



Sussex, NB 2018

Welcome to Sussex!



Welcome from the town of Sussex Mayor, Marc Thorne

Sussex is anxious to roll up its sleeves and continue to build on our success last season when we received our best score yet. We remain thrilled with our win in Class of Champions from 2017 and the recognition of the tremendous efforts of our dedicated group of volunteers who continue to invest so much in making our community one of the finest places to live in all of Canada.





Welcome from CiB Sussex, Chairperson, Joan Routledge

We feel fortunate to live in Sussex as it has managed to keep its warm personality while at the same time progressing to accommodate the changing times and needs of its citizens. We enjoy looking out for each other. Sussex is full to the brim with people who labor diligently to serve their community, and it shows! As a committee, CiB Sussex has had to deal with mountains of information regarding what is being accomplished in our community. I am proud to be part of something that showcases our wonderful town with our rich history, our community spirit, our commitment to the environment, and the beauty that surrounds us on every side. I hope you enjoy what we feel are the highlights of Sussex!





Our Mission



To foster civic pride, environmental responsibility, beautification, and green spaces

Our Values are

Beauty Begets Beauty | Order Begets Order | Pride Begets Pride A Wholesome-Focused Town Contributes to the Wellness of its Citizens

An Introduction to our Town

The town of Sussex is located in south central New Brunswick, strategically between the province's three largest cities; Saint John, Moncton, and Fredericton. The fertile land along the tributaries of the Kennebecasis River, attracted early settlers and the rural community of Sussex continues to thrive today. Our town has a great deal to offer individuals and families who like small town charm with all the amenities and services of a larger center. Today, the town has grown to population of 5,298 and more than 35,000 in the surrounding communities. The town provides regional services including health care, education, business, industry, and recreation.

Sussex is a visitors' paradise — a small-town friendly atmosphere, historic buildings and murals, and a new arts and a cultural centre. In addition to the Atlantic Balloon Fiesta and flea market, Sussex has added a new summer entertainment series event in July for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The residents of Sussex take great pride in their community, and the Communities in Bloom evaluation provides an excellent opportunity to review benchmarks and to plan for a continued wholesome and thriving community.

Thank you for joining us in this journey!

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ABOUT OUR ROOTS

Website: http://www.sussex.ca/

Population: 5,298

Service Area: 35,000

Municipal Budget: \$6,854,322 (2018)

Town Area: 9.03 square km

Non-motorized multi use trails: 4.8 km

Parkland: 80 acres



Judges' Tour 2018





Day	Time		
Thursday July 12 th	2:30pm 3:30 4:00 4:30	Lunch - Tour of Nature Trail and Transfer Station Co-op Community Garden - meet the gardeners SUN Nurseries Free time Meet & Greet AX Centre - Judges, committee and guests	
	5:30 - 7pm		
Friday	9:30 am	Library, Church Ave. Mineral Fountain	
July 13 th	10:30	Potash Corp. Civic Centre The People's Serenity Gardens Kingswood University Sunnyside teaching garden Discovery Park Gateway Mall Rain garden	
	11:30	Train Station 8th Hussar Museum Home Hardware	
	12:30	Lunch - Sussex Farmers Market / Leonard's Gate Uptown Murals	
	1:30	Kiwanis Nursing Home, Coventry Walk Princess Louise Park Ag Museum, ball fields, show centre, tennis courts, skate park	
	3:00	Mrs Dunster's mural 8th Hussar's Sports Centre Burton Park Golden Julilee Hall Rotary Amphitheatre 0'Connell Park	
	3:30	Free Time	
	6:30	Potluck Supper - Judges, committee and guests	
Saturday July 14 th		Judges depart	

New for 2018





Sussex SummerFEST

Sussex SummerFEST is a two week celebration of the rich history and culture in Sussex. The celebration features over 15 live events including: local and named entertainers, tour of the murals and reunions. Something for everyone!

Leonard's Gate

Leonard's Gate is located in the heart of downtown hosting many special events including the Sussex Farmers Market. The market is held every Friday from May to October and offers local produce, baking, crafts and ethnic food. A new decorative canopy was added to Leonard's Gate in 2018.



AX Centre

Ax Centre (Arts and Cultural Center of Sussex) is a charitable organization housed in a newly renovated, public gathering place for the arts. The centre has a professional gallery, classroom, retail shop, licensed café, an outdoor patio and a ceramics studio with kilns and pottery wheels.

The multi-disciplinary centre hosts literary open mics and readings, music concerts, artist talks, and workshops for young and emerging artists as well as experienced artists seeking professional development



Highlights





Co-op Community Garden

The garden offers residents the opportunity to have access to a personal garden. The Sussex and Studholm Agricultural Society donated the land for 20 garden plots and the town of Sussex provided the source of water. Mr. Harold Crowe, a local resident donated the compost for all the plots. Great enjoyment is gained by the participants from planting to harvest. Flowers and vegetables are often shared amongst the participants.

The park is located at the Sussex Elementary School.

Discovery Park

The principles of park design are to introduce natural elements back into the play environment to ensure children and adults of all abilities can meaningfully explore: Creative/Cognitive Play, Social Play, and Physical Play.

Winter Lights - LED displays



Festival of Trees



Tidiness





Residents, Local Businesses and Service Groups Pitch In

In addition to the scheduled dates for 'clean-up' by the town, residents and service groups also help keep our town tidy throughout the year.



Organizing Group—Season	Focus
Tim Hortons—Spring	Litter around town
Moffett's Pro Hardware	Adopt a stream- clean up
Nature Sussex—Summer	Litter along highway
Local Volunteers—Summer	Adopt a Garden
Sussex Middle School—Spring	Streets and trail
Kennebecasis Watershed—Fall	Canadian Shoreline Clean up
Town of Sussex—Spring & Fall	Residential Clean-Up
Town of Sussex—Spring & Fall	Hazardous waste
Town of Sussex— Winter	Christmas tree mulching



Year-Round Effort

From the earliest moment the streets can be swept in spring, to the cleaning up after the last hoorah at the Atantic Balloon Fiesta in September, to the Christmas tree mulch, the town of Sussex takes pride in how we live day to day with our neighbors and how we present ourselves to the world. Our town has incorporated tidiness into its bylaws with restrictions on unsightly premises.

Town Works Crew

The town crew is an essential part of the overall effort to achieve civic pride, environmental responsibility, beautification, and green spaces in Sussex. The CiB committee prepared a home made breakfast for the crew as a thank you!





The Town Residents at Work

Residents are invited to participate in two major clean-up days per year, spring and fall. This provides an opportunity to properly dispose of yard waste and other oversized items that might otherwise become unsightly.

Beautiful Streetscape

Our town council has committed to reviewing best practices toward implementing a bylaw to encourage the historical aspects of the down-town street scape by ensuring that any improvements and or new structures are consistent with a heritage style of building; for example, roof line and height.



Around-Town Waste Receptacles

Our town has purchased and installed attractive "Blue-Green" recycling bins!

Let's keep Sussex tidy!



Environmental Action





Town of Sussex Municipal Plan - Environmental

The town of Sussex is committed to sustain and enhance the environment while balancing the economic development of the town. Municipal policies include: protect and limit development in areas of river banks and natural habitat, appropriate zoning, flood risk management and waste and water management to ensure the best quality of air, water and land.



Completed projects to reduce energy demand:

<u>Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility</u> - 35% saving annually in energy costs (projected)

Implemented variable control to deliver system and meet required environment discharge parameters (Jan 2018)

Redirect energy demand from peak times

Installed soft motor starts and frequency drives on water pumping equipment to reduce hard starts at peak energy times.

8th Hussar Sports Centre - 50% reduction in energy over 10 years

Update refrigeration and plant controls, changed lights and controls and converted to cold water flooding. LED Lighting

Installed LED in all street lights and Christmas lighting. This change resulted in a 70% cost saving. Lighting at the library will be converted in 2018.

Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) Proposal

The town of Sussex is actively working on benchmarking and implementation of plans to achieve the recommendations under the International Panel on Climate change. Actions include a proposal to join other progressive Canadian communities in the Partners for Climate Protection Program to reduce green house gas emission and environmental stewardship.

One initiative is the evaluation of converting the decommission mine to a heat source for an open loop district heating and cooling system (geothermal). Projecting 65% reduction in energy costs a great incentive to attract industries to the future industrial park.



Town Turf Care

The town does not use pesticides and does not water turf areas. Mowing is carried out following a careful schedule from spring to fall.





Water Quality and Management

Inherent in the protection of water quality and management has been the construction and maintenance of well regulated sewage treatment facilities, storm water and snow removal management practices, and stringent industrial regulations. The town utilizes computer monitoring of water flow and detect any changes that may require intervention (leaks). The town continues to work with the provincial government to maintain water course quality and to enforce rigorous standards to protect ground water resources to minimize erosion and control flooding.

Water Waste Management and Storm Drainage

Our town has a well developed wastewater treatment facility in accordance with Department of Environment standards. An example would be the annual flush of water and sewer lines to ensure proper flow and water quality. The timing is monitored to balance of the extra flush of water with natural water movement and ensure adequate flow in case of demand for fire prevention, as all the water is from one source. Storm water retention ponds and other water management techniques, setback regulations from water courses, and regular monitoring of water quality entering the storm sewer system protect the water quality of streams and rivers from contamination.

Healthy Riparian Zones

The town is actively implementing a "Green Belt" – Future Land Use Map, to protect against erosion and to protect water quality. This will be achieved by sodding/planting vegetation and landscaping, by prohibiting future development within green belt areas, and by encouraging these areas to be used as open space or for other recreational activities. Appendix A

Trout Creek Restoration

The town is leading a restoration project to stabilize the bank of the Trout River in the downtown area. The proposal is a multi-year project and includes: new river channel alignment, and flood plain zone, a downtown riverside park, pedestrian bridge crossing and pathway.





REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Regional Service Commission 8 (RSC8) was established on January 1, 2013 with the merger of the planning and solid waste commisions from Kings and Queens counties. Land use plans and safe building construction play key roles in maintaining and improving the present and future social, environmental, and economic well-being of our communities. In September 2017, RSG8 introduced a 3 Stream Sorting System (Recyclables(blue), Organics (green) and Garbage (clear)). The initial response (2017) has been very promising with blue recycling bag contamination decreased by 14% and 16% reduction of recyclable content in clear garbage bags. These are promising results that demonstrate majority of residents are sorting their waste into three streams and not simply using whichever colour bag will be collected that week.



Norrad's Redemption Center

Residents of Sussex utilize this local service to recycle over 10 million containers (cans and bottles). The items are collected and transported to recycling depots.

Recycle NB - The town of Sussex businesses and residents also participates in Recycle NB for tire and paint collection.

Rail Line Use and Environmental Protection

In cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the town continues to determine and enforce dangerous goods routes in order to protect important aquifers in residential and environmentally sensitive areas.



Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee (KWRC)

Established in 1994, the <u>KWRC has completed over 57 restoration projects</u> within the watershed. All work is directed by public consultation and participation. The projects are conducted by the 2.5 full time employees and volunteers logging over 500 hours. Six summer students were hired in 2018 to gain experience as habitat technicians and education and outreach assistants.



Key areas of focus include:

Restoration A multiple or a combination of techniques to deal with riparian and aquatic habitat issues, including tree planting, bank stabilization, rock sills, groynes, fencing and bioengineering.

Environmental Assessing and Monitoring - An initial assessment was conducted in 1994. Ongoing monitoring is being conducted in habitat riparian zone, water quality, fish population and land use.

Education, Consultation and Public Awareness - Presentations have been given annually to over 1500 students and general public on restoring watershed health, climate change and fishing lessons.

A sample of activities include:

Storm Water Awareness

Rain barrels (50) were provided to residents to encourage the mitigate of storm water runoff and can help reduce your overall household water consumption. Additional demonstration sites were developed.

<u>Habitat in Box</u> - Project designed for students to learn about watersheds, interaction of ecosystems (water, pollination, animals) and hands on to build a bird boxes.

<u>Great Canadian Shore Clean up</u> - over 1 tonne of garbage is collect annually along the shore line of streams.

<u>Fly Fishing Demonstrations</u> - To promote the "no kill" section along the Kenebecasis River and conservation oriented angling practices. This annual event is filled to capacity.



Lower Kennebacasis - Murphy

2017 Restoration Project

On top of the bank, within a 5m setback, KWRC staff planted 3 red osier dogwood, 16 balsam fir and 3 red oak. These species will also help stabilize the bank, as well as provide shade cover to the river as they grow into mature trees. This effort will help in keeping stream temperatures down and provide viable fish habitat. The KWRC will revisit this site year to year to spot plant as necessary.





Biking in Sussex

Outdoor Elements leads weekly group rides along the Sussex Nature Trail and then head across the Bluff and road trips. 2017 was the inaugural Ellen Tour de Sussex. Funds raised from the ride will contribute to a bursaries for athlete in memory of Ellen Watters. Over 200 cyclist participated in 2018.



The Sussex Trail

Let us tell you about one of the favorite places in Sussex: The town of Sussex in cooperation with the village of Sussex Corner have developed a trail along the beautifully forested Trout Creek which runs through our town. Kept for the most part in its natural state, this green space provides a habitat for wildlife and enjoyment for our citizens. We are overjoyed what a passionate group, Friends of our Trail, is our of our newest endevours. The expertise of this group and the hard work of volunteers will enhance and maintin this beautiful space for year to come. Map Appendix B.





PotashCorp Civic Centre

Opened in 2012, the facility has an indoor aquatic facility and therapy pool, a fitness center, and a walking/jogging track. The complex offers first-class fitness facilities and wellness programs dedicated to the growth of persons in physical, mental and social wellbeing for all ages. Membership has grown to over 1000, including financial assisted membership to encourage participation for all.

Skate Park

It is very important to our town that our youth feel welcomed and valued, and the Town Recreation Department is tireless in providing facilities and events for fitness, learning, and leisure. Recently, the Town installed a 6000 square foot skate park featuring a variety of ramps and rails for beginner and more skilled skaters. We also love the funky paintings decorating the fence!



Heritage Conservation





Sussex **Train Station**

We are pleased that our town continues to use the train station to house the 8th Hussars Museum and Tourist Bureau. Built in 1913 the train station continues the tradition welcoming newcomers and residents alike.

Sully's Ice Cream Parlor

Our train station is also home to Sully's, a favorite stop for residents and visitors.

Sully's Ice Cream Parlor opened in the summer of 1997. Since its inception, it has been a student owned and operated business. Sully's employs six to eight students per summer and offers generous bursary and scholarship opportunities to their employees and students of Sussex Regional High School.

Be sure to try a new flavor of Sussex Ice Cream!



Sussex Fire Department celebrates 125 years of service



The Sussex Fire Department was established in 1893, with 200 feet of rope, 12 pails, 2 ladders and 3 axes. The department has grown to a full time Fire Chief and full time Captain, along with the following volunteer positions; Deputy Chief, Assistant Deputy Chief, 4 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 29 fire fighters and 2 chaplains. The department provides fire protection, search and rescue for over 15,000 citizens in the town of Sussex and in the 120 square miles of surrounding area.





Sussex—the Mural Capital of Atlantic Canada

We invite you to visit this one-of-a-kind 'outdoor art gallery' of 27 panoramic murals. Internationally renowned artists have captured our rich local history in vibrant colour from start as a Maliseet community to our proud military, agricultural, political, and sporting achievements. This project was sponsored by the Kings County Economic Development program.



Heritage Conservation Historical Properties



Historical Place Program

The Town of Sussex is a participant in the Province of New Brunswick's local Historic Place Program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Historic Places Initiative (HPI). We have 22 places registered including residential, industrial, commercial, and community historic properties. The Town as well as the property owners take great pride and work hard in preserving and maintaining our historic properties.

- 1. Slipp-Deichmann-Wallace Residence
- 3. Wallace Twins Houses
- 5. Dominion Building (currently Town Hall)
- 7. Gunn House
- 9. Williamson Residence
- 11. Squarebriggs Residence
- 13. Intercolonial Railway Station
- 15. Sussex Ginger Ale Factory
- 17. Fairweather Residence
- 19. Old MacDougall Residence
- 21. Trinity Anglican Church

- 2. Kirkhill Cemetary
- 4. Sharp's Drugstore
- 6. Brooks Residence
- 8. Forbes Residence
- 10. Sutherland Residence
- 12. Depot Hotel
- 14. Black-Palmer Residence
- 16. Church Avenue Fountain
- 18. Diadema White's House
- 20. Arnold House
- 22. Jonah Residence









Other Heritage Buildings of Interest—to list just a few

Moffett's Hardware Mercantile Block Sharps Drug Store Kings County Record Office

Court House Agricultural Museum Railway Gate House Tea Room

Our Cemeteries

- Kirk Hill —traditionally a Methodist cemetery the earliest stone is dated January 12, 1853; it is prominently located on the hill by Sussex Elementary School
- Sussex Corner Cemetery—traditionally an Anglican cemetery includes the burial plot for George Leonard; it is located in Sussex Corner
- Wards Creek—a cemetery used primarily for those of Catholic faith
- Evergreen Memorial Park—is our newest cemetery and is located on Aiton Rd.



Heritage Conservation-History of Service

8th Hussar Museum

The 8th Hussars Museum has been focusing on highlighting the history of the First World War. 2018 marks 100 years since the last year of what was called "the War to End all Wars." We have a new display about WWI tanks and another about the last Canadian, and perhaps last Allied soldier, killed in the war, including some of his personal effects.



The 8th Hussars has a long and illustrious history that is intimately connected to Canadian military glory. Canada's oldest continually serving cavalry regiment, officially founded in 1848.





In the earlier days of the regiment, the men brought their own horses from the farm to train at camp Sussex. The men were paid more for the upkeep of their horses than they were themselves.

Some Hussars volunteered to fight in the Boer War from 1899-1902. By the eve of the Second World War, however, horses were exchanged for motorcycles and ultimately tanks. During both World Wars, the camp rose to prominence due to its easy rail access and proximity to Halifax. Troops could be transported by rail from Sussex to Halifax in a single night, under the cover of darkness to aid in secrecy. The Hussars served with distinction on battlefields in France and Flanders in World War 1, and in Italy and Holland in World War II.

The 8th Hussars played a role in rebuilding the town of Eelde in the Netherlands after the end of the Second World War. These actions forged a relationship that endures to this day.

On May 5th a special ceremony commemorating the liberation of the Netherlands is held. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of Liberation of the Netherlands a Canadian Dutch Tulip Garden was planted at the Sussex town office.



Later the Hussars were stationed in Germany as part of Canada's NATO commitments and took part in peacekeeping operations in the Middle East and Cyprus as peace keepers for the United Nations. Some members served in the War in Afghanistan.

Today the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) is a Primary Reserve unit, continuing to supply men and women to support regular army (militia soldiers). In the summer of 2018 the Brigadier Milton Gregg VC armory will be expanded to house nine new Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles to support training efforts.

Celebrating Agriculture Heritage

Kings County Agricultural Fair - Longest running fair in North America

View handcrafted items while marveling at the best flowers and vegetables from local gardens. 4-H members exhibit their animals (cattle, horses, rabbits and more) as we celebrate the region's proud agricultural heritage. Held every August, it is the longest running fair in North America.





Agricultural Museum of New Brunswick

This museum is committed to preserving the rural heritage of New Brunswick with its collection of over 2000 artifacts representing human history and natural sciences.

The Antique Power Show on Victoria Day Weekend featuring antique tractor parade, tractor pulls and antique auction. Harvest Day on the Labor day Weekend with grain threshing, butter churning, wood cutting, cider pressing and blacksmithing.

Princess Louise Show Centre

The Princess Louise Park Show Centre Inc. facility is Eastern Canada's premier Agricultural Exhibition Center. The facility is fully booked over the summer with equine(dressage, rodeo and breed events), dog agility, 4-H and Kings County Agricultural Fair.





4-H in Sussex

4-H celebrated 100 years in Sussex in 2016. Following the motto of "Learn to do by doing" members (7 through 21 years of age) select a project (livestock or non-livestock). 4-H leaders are volunteers, often 4-H alumni. In addition, scholarships and travel opportunities are available within NB and across Canada. The 4-H New Brunswick 2018 Provincial Show will be held at the Princess Louise Park Show Centre on August 28 - 30.

Service Clubs and Foundations



Sussex has a large number of divers clubs, resource centers and foundations to support the community including:

- Kiwanis Kiwanis Nursing home and Kiwanis Aktion Club (Crosswinds)
- Lions- community lunch, support Sussex SummerFEST, host CiB monthly meetings
- Rotary spring mulch sales and town clean up, new roof for Leonards gate, O'Connel Park gardens, Amphitheater (Burton Park), support Sussex SummerFEST
- Sussex Area Community Foundation established in 2004 have given over 220 grants and 114 scholarships totally over \$1 million
- Annually the town of Sussex honours over 40 individuals at Volunteer Appreciation night.

Featured Events



Atlantic International Balloon Fiesta

Thousands of residents and guests gather the weekend after Labour Day for the annual Atlantic International Balloon Fiesta. Over 200 volunteers work all year to host Atlantic Canada's most colourful festival.

2018 marks the 33th year of this wonderful family event.

Our fiesta has enjoyed many accolades over the years including: Atlantic Canada's Community Choice, Tourism New Brunswick's Top Festival, and the American Bus Association's Top 100 North American Events. We have welcomed visitors from all over the world. Atlantic Canada's most colourful festival!

NB 55+ Games

In 2017 the towns of Sussex and Hampton co-hosted the Games. The Games are a fun-filled participatory event which allows participants to try a variety of activities over the course of the Games. Activities included: bowling, darts, floor shuffleboard, billiards, golf, swimming, washer toss, card games, board games, tennis, bocce, horseshoes, badminton, pickleball, and a timed walk. The 2017 event saw 200 participants from around NB come to the region.



Urban Forest





150 Sugar Maple Trees

Funded by a Canada 150 grant 150 Sugar Maple trees were planted involving students, youth groups, families and service groups.





Planting of a Vimy Ridge Oak Trees

Dignitaries, Veterans and their families, Landscape NB director Jim Landry, local CiB members and BTN Atlantic manager Joe Sturgeon gathered to plant a certified Vimy Ridge Oak at the Sussex Legion.

The oak is a grafted branch from a 100 year old oak in Ontario that originated from an acorn gathered at the Vimy battle by a soldier who sent some home to Canada. These trees were carefully grafted onto a hardy rootstock and when ready for the real world, 40 of the 200 were brought to Atlantic Canada by Brookdale Treeland Nursery.







Fundy Model Forest

The Fundy Model Forest promotes sustainable forests and communities. They also support outdoor education and habitat stewardship programs such as the enhanced Acadian Forest behind Sussex Elementary School in conjunction with the SES Home and School. This provides a wonderful opportunity for children to be actively involved and participate in maintaining a healthy, native habitat.

The community rallied in support of Sussex Elementary School's entry in the Majesta Outdoor Classroom competition, placing second. it was obvious that everyone appreciated how beneficial The project was beneficial for our children and a rallying point for our community at large.

Nature Sussex

Nature Sussex, which started over 25 years ago, holds regular field trips in various parts of southern New Brunswick. Their goal is to encourage members and friends to view and experience the wonders of nature.



They organized a bird count over the Christmas holidays, for example, and sighted 1562 individuals of 30 species. They are particularly following the dramatic change in Chimney Swift populations over the past 20 years. They continue to bring awareness to the choices we have to enhance the environment for the Sussex's feathered friends. We celebrate, however, as a community with the return of the bald eagle—missing from our skyline for many years.

Landscaping



Our Landscaped Parks and Greenspaces

We are very grateful that our municipality has had the foresight over the years to develop green spaces for the health of its citizens and environment. A consistent theme throughout our parks has been the merging of these two purposes - recreation and beauty. Within the town of Sussex there are 22 parks and recreation facilities, supported by local businesses and service groups. Regular maintenance is conducted by the town employees and summer students on a seasonal basis, from May to September.





O'Connell Park

O'Connell Park is located at the east end of our downtown. The gates at O'Connell Park, were built in 2004 to commemorate our centennial. The iron-wrought tree and stone work speak volumes of our love of the natural world and our solid footing within our community. The offset height of pillars and curved top are reminiscent of our rolling hills. O'Connell has been equally well-used and loved for the playground, special-needs swings, splash pad and picnic tables. The park is connected to the Sussex Public Library by a walking bridge. On summer evenings, yoga classes enjoy the tranquility of the park. The Rotarians maintain a flower bed in the centre of the park.

Castle Bridge

Castle Bridge is a beautiful stone bridge, built in 1910. Crossing under the bridge is a trail and walking bridge (seasonal) to Burton Park linking our two major downtown green and play spaces.



Burton Park and Rotary Amphiheatre





Burton Park by the 8th Hussars Arena is a happening place! It features ample space for events including Sussex SummerFEST, NB 55+ Games, the Atlantic International Balloon Fiesta, Relay for Life, the Antique Car Show and Giant Flea Market (accommodating over 900 vendors and its many thousands of visitors), Canada Day and New Brunswick Day celebrations, outdoor church services, and the list goes on.

There is never a downtime in our downtown parks!

Waterside park benches and picnic tables provide a respite for residents and travelers alike. A well traveled trail follows Trout Creek, passes over another foot bridge, and by a bird watching paradise along the stream to connect us to another area of our downtown on Maple Avenue making us a very pedestrian-friendly community.

Princess Louise Park - Year round activities

- 8th Hussars Sports Centre -home of the Rangers(ice hockey), figure skating, summer ball hockey
- Princess Louise Show Centre the Atlantic premier show centre
- NB Agricultural Museum
- Golden Jubilee Hall seniors centre
- Saint John Ambulance First Aid, CPR, babysitting courses
- Hans Lammens Tennis Centre
- Basketball courts and skate park
- Ball fields Carr, Stewart, McKnight, MacAfee and Eagles









The People's Serenity Garden

Located on property generously donated by Wallace Funeral Home.

The garden features a spectacular waterfall and stream, winding paths created with commemorative stepping stones, memorial benches, a gazebo, and lovely gardens.

As the garden grows, there will be an area in pink planted by breast cancer survivors, an area of daises in support of the Liver Foundation, forget-me-nots in support of the Alzheimer's Society, daffodils in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

This is a living memorial built by the community for the community offering comfort, peace, and reflection.



Playgrounds

There are six playgrounds in Sussex that offer a safe, fun area for younger residents embedded in the natural beauty of grass and trees. Many are supported by local businesses and service groups.

Floral Displays





Town of Sussex

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The town values the beauty of flowers and plants and the town celebrates the beauty of summer with:

- over 100 hanging baskets along the downtown streets,
- maintaining beds at the Town Hall, the Fire Department, the Sussex Public Library, the centre islands at Broad, Main, and Maple,
- Heritage roses at the tourist information center



The Downtown Business Association and members beautify their locations with colourful window boxes, planters, and flags. CiB Sussex rented over 30 planters to businesses as a fund raiser.

These cheerful embellishments entice and welcome everyone to the stores and businesses in our downtown







Daffodils in Spring

Sussex comes to life each spring with the arrival of yellow daffodils sprinkled all about the town. Our very own Ruby Gray, an English War Bride, brought us this terrific idea after a visit back to England many years ago.

Scotts Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection

Sussex CiB is excited to be selected to participate in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Best Garden for 2018. The committee will be nominating residential and business gardens for consideration. Thank you to the support of Scotts Miracle-Gro. Six winners will be selected in 2018.



Elliott Park

Located on Main Street by the railway tracks is Elliott Park complete with granite planter and fountain. It also features the mural by Ken White of the "Sussex Vale Exhibition Hall". The artist used a trompe l'oeil style to combine the grandeur of the building with the lively and engaging events staged within.



Planting of the Marigolds has been a initiative for several years. This activity knits together a large and diverse group of teachers and grade 6 students and volunteers! You will see the sunny marigolds along the scalloped beds at each end of Maple. Thank you all!



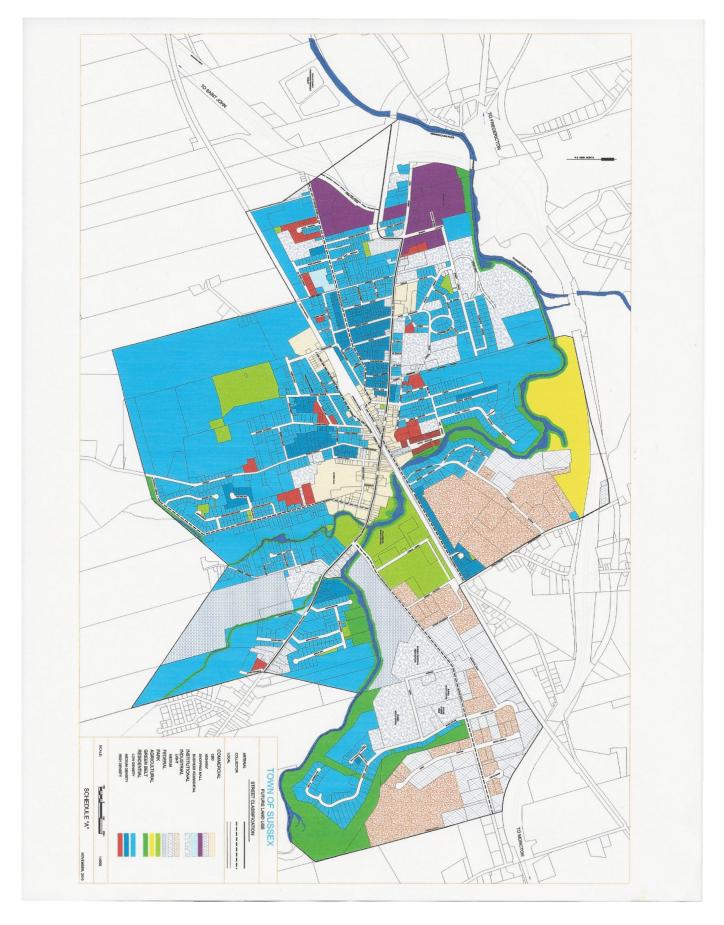
Key Community Members



Sussex a community, enhancing civic pride, environmental responsibility, beautification, and green spaces.	Group Leader or Representative
Sussex Mayor and Council	Marc Thorne
Sussex CAO	Scott Hatcher
Sussex Parks and Recreation	Jason Thorne
Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration	Ben Whalen
Nature Sussex	Judy Stockdale Dow
Regional Service Commission 8	Andrea Davis Hourihan
Murals	Fred Harrison
Fundy Model Forest	Nairn Hay
Kings East Development/Murals	Phil Sellers

Committee Members		
Joan Routledge	Lorraine Pollock	
Natasha Anderson	Joyce Macquarrie	
Wendy Anderson	Mullai Manoharan	
Debbie Armitage	Barb Pike	
Lynn Burnett	Colleen Stockford	
Michele Keys	Sarah Strang	
Joelle Lackie	Kathy Willie	
Rebecca Lockhart		

Thank you for coming to Sussex, New Brunswick!



Appendix A

Nature Walk



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