

What's Happening in Oxford?

January - February 2020 Update

Have you noticed the **new NO PARKING signs on Main Street across from Canada Post**? To improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, no parking is allowed between these signs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. No one wants a parking ticket!

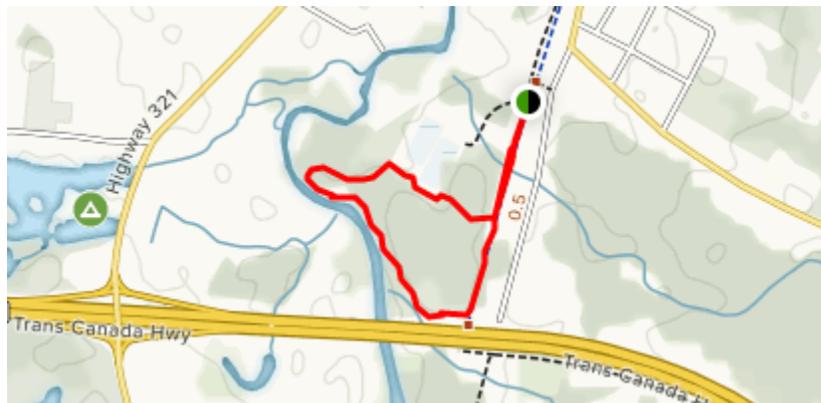
Based on work they've done and public feedback, the Town of Oxford's **Police Services Review Committee** expects to have a recommendation to Council within the next month.

After a jam-packed schedule of holiday-related things to do in our little town, Oxford took a short breath and is right back at it, offering lots of ongoing activities in which residents and visitors can get involved. And behind the scenes a variety of special events are being planned. Here are some highlights.

The arena is open for **free skating** on Wednesday and Fridays (4-5 pm) and Sundays (4-5:30 pm). Those wanting to book ice time should contact Corey Skinner, Recreation and Leisure, at 902 447-2798, regarding cost and availability.

The **Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club** continues to provide various activities for residents ages 55 and up at their hall on Ellis Street. While some events are specifically for club members (join for \$5.00 annually) others are open to anyone in this age range. Examples are Bingo on the second Tuesday of the month, 1-2:30 pm at only \$.25/card, various types of card games three times a week, Potluck suppers the third Wednesday of each month. A new club executive has recently been elected: President Carolyn Myers-Young, Vice President Sharon Rogers, Treasurer Ron Porter, and Secretary Betsy Cook. The Club is a good example of how Oxford and area volunteers continue to provide opportunities for social interaction and personal enjoyment for community members.

Now, let's talk about the **Bunny Trail**.



Yes, from the aerial view, it's shaped like a sitting bunny (just bend your neck to the left a bit and you'll see it).

* The dot on the map signifies the Station Street entrance. (<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/nova-scotia/bunny-trail-via-station-street>) . If you're standing at the Station Street entrance, turn the map upside down so that you're looking toward the Trans Canada Hwy.

** Please keep in mind that this map shows the Bunny Trail but not the other trails in that area.

At about 2.9 km, the **Bunny Trail** is considered an “easy” trail. When accessed from Water Street (look for the Trans Canada Trail sign by Station Street in South Oxford), you proceed in the TC Trail going toward the red bridge across the River Philip. The bridge is on the TC trail, running parallel to the Trans Canada Hwy. As you proceed in this direction, you will have the option to experience the Bunny Trail (on your right). Volunteers have contributed time and money to make this new walking/snowshoeing trail enjoyable for all ages. Stop and rest on donated seating, view the River Philip, have your lunch on the picnic table, watch for blue jays in the birdfeeders and feel stress ease away with this great woods-therapy experience. You’ll come back out on the TC Trail at the red bridge. You can also access the Bunny Trail by entering the Trans Canada Trail near the Irving on Upper Main Street.

Did you know? The Trans Canada Trail has been re-named the **Great Trail**.

Some Indoor Activities:

Although June seems a long way off, many young people (and their parents) are already thinking about the Prom. Thank goodness OREC is having a **Prom Dress Fashion Show and Sale** on February 5 offering a great opportunity to sell last year’s dress; buy one for this year at a very reasonable price; or just attend for the fun of it.

On February 15, you can spread a little love around at **Trinity United Church’s Valentine Tea**.

Mark your calendar for Oxford’s **International Women’s Day celebration on March 7**. It’s great to see several young women on the organizing committee and I’m sure it’s going to be an entertaining event.

April is National Poetry Month and the six-member Oxford Poetry at Large Committee has been planning the 2020 **Poetry Festival (April 25/26)** since last September. This year they are excited to include an Open Mic for youth, ages 12-20. Those interested in participating can see details on the *Oxford Poetry at Large* face book page or may contact me, at the Town Hall, (902-447-2250; email: rpatriquin@oxfordns.ca).

If it’s theatre that you’re interested in, be reassured: plans are already in the works for the Church Mouse Players’ April Dinner Theatre and the Cumberland Performing Arts Spring musical performances (“Aladdin Jr”).

In May, you’ll see two previous shows combined this year. The **Oxford Hunting and Fishing Expo and the Wild Blueberry Show & Shine** are scheduled for the Oxford Arena on May 23.

Importance of Volunteers:

Many of the above activities and events are made possible by volunteers. The Town of Oxford is now accepting nominations for the **Representative Volunteer of the Year Award**. If you would like to nominate an Oxford resident for this award, please send the volunteer’s name and a list of their volunteer contributions to Corey Skinner at the Town Hall by February 18.

Be sure to check out the printed monthly **Community Calendar**. If you haven’t received one in the mail, drop into the Town Hall for a copy or check it out at the Oxford Library. It is also on the Town website under the menu item, “Calendars” where you will also find **Community Events** calendars showing events in current and upcoming months.

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