2023, there will be even more family friendly summer programming to enjoy. The Outdoor Concert series, kids' adventures, Movies Under the Stars, Changing of the Guard Ceremony, Outdoor Summer Theatre and Garrison Night Market will continue, offering fun for all ages.

New Jail tour at NB's only science centre, Science East

From shackles and isolation, to metre-thick walls, 300lb. cell doors, and barb wire, the former York County Jail was designed and built as a place of incarceration from 1842-1996. Tour guides will unveil the people, places and events of this fascinating architectural treasure in the heart of downtown Fredericton.

New Exhibits at the Fredericton Region Museum

A Black History exhibit will open this summer with interesting stories of the Black Loyalists who came from the US after the Revolutionary War. Another new exhibit will feature Frederictonian, the late Stanton Friedman, famed UFO researcher. The exhibit will feature artefacts from his collection and programming like night sky watching from the balcony, the science of UFOs, etc.

Fun Fredericton Fact – Ever see a 42lb Coleman Frog?! In 1855 a frog in Killarney Lake was befriended by hotel proprietor Fred Coleman, but tragically, years later, killed by fishermen. The frog was taxidermied in Maine, displayed in Coleman's hotel for many years. He eventually found his way into the Fredericton Region Museum, a great source of amusement ever since.



Art & Architecture

Discover the unique character and stunning gems of Fredericton's architectural heritage; more than two centuries of vibrant styles of architecture.

Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, second-empire building reflecting the tastes of the Victorian era. The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, a Provincial Historic Site, has been the seat of government since 1882. View portraits of New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governors, a beautiful self-supporting spiral staircase and a complete four volume set of 435 hand-coloured copper engravings of the Birds of America by John James Audubon painted in the 1830's, one of only 200 sets ever produced.

Government House is an historical and architecturally important building that overlooks the Saint John River. The building has had a varied and colourful history since the first cornerstone was laid in 1826 and the official re-opening in 1999.

This June a **public art installation** by nationally recognized artist, Marlene Hilton Moore, will complete Fredericton's riverside gateway at the Victoria Circle Roundabout. The artist was inspired by Saint John River, stars and Fredericton's history and is creating a piece called *Blue Circle*.

Fun Fredericton Fact the clock in our City Hall's clock tower was used as a prototype for London's famous Big Ben!

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