



How did we jam all this stuff into sweet little Sackville?

Sits beside a marsh like something Mrs. Tittlemouse dreamed up. Marshes and ponds. Full of quacks and honks and a vee line in the water of muskrats going home for lunch.

Ahh, but there's something else going on.

All these colourful marsh wiggle characters have their human equivalents. Musicians, poets, actors, writers, farmers, sculptors, professors, singers, dentists, car mechanics, and a bronze statue to a man who liked the town so much he swept the street everyday. For some reason, all this attracts bright and attractive people to Sackville.

They come for a look and stay for a life. Who knows why? But they arrive and change us all over again. Maybe it's because there's no plague hell of malls here, just little shops with stuff you can't get anywhere else. And a feeling it's okay to think. And do creative stuff. There's always a festival or recital or bake-off or triathlon or blues concert or something else going on. Over 300 events a year. All the darn time. Some people never go home. Shall it be the Mongolian Throat Singers or that kid with the magenta hair and the high C above C voice?

Unbelievable.

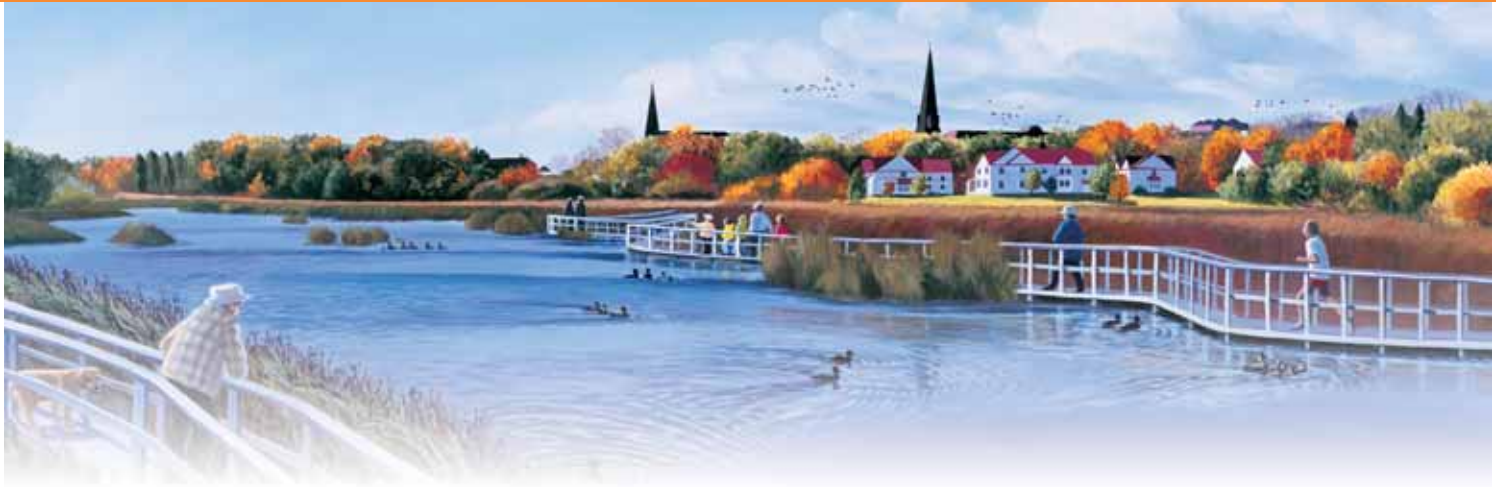
Yes, sweet little Sackville has an edge to it. So wound up in ideas and a sort of kaleidoscopic collision between serious University dudes and down to earth locals, that no one knows for sure where the next inspiring thing is going to come from. But it's going to come soon. Serenity in bed with excitement. That's sweet little Sackville on the Marsh. Come on over and join in.

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Sackville
NEW BRUNSWICK

Community



Sackville is...

- 2008 Cultural Capital of Canada
- 2006 Green Streets Community
- 2003 Municipality of the Arts
- "One of 20 great places to live in Canada" – *50 Plus* magazine
- "One of the best places to live in Canada" – *Chatelaine* magazine
- the home of Mount Allison University, ranked one of the top undergraduate universities in Canada by *MacLean's* magazine
- 5 Blooms finalist in the National Communities in Bloom program

A great place to live and get creative

Do you ever visit a place and immediately feel it's somewhere you could live? Sackville gives a lot of visitors that feeling, and many of them stay!

Location

Sackville is central to all of the Maritime provinces, so visiting friends and relatives is very easy. Halifax, Truro, Fredericton and Saint John are all linked to Sackville with four-lane highways, and the Confederation Bridge to PEI is only 40 minutes away. VIA Rail passes through town and we're a 20-minute drive to Moncton International Airport.

Lifestyle

No other small town in New Brunswick can offer the variety of lifestyle options that Sackville has. Sackville offers cultural activities second to none – live professional theatre, summer theatre featuring outdoor Shakespeare performances, free weekly concerts by local talent, studio tours, university music recitals, film society, blues society, jazz society, early music festival and performing arts series.

Volunteers can get involved in many ways. There are over 50 community organizations. Sports, theatre, art, drama, health care, parks, seniors' card parties and bowling are just some of the active organizations available here.

Green Community

Sackville is an environmentally responsible community. Some say it is the influence of the landscape, the traditions passed on from previous generations, and the presence of Mount Allison University.

Two community organizations, Tantramar Environmental Alliance (TEA) and Renaissance Sackville move many environmental projects from concept to reality. Examples include: Clean Sweep, environmental citizen of the year awards, reusable shopping bag program, a community garden, tree nursery, free mass tree planting projects and more.

Active transportation is supported by the Parks and Recreation department by creating bike lanes and walking trails to link the neighborhoods of the community.

Heritage

Heritage is the backbone of many activities in Sackville. The Tantramar Heritage Trust, with over 300 members, is the "cog in the wheel" for many heritage events. The Trust operates two museums, produces a variety of publications on local heritage topics, and hosts a regular speaker series as well as several community events during the year.

To find out more about living in Sackville go to www.sackville.com or call us at 506-364-4930, 1-800-249-2020.

A lifetime of learning

In Sackville, you never have to stop learning. High-quality educational opportunities are available for all ages, from early childhood to university, and we now have a new Seniors' College.

Sackville schools offer a low student-teacher ratio and have a network of community support, from university students who volunteer as tutors, to parent volunteers, and local businesses supporting extra curricular programs.

Salem Elementary School provides high-quality instruction in both English and French, for students from kindergarten to grade four. Full cafeteria service is provided, along with a gymnasium, music room, library, and computer workstations. Close to 500 students attend Salem.

Marshview Middle School provides French and English programs for students from grades five to eight. In addition to its gymnasium, cafeteria, library, and games room, the school has a fully equipped lab of networked computers. Approximately 360 students attend Marshview.

Tantramar Regional High School is well known throughout the province for its strong academic program and the quality and variety of its extracurricular activities. The school offers advanced courses in English, math, and chemistry and continues the French Immersion program.

Tantramar's innovative wetlands studies project is the first of its kind in the province. Using 40 acres of freshwater wetland as a classroom, students and visitors become active participants while learning.

Virtually all sports teams are represented. Close to 600 students attend Tantramar.

Tantramar Seniors' College

A new non-profit initiative was launched in 2008 and has already gained popularity. The Tantramar Seniors' College offers a series of stimulating, informative and affordable classes to the 55-and-over population in Sackville and the greater Tantramar region. Course subjects are wide-ranging and include culinary, art, computer skills, writing, and history.



Sackville Population.....	5411
(2006 Census)	
Mount Allison University	
Student Population.....	2250
Geographic Area	72 km ²



Mount Allison University

Located in the heart of Sackville, the lush campus grounds intertwine with the main thoroughfares of Sackville.

Mount Allison has been ranked among the top two undergraduate universities in Canada by *Maclean's* magazine for 15 consecutive years. No other small town in New Brunswick is home to a world-class university like this.

Mount Allison attracts faculty and staff who enhance the quality of life in the town. The professors are top notch, both academically and socially, and many volunteer time to various organizations. They are also world travelers and bring the global perspective not only to their classrooms, but to the cafés and community meetings they attend.

Mount Allison draws unique students as well. They are socially responsible, environmentally astute and quickly transit from being a student to future leaders of their communities. Their energy is felt on campus and throughout the community.

The University understands the importance of working with the community. Many events are open to the public, usually at no charge, and the university supports programs like the *Festival By The Marsh* which provides workshops and programming for both residents and visitors.

For more information about Mount Allison University visit www.mta.ca.

Always something to do...

The Sackville Parks and Recreation Department employs full time staff and offers a variety of programs for adults and children throughout the year, ranging from sports-related programs such as swimming and tennis, to art and music, to activities for special populations.

The extensive Summer Quest weekly camp series for children features games, sports, drama, day trips, sleepovers and special events. Children 4 to 6 and 7 to 12 can be enrolled in the weekly program for a very reasonable fee.

Tennis for both children and adults is offered by the department during the summer months and is supervised by knowledgeable tennis instructors.

The headquarters for the Parks and Recreational department is the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre. Features of the Centre include ice surface, meeting rooms, canteen, Sackville Sports Wall of Fame and large Mezzanine level for meetings and events.

The 55-acre freshwater Sackville Waterfowl Park is perfect for a morning or evening stroll, you can even bring along Benji (as long as he's on a leash). The other large park in Town is Beech Hill Picnic Park located beside the TransCanada highway. Beech Hill is an excellent spot to walk or run, snow shoe or ski, or just a place to take the family for a picnic and enjoy the majestic views of the Tantramar marshes.

Sackville offers many organized sports including baseball, football, hockey, soccer, basketball, competitive swimming, curling, boxing club, highland dancing, skating and many more. Many of the youth sports teams from Sackville represent the region at provincial tournaments demonstrating the quality of the coaches and volunteers in the community.



Services



A diverse economy

Over the years, Sackville's business landscape has changed to reflect the importance of technological expertise and a broad economic base. Through a concerted effort to create an attractive business environment, Sackville has become the preferred location for a variety of businesses.

Today such diverse entities as Mount Allison University, Moneris Solutions - a leader in merchant processing technology, national and international manufacturing and distribution companies, IT companies, and a healthy small business sector are thriving here.

A caring community

Health Care

Sackville is home to the Sackville Memorial Hospital, a 20-bed facility featuring inpatient care, a 24-hour emergency department, day surgery program and outpatient services. The hospital is also home to the local Red Cross and VON offices. Eight family physicians practice in Sackville along with one naturopathic doctor.

Dentists, physiotherapists, chiropractors, massage therapists, optometrists - they're all found in Sackville, so traveling out of town for services is not an issue.

For more information on the Sackville Memorial Hospital and the available services, visit www.serha.ca/sackville_hospital.

Senior Care

The United Church Home For Senior Citizens, Inc., operates the 90-patient Drew Nursing Home as well as Tantramar Residences, which includes 9 cottages (4 units per cottage) for independent seniors. Both facilities are located adjacent to Mount Allison University and within walking distance of downtown. For more information visit www.drewnursinghome.ca.

The Charlotte Street Senior Care home and several seniors housing units complement the community's senior care resources.



Small Town, Big Service

Local residents rave about having the best snow clearing services. Maybe it's the influence of having so many active citizens who enjoy being able to get around town on foot. Or maybe it's because of the dedication of the municipality to make Sackville a great place to live every day.

Water and Sewer Services

Water is supplied to the town through a state-of-the-art water treatment plant which is fed by deep wells. The water treatment facility removes particles of iron and manganese while providing a secure supply of high quality water. The town also provides for the design, construction, and maintenance of storm and sanitary sewers.

Refuse Collection and Recycling Services

Sackville has a residential curbside garbage pick-up which is taken to the Westmorland Albert Solid Waste facility, a processing and recycling centre located in Moncton. The cost of weekly residential garbage collection is paid for through property tax.

Wheaton's All In One, a privately owned redemption centre, is located in the Sackville Industrial Park. The centre is registered with the Department of Environment and authorized to collect beverage containers and pay refunds. It also takes scrap metal, car batteries, cardboard and newspaper.

The Westmorland Albert Solid Waste Corporation implements a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection days in conjunction with the town's Spring and Fall clean-ups.

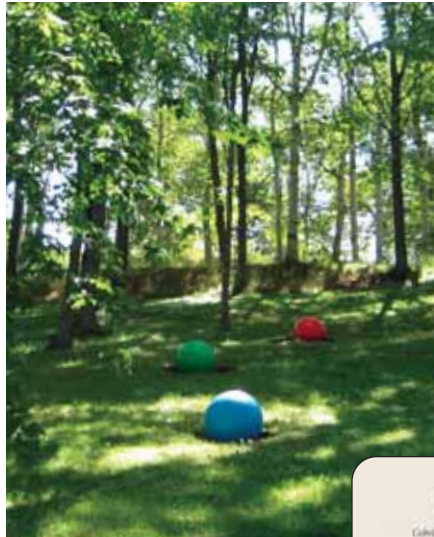
RCMP Policing

Police services in Sackville are provided by the RCMP. Members of this force provide excellent bilingual service to our community. Rural and highway detachments of the RCMP also provide services in the surrounding areas.

Volunteer Fire Department

A recent survey of over 100 local businesses gave our volunteer fire department a 99% approval rate for responding to calls for assistance. The department maintains a fleet of modern vehicles and draws on over 40 members.





Virgil Hammock

The Ultimate Poetic Experience – Strolling Through A Prize-Winning Poem.

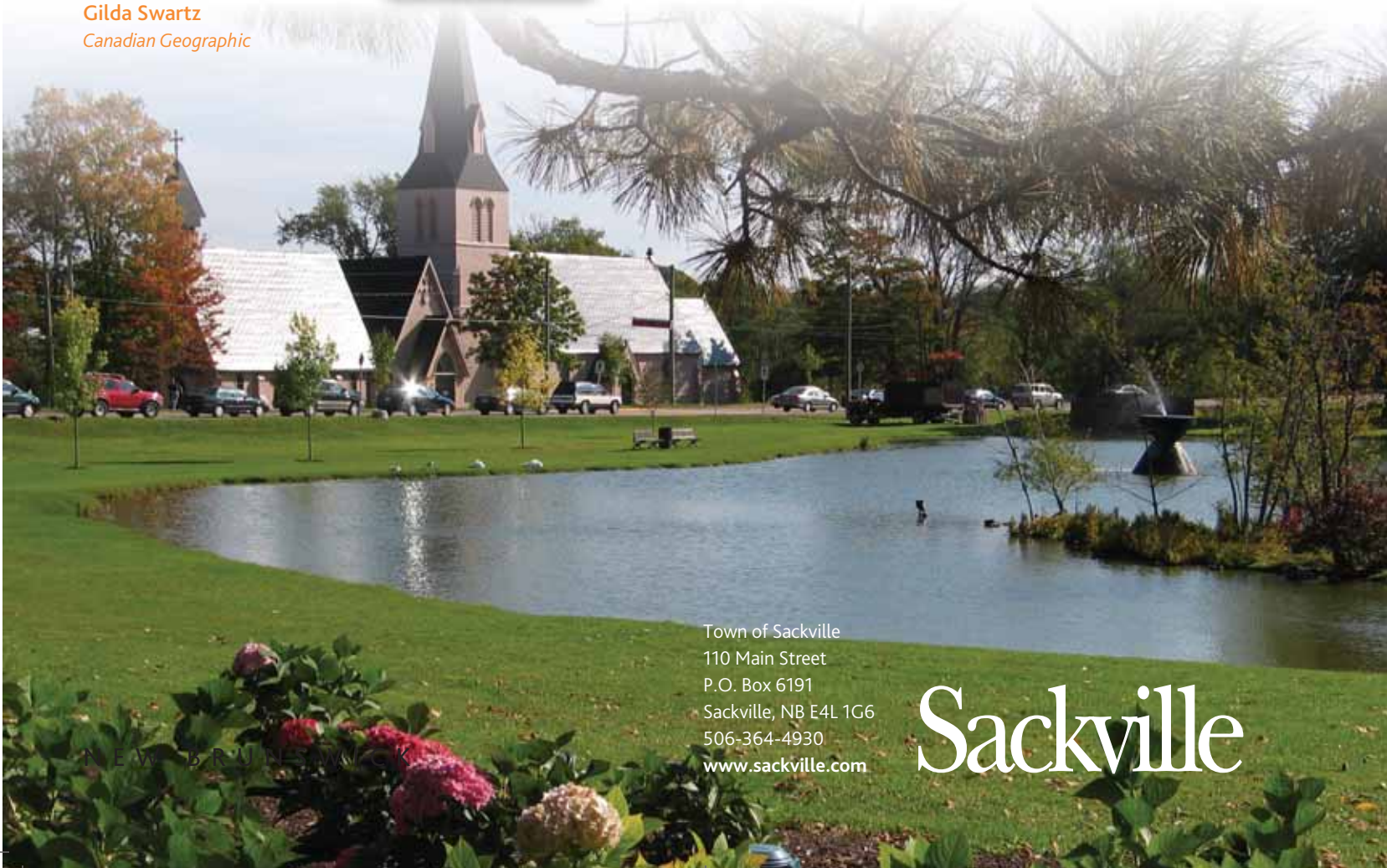
Poetry is in the air in Sackville. Well, actually it's on the Town's utility poles, 31 of them throughout the marshside town. And the poem is Douglas Lochhead's *High Marsh Road*, which has won the prestigious Carlo Betocchi Prize for poetry in Florence, Italy. Lochhead, who happens to be Sackville's official poet laureate, wrote *High Marsh Road* as a daily four-month diary account of life and thought beside one of the world's great salt marshes. The 31 verses placed on utility poles cover the month of September, and bring the strolling reader close to the entrance of the Sackville Waterfowl Park.

So one can stroll through a poem, in the most reflective surroundings and end up with a walk through part of the marsh, alive with geese, ducks and all manner of waterfowl. This year, the Park also contains many environmental sculptures in celebration of the Town being awarded the title of 2008 Cultural Capital of Canada. Environmental sculptors from Belgium, Mexico, France, Germany, the United States and Canada have added to the beauty of this natural park with their works. Sackville is indeed a place where creativity flourishes.



Sackville is as mellow as the marsh that sits at its centre. But behind Sackville's quiet façade is a rich cultural life you can easily unearth.

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