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LET'S TALK KENT

GENERAL SERVICES

The Board of Directors (Board) and staff of the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) are pleased to share the Fall 2025 edition of the Let's Talk Kent! newsletter. In this edition, you'll find updates on current projects, community initiatives, and upcoming opportunities that matter to residents across our region. Our goal is to keep you informed, connected, and engaged with the work we are doing together.

Congratulations to Hilaire Kabula!

The KRSC team is proud to congratulate our Development Officer and Junior Planner, Hilaire Kabula, on recently completing his master's degree in environmental studies. This achievement not only reflects Hilaire's dedication and hard work, but also strengthens the expertise he brings to our region. His advanced knowledge will support sustainable growth, thoughtful planning, and a healthier future for all our communities. Bravo, Hilaire!



New faces

General
Services



Meet Our New Sport and Active Living Development Coordinator!

JOEL GOGUEN

The KRSC is excited to welcome Joel Goguen as our new Sport and Active Living Coordinator! With his passion for community engagement and healthy lifestyles, Joel will work with local organizations and municipalities to help promote physical activity, support sports programming, and develop initiatives that benefit residents of all ages. We're thrilled to have him on board as we build a more active Kent region!

SPORT AND ACTIVE
LIVING DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR



Meet the driver for our wheelchair accessible van!

MARC THIBERT

If you've ever taken a ride on the KRSC Mobility Van, you've likely met Marc Thibert! With a warm smile and a helping hand, Marc ensures that every passenger feels safe and comfortable during their journey. We are proud and so incredibly thankful to have him on our team, helping to keep our community moving every day!

KRSC MOBILITY VAN
DRIVER



Meet Troy - Hydro-Vac Truck Operator

TROY ADAMS

Troy is the skilled operator behind our Hydro-Vac truck, playing an important role in keeping our infrastructure safe and efficient. With expertise, precision, and a commitment to doing the job right, Troy ensures that every project runs smoothly. We're grateful for his hard work and dedication to serving the community!

HYDRO-VAC TRUCK
OPERATOR



Welcome, Marc Doiron!

MARC DOIRON

The KRSC is excited to announce that Marc Doiron has joined us as our new Level 3 Building Inspector. With his extensive experience and expertise, Marc will help ensure that construction in our region is safe, compliant, and built to last. We are thrilled to have him on the team and look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our communities.

LEVEL 3 BUILDING
INSPECTOR

THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK IS IN FULL SWING FOR ANOTHER CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

Did you know that in the summer of 2025, there were a total of **11 community gardens** in the Greater Kent Region?

Although the model varies from garden to garden—individual container gardens, collective gardens with assigned plots, school and community gardens, etc.—each of these gardens promotes a spirit of **sharing, solidarity and community engagement**.



Community gardens bring many benefits to our communities:

- They strengthen social ties and reduce isolation.
- They improve food security.
- They promote the importance of the environment and green spaces.
- They promote physical and mental health.

Community gardens in the Greater Kent Region

- Saint-Louis community garden (Saint-Louis-de-Kent NB)
- Rogersville collective garden (Rogersville, NB)
- Aldouane community garden (Aldouane, NB)
- Bonar Law Commons Garden (Rexton NB)
- École Camille-Vautour community garden (Saint-Antoine, NB)
- Sainte-Marie community garden (Sainte-Marie-de-Kent, NB)
- École Clément-Cormier community garden (Bouctouche, NB)
- Cocagne community garden (Cocagne NB)
- Outdoor classroom at École Dr.-Marguerite-Michaud (Buctouche, NB)
- Indian Island Headstart daycare garden (Indian Island First Nation, NB)
- Buctouche First Nation Garden (Buctouche First Nation, NB)

In the fall, activities are in full swing during the dormant season to harvest and prepare gardens. Many gardens donate their surplus produce to local food banks. Others, like the Cocagne garden, provide food to programs at Blanche-Bourgeois School.

Some gardens—such as those in Saint-Louis-de-Kent (Beaurivage) and Bonar Law Commons in Rexton (Five Rivers)—even offer a community sharing pantry, where garden surplus is made available to everyone.

These gardens flourish thanks to the dedication and hard work of gardeners: committed citizens, curious young people, and students passionate about learning to garden.

During the gardening season (May to October), we invite you to visit the community gardens near you. If you see our wonderful volunteers at work—or if you happen to run into Monsieur Cârotte (Mario Doiron) in action—come and say hello... and if you feel like it, come and get your hands dirty!



Ressources:
Facebook: [Kent Gardens Network](#)
Youtube: [Monsieur Carotte](#)
Tiktok: [carotte_au_jardin](#)



What is Champions?



Champions | Greater Kent Region is a local initiative dedicated to ensuring that every child in the Greater Kent Region has equal access to enriching artistic, cultural, and physical activities, regardless of their financial circumstances. By reducing the burden of registration fees, the program empowers children to explore their passions, build resilience, and experience personal growth through various opportunities, including music, dance, soccer, swimming, theatre, cadets, painting, martial arts, singing, and more. This initiative envisions cultivating confidence, curiosity, and a brighter future for all youth in the community.



CHAMPIONS.CSRK.CA

COMMUNITY PLAY BOX

Maybe you've noticed some new brightly marked boxes in your community? These are the new Play Boxes, created to encourage youth and families to get outside, move, and play together. Each Play Box is stocked with fun equipment like balls, racquets, and other gear to help make being active easy and enjoyable for everyone.

The best part? They're free to use! We just ask that when you're done playing, you return the equipment to the box so others in the community can enjoy it too. It's a simple way to share, stay active, and bring a little more fun to our outdoor spaces.

Locations :

Bass River Hall: 20 Fearon Cross Rd., Bass River

Pointe-Sapin Community Centre: 3268 NB-117, Pointe-Sapin

Acadieville Community Centre: 50 Richard Village Rd., Acadieville

Saint-Paul : 221 De la traverse Rd., Saint-Paul

Indian Island Band Office: 61 Island Dr., Indian Island



Physical Activity Habits Survey

The Kent Regional Service Commission wants to better understand the population's physical activity habits and needs. We invite you to complete a short (5-minute) survey to help us develop initiatives and programs tailored to our region. Your opinion is important and will directly contribute to making Kent a more active and healthy place!

Scan the QR code below to participate today.



Planning a subdivision? Start now for spring projects!

If you're considering a subdivision for spring, now is the time to start. The process involves several key steps:

1. Pre-Application Consultation: Meet with the KRSC Planning Department to discuss zoning and project requirements.
2. Application Submission: Submit your subdivision application with site plans and any supporting documents.
3. Technical Review: Development officer reviews your application for compliance.
4. Public Notification: Neighbours and the community may be notified for input.
5. Approval and conditions: Approved subdivisions may have conditions to complete before final registration.
6. Final Registration: Once conditions are met, your subdivision is officially registered.

Starting early ensures each step goes smoothly and your spring project stays on track. Contact the KRSC Planning Department today to begin!





Become a Volunteer Driver!

Volunteering with Transport Kent is a great way to make a significant impact in your community! By providing transportation to residents in need, you're helping to improve access to essential services like medical appointments, grocery stores and more!

🚗 Make a difference! Your time and generosity can change lives by providing safe and reliable rides.

👉 Connect to your community! Meet new people and strengthen community ties.

🕒 Flexible commitment! Choose the volunteering hours that suit you.

💙 Feel good giving back! Experience the joy of helping others while supporting a more resilient and inclusive region.

💰 Receive reimbursement of \$0.72/km!

📞 506-743-1490

🌐 krsc.ca/transport/



Transport Kent offers more than just transportation; it's a service dedicated to helping people stay connected, independent, and active in their daily lives. Whether it's getting to a medical appointment, picking up groceries, or accessing other essential services, we are here to assist.

Our drivers go the extra mile, and our clients remind us why this service is so important. Here's what some of them have shared in their own words:

"If it wasn't for Transport Kent, I'd have a hard time getting to my appointments. The drivers are always so kind."
- Client

"The rides are affordable and reliable. It just makes life easier." - Client

"It gives me peace of mind knowing I can get groceries and see my doctor without asking family all the time." - Client

"I know for some people this service is their only way to get around. That's why I'm happy to do it - it matters." - Driver

"It really gives me purpose and a reason to get out of the house, I really enjoy being able to help people" - Driver

"A lot of folks recognize me now-I'm not just their driver, I'm part of their routine. That's the best part of the program." - Driver



KENT ENTREPRENEURIAL ♦ GALA ♦

The Kent Entrepreneurial Gala was a tremendous success! The evening brought together local entrepreneurs, community leaders, and guests for an inspiring celebration filled with networking, great food, and entertainment. Thank you to everyone who made this unforgettable night possible!

The 2025 Award Recipients:

- *Tourism Business of the Year 2025: Phoca Tours*
- *Emerging Business of the Year 2025: Local Farmhouse Market*
- *Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2025: Justin Bastarache, East Coast Grains Inc*
- *Business of the Year 2025: Global Windows and Doors*



Bulky Waste Reminder

Do you have large items you've been meaning to get rid of? Don't forget to register for KRSC's Bulky Waste Collection! It's the perfect opportunity to clear out those larger things that won't fit in your regular garbage pickup.



Register!

506-743-1490

bulky.krsc.ca/front/?locale=en



And here's a helpful tip: if your item is small enough to fit in a garbage bag, there's no need to wait—you can put it out with your regular collection anytime. Why hold on to it when you can free up that space now? For example, DVDs, garden hoses, flowerpots, boots, and pots and pans can all fit in your clear or blue garbage bag. **Make sure to follow the 3-stream recycling system!**

Use green bags for organic waste (if it is edible, put it in the green bag!).

Use blue bags for recyclable waste (remember to rinse containers before throwing them in the garbage).

Use clear bags for everything else.





Leave the Leaves Be!

This fall, consider letting your leaves stay where they fall—it's better for your yard, the environment, and even your back! Here's why:

Natural Fertilizer: As leaves break down, they enrich the soil with nutrients.

Soil Protection: A natural layer of mulch keeps moisture in and reduces erosion.

Biodiversity Boost: Fallen leaves create shelter for insects, pollinators, and small animals.

Less Waste: Avoid filling and hauling countless bags of leaves.

Less Effort: Save your energy—no endless raking and bagging required!

So, this autumn, think twice before bagging your leaves. Nature has already provided the perfect system—just let it work for you! 🌿



Get ready to recycle!

Recycling is easy when you follow a few basic steps.



Separate your recyclables from waste and organic matter.



Rinse your containers to remove any residue.



Flatten your boxes and cartons to save space.



Put your recyclables in the blue bag.

Accepted materials:

- Flattened cardboard
- Paper
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Metal or aluminum cans and containers

Battery Disposal



Solid Waste

Don't toss your used batteries in the regular trash! Dumping them in clear, blue, or green bags can spark fires and unleash toxic substances, endangering both people and the planet. Luckily, the Kent Region makes it easy to do the right thing with *11 convenient battery drop-off depots* available year-round. **Dispose of your batteries safely and for free!**



Encased Batteries

Did you know? Many everyday items contain **encased batteries**—even ones you might not expect! These hidden batteries can still spark fires if tossed in the trash. Always check before you throw things away and bring them to a battery drop-off depot instead.

Cellphones

Laptops

Wireless headphones

Vape pens

Bluetooth speakers

Hearing aids

Musical greeting cards

Electronic scales

Cordless vacuums

Flameless-candles

DEPOT LOCATIONS



- Baie-Sainte-Anne – Home Hardware: 6 Chem. Rivière du Portage, Baie-Sainte-Anne
- Bouctouche – Place Lebourg (IGA): 191 Blvd Irving, Bouctouche, NB E4S 3K3
- Cocagne – Cocagne Variety :4702 Route 134, Cocagne, NB E4R 2Z5
- Elsipogtog – Fisheries Building: 33 Chemin Big Cove, Elsipogtog First Nation, NB E4W 2S4
- Pointe-Sapin – Omni Market (Co-op): 3273 NB-117, Pointe-Sapin, NB E9A 1T1
- Richibucto – Place Cartier (Tradition): 25 boulevard Cartier, Richibucto, NB E4W 3W7
- Rogersville – Marché Tradition (Co-op): 28 rue Boucher, Rogersville, NB E4Y 1X5
- Saint-Antoine – Home Hardware : 4612 Rue Principale, Saint-Antoine, NB E4V 1R4
- Grande-Digue – Notre Centre : 468 Route 530, Grande-Digue, NB E4R 5K3
- Sainte-Marie – Ste-Marie HIGHO : 2748 Rte 515, Sainte-Marie-de-Kent, NB E4S 2E6
- St-Louis-de-Kent – Marché Tradition (Co-op) : 10547 Rue Principale Unit 1, Saint-Louis de Kent, NB E4X 1E8



Did you know that improper battery disposal is responsible for hundreds of fires per year in Canada's garbage trucks and landfills?



Kent Region Business Directory



Exciting news — the Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) is putting together a Kent Region Business Directory to showcase and connect our amazing local businesses.

If your business has been around for less than five years, we'd love to hear from you! Just send your business name, address, and phone number to **micheline.leger@csrkc.ca** so we can add you to the directory.

Some business owners may also receive a quick call to confirm and update their information.

This is a great opportunity to get your business noticed and make it easier for our community to support local. 🛒🌟

visit our website:

WWW.KRSC.CA

The site contains a full list of KRSC programs, as well as various resources and tools.



Contact us...



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