

RESOLUTION 2021 CENSUS

Census data are critical to decision makers and Canadians from coast to coast. In addition to informing public policy, census data are vital for planning schools, hospitals, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and skills training for employment. In addition, census data support numerous municipal programs related to infrastructure and public transportation and are used to measure Canada's sustainable development and environmental goals. Information from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial because it will help communities evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to better plan for the future.

Census collection will begin on **May 3, 2021**. Statistics Canada has adapted the collection process to ensure that all Canadians remain safe while participating in this vital national exercise.

Statistics Canada will do everything it can to get Canadians to respond to the census without an in-person visit from a census employee. Completing the census questionnaire online is the best and fastest way to fulfill the census obligation. They anticipate that the great majority of Canadians will complete the questionnaire through their efficient, secure and user-friendly online application. Respondents without reliable access to the internet can also call the Census Help Line to complete their census questionnaire over the phone or request a paper questionnaire.

In cases where a Statistics Canada census employee is sent to a dwelling for non-response follow-up, a new no-contact protocol will be followed. Under this protocol, no interviews will be conducted inside the respondent's dwelling. These interviews will instead be physically-distanced and the census employee will be required to wear a mask, and follow all public health guidelines.

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the City of St. John's supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data will support programs and services that benefit our communities.

Danny Breen, Mayor

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