



The Town Crier

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Strategic Planning Public Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the initial Strategic Planning Public Survey. With close to 90 surveys completed, there is a great amount of public input to draw on as the Town moves forward with its Strategic Plan review. All of your comments and responses will be taken into consideration as we continue to work on the next phase.

There will be opportunities for further public input in the future and we will let you know about upcoming focus groups and surveys.

Finally, a huge thank you for all those who listed their names to be involved in future surveys and/or volunteering. It is very much appreciated.

Below are the top 10 results from the survey in the areas of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.

Strengths	Max 5.0	Weaknesses	Max 5.0
Access to high speed internet within Town	4.30	Empty storefronts on St. George Street	4.27
Good services (health centre & school)	4.28	Absence of young entrepreneurs	3.99
Appealing location (climate & waterfront)	4.22	Businesses need to expand hours	3.99
Safe community	4.16	Lack of opportunities for young people	3.96
Good lifestyle	4.14	Need more businesses	3.96
Good Town Infrastructure	4.11	Aging population – lack of young families	3.90
Strong culture & arts community	4.08	Town needs to improve at marketing itself	3.88
Great community events	4.07	Annapolis River is underutilized	3.86
Great tourist attractions	4.03	Need to extend tourist season	3.84
Historic Town	4.02	Lack of fibre-opt internet	3.81
Opportunities	Max 5.0	Threats	Max 5.0
Develop waterfront & basin for boating	4.12	Loss of the health centre	4.13
150 Anniversary of Canada	3.99	Loss of businesses	3.92
Create evening downtown activities	3.97	Declining & aging population	3.88
Eco-tourism & winter tourism expanded	3.95	Internet is poor yet key to our future	3.85
Use Fort Anne for concerts & reenactments	3.92	Declining school enrollment	3.83
Improve internet to attract people/business	3.87	Empty store fronts – need tax incentives	3.83
Tourism development in shoulder seasons	3.87	Reduced operation - Fort Anne & Port Royal	3.76
Promote water activities in basin	3.87	Decreasing diversity in shops & services	3.71
Potential to develop rail bed	3.87	Small tax base	3.71
Encourage new home based businesses	3.83	Not enough promotion of our history	3.71

Mayor Tompkins
is available by
appointment

Call 902-532-2043
or email

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**For Public Works
Emergencies**
please contact the
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Department at
902-532-8347

**Town Hall
Hours of Operation**
The Town Office is open
Monday to Friday
from 9:00am to 3:00pm
902-532-2043

If you witness any vandalism or unlawful behavior within the Town of Annapolis Royal, please report the incident to the Annapolis Royal Police Department. Thank you for your help in this matter.

To contact the Annapolis Royal Police Department
CALL 902-532-2427
Any time, 24 hours a day

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Next Meetings

Planning and Heritage Advisory
Committee
April 4th @ 9:30am

Committee of the Whole
April 6th @ 6:00pm

Marketing & Economic
Development Committee
April 12th @ 6:00pm

Board of Police Commissioners
April 13th @ 9:00am

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory
Committee
April 14th @ 10:00am

Council
April 18th @ 6:00pm

Waterfront Development
Committee:
April 21st @ 6:30pm

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MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL— FEBRUARY 16, 2016:

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-03—Janitorial Tender

It was moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Paquette to accept the Janitorial tender proposal subject to at least one more satisfactory reference and a plan on how they would manage the workload if they were to go away or fell ill. Motion carried.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-04—Holding a Public Hearing

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Mersereau to hold a Special Council meeting for the purpose of a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of the Annapolis Royal Town Hall at 6:00 pm, March 9, 2016. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comment from the public on its intention to enter into a Development Agreement with King's Theatre Society and Annapolis Royal Wharf Association. Motion carried.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-05—Holding a Public Hearing

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Paquette to hold a Special Council meeting for the purpose of a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of the Annapolis Royal Town Hall at 6:00 pm, March 9. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comment from the public on its intention to enter into a Development Agreement with Daniel and Krista McClair. Motion carried. Councillor Mersereau abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-06—Removal of temporary stop signs at the lights

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the temporary stop signs used at the intersection of Prince Albert Road and St. George Street be removed. Motion carried. Councillor Mersereau voted nay.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-07—Approval of a Committee Policy

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Mersereau that Council approve the amendments to the Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee Policy. Motion carried. Councillor Mersereau voted nay.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-08—Committee Appointment

Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that Council accept Ruth Thorbourne's application to become a member of the Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee and appoint her to the Committee as a replacement for Ashley McCormick. Motion carried.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-09—Approval of amendments to a policy

It was moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to approve the adoption of the Draft for the Municipal Planning Strategy, Policy Number 2016-1, as presented to the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 3, 2016. Motion carried.

MOTION #C-2016-02-16-10—Town's Volunteer Nomination

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Paquette that Council nominate Harry Jost as the Town's nominee for the 2016 Volunteer awards. Motion carried.

MOTIONS FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL— FEBRUARY 22, 2016

MOTION #SC-2016-02-22-02

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that Council approve for the purpose of giving initial consideration of entering into the development agreement process with King's Theatre Society and the Annapolis Royal Wharf Association to permit the construction of an accessory structure (deck) on the portions of PID 05004213 and PID 05003769 as proposed in the application dated November 18, 2015; that the development of the proposed accessory structure to be reviewed by the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to alterations to a registered heritage property; and that the development of the proposed structure is in compliance with the J. Elliott "Deck Concept" and "Deck Elevation" drawings submitted. Motion carried.

MOTION #SC-2016-02-22-03

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson that Council approve for the purpose of giving initial consideration of entering into the development agreement process with Daniel and Krista McClair to permit the construction of a dwelling unit in an existing accessory structure at 438 St George Street (PID 05002126) as proposed in the application dated December 7, 2015; that development of the proposed accessory structure be reviewed by the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to alterations to a registered heritage property; and that the applicant prepare and submit a Site Plan suitable for inclusion in the Development Agreement, accurately representing the existing property and condition, which is consistent with the image provided with the application. Motion carried. Councillor Mersereau declared a conflict of interest.

MOTIONS FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL— MARCH 9, 2016

MOTION SP2016-03-09-02

It was moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Hudson that Council enter into a Development Agreement with King's Theatre Society and the Annapolis Royal Wharf Association to permit the construction of an accessory structure (deck) on the portions of PID 05004213 and PID 05003769 as proposed in the application dated November 18, 2015; that the development of the proposed accessory structure to be reviewed by the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to alterations to a registered heritage property; and that the development of the proposed structure is in compliance with the J. Elliott "Deck Concept" and "Deck Elevation" drawings submitted and further, that the form of the development agreement be as presented to the Public Hearing and this meeting with a slight amendment to paragraph 5 headed "Matters Being Substantive" to insert a comma in the first sentence between "change" and "proposed" and a second comma after "use" and before "or" in the first line and insert the word "in" immediately before "the" in "the design" in the first line and further, that Schedule C to the Draft Agreement be amended by changing the PID number that is now 050042312 to PID05004213. Motion carried.

MOTION SP2016-03-09-03

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson that Council enter into a development agreement with Daniel and Krista McClair to permit the construction of a dwelling unit in an existing accessory structure at 438 St George Street (PID 05002126) as proposed in the application dated December 7, 2015; and that the development of the proposed accessory structure be reviewed by the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to alterations to a registered heritage property. Motion carried. Councillor Mersereau abstained from voting as he declared a conflict of interest.

April Calendar of Events

Apr 1	April Fool's Day
Apr 5	Movie: <i>Jafar Panahi's Taxi</i> at King's Theatre, 7:30pm
Apr 9	Auction & Celebration of the Arts at ARRA, 6:30pm. See pg 5 for details.
Apr 12	Movie: <i>Mustang</i> at King's Theatre, 7:30pm
Apr 14	Champlain Garden Club at the United Church, 7:30pm. See pg 5 for details.
Apr 16	Helen Opie will give a short talk and answer any questions about her work (paintings or sail boat), at ArtsPlace, in the Chapel Gallery, 1:00 pm. Free admission.
Apr 16	Yard Sales! See pg 5 for details.
Apr 16	Friends of the Library Speaker Series at St. Luke's Church Hall, 2pm-3:30pm. See pg 6 for details.
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 22-24	Play, "The Hollow" at King's Theatre. See pg 4 for details.

RECURRING EVENTS:

- Mondays:** Seniors' Afternoons Out 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesdays: Weekly Fun Pool Tournament at the Legion
Wednesdays: Bingo at the Legion
 Seniors' Afternoons Out 1:00pm-4:00pm
Thursdays: Drink & Draw at the Legion 7:00pm
Fridays: Friday Night Music at the Legion
Saturdays: Weekly Fun Pool Tournament at the Legion
 Farmers' Market at the Historic Gardens 9:00am—12:00pm

See pages 3-5 for details on recurring events. Please see page 3 for details on Legion Events.

For more complete details on events, please see the Town online Events Calendar: www.annapolisroyal.com/events

Gardening Organically

Getting it Right from the Start

Workshop Series

Thursdays from 1-4pm



- March 24th** Starting Seeds Indoors - When, What and How to Plant
March 31st Soil and Compost - Organic Soils are Alive!
April 7th Garden Design - Raised Beds, Trellises, Tilling and More
April 14th Planting and Growing - Giving your Plants What they Need
April 21st Tools - Choosing, Using and Keeping Top-Notch Tools
April 28th Pests & Diseases - Managing with the Organic Approach

Sessions are \$25 per person and include resource material and refreshments. Sign up for all 6 weeks for the price of 5!
 Registration required. Seating is limited to 10 people per session.

HOPE SEEDS
 Growing for Generations

For more details and to register, please contact:

324 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal
 902-286-4673 • hopeseed@eastlink.ca
www.hopeseed.com

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Legion Events - Perpetual

Bingo – The Port Royal Branch #21 Legion in Annapolis Royal holds bingo every Wednesday evening, starting at 7pm. Please arrive early to buy ticket books. **Open to the Public & Everyone is welcome.**



New Fall / Winter Hours

Monday – Closed
 Tuesday to Thursday: 12pm - 9:30pm
 Friday: 12pm – 12am
 Saturday: 4pm – 10pm
 Sunday: 2pm – 6pm

Weekly Fun Pool Tournament

The Port Royal Branch #21 Legion in Annapolis Royal holds weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:30pm. \$5 to play, all proceeds go into prizes. **Open to the Public & Everyone is welcome.**

Drink & Draw – Do you paint, draw, quilt or are otherwise artistically gifted (or not!)? Come out for Drink & Draw at the Port Royal Legion, Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal, every Thursday night, starting at 7pm. **New Biweekly Challenges!** Every 2 weeks a new subject is drawn to produce in the medium of your choice (participation voluntary). **Open to the Public & Everyone is welcome.** (Drinking not required!).

Weekly Music - Port Royal Legion, Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal is happy to announce that our great local musicians will play a music set from 8 – 10pm (or later) each Friday night! The **Chase the Ace** draw will begin the night, with the draw at 8pm sharp, so arrive early to ensure your chance to win the jackpot! Tickets are on sale all week long. See the schedule on our Facebook page or drop by the Legion for more info. **Open to the Public & Everyone is welcome.**

ABOT April meeting, Thursday April 14

The Annapolis Board of Trade will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 pm** at PeopleWorx, 253 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. Come find out what your Board of Trade is planning for spring! All members are welcome.



Representing the Annapolis district area since 1946

Celebrated every year on April 22, Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians—including nearly every school-aged child—participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities.

To get involved or to find out what is going on in communities across the country, visit <https://earthday.ca>.



Want to know about events and announcements in the community? Contact us at admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.



Kitchen Hours
 Mon-Fri 11am-10pm
 Sat 10am-10pm
 Sun 12pm-8pm



ANNAPOLIS ROYAL BRANCH

285 St. George Street
 Phone: 902-532-2226
<http://www.valleylibrary.ca>

HOURS

Monday	2:00 pm—5:00 pm 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am—5:00 pm 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—2:00 pm

The West Annapolis Chess Club - Whether you're a chess master or simply want to learn how to play chess, everyone invited. Thursday nights 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Rotates between Bridgetown and Annapolis Royal.

Contact via e-mail at:
l.c.lombard@ns.sympatico.ca or
tfeloc@hotmail.com for more information.

WORKSHOPS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

LEARN NEW SKILLS • MEET OTHERS • GAIN CONFIDENCE

DATE & TIME	WORKSHOP	COST
Tuesday April 5th 2016 9:00am - 4:00pm	Safe Food Handlers	\$45
Tuesday April 12th 2016 9:00am - 4:30pm	First Aid & CPR	\$67.50

Book Now, Limited Seats! Full payment to reserve seat.
 Lunch not included



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Whodunnit? When Dr Cristow and his wife visit Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell at their country house for the weekend, they bump into both his mistress and his ex-lover... A dead body, suspects, motives and opportunity abound.

Penned by the world's most renowned murder-mystery playwright, Agatha Christie, "The Hollow" is being brought to the stage at King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal this spring. The cast and stage-crew from the Annapolis & District Drama Group invite you to sleuth along with Inspector Colquhoun and Constable Penny as they wrestle with clues, motives and alibis in their efforts to solve the crime.

Performances run Friday, April 22, 7:30pm, Saturday, April 23, 7:30pm & Sunday, April 24, 2pm at King's Theatre. Tickets, priced \$12 Advance / \$15 Door / \$5 Youth, are available direct from the King's Theatre Box Office or by calling 902-532-7704, or order online at <http://www.kingstheatre.ca/>

Come out and support the Volunteer Fire Department

HUGE Yard Sale at the Fire Hall

Saturday, April 16th from 9am-2pm.

Rain or Shine-Inside Yard Sale

Rent your table for \$10

Open to all

Call or email 902-532-7781

bloiver@ns.sympatico.ca

The Firemen will also be holding a carwash and BBQ from 10am-2pm.

Come shop, eat, and have your car cleaned all in one stop!

The Champlain Garden Club, Annapolis Royal, will meet on Thursday, April 14, 7:30 PM at the United Church at the lights.

Come and hear Jill Colville of Bunchberry Nurseries, Upper Clements speak about

B & B Gardens: Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Garden

Everyone is welcome to attend.

YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

Where: Catholic Church on St. George Street, in the basement

When: April 16th
9am-3pm

Annapolis Community Mapping Project Open House

April 7th from 1pm-3pm
College of Geographic Sciences, Lawrencetown NS

Join the volunteer participants and students to view the latest information placed on the web based map, learn how you can be a part of the project, and interact by placing yourself on the map and experience MapAnnapolis.



Mother's Day BRUNCH

Annapolis Royal Fire Hall
Sunday, May 8, 2016
10 am to 3 pm

Catered by Chef Paula Buxton of Leo's Café
Don't miss out.

Choice of:
• Waffles with fruit, cream and sausage
• Quiche with side salad
• Eggs benedict with home fries
+ Juice, tea or coffee

Adults: \$15
Children under 10: \$5

Tickets available at:
Home Hardware
Leo's Café
Good Beginnings Daycare

Silent auction gifts for Mom! Flowers from Thexton's!
All proceeds to the Annapolis Community Pool

For information, contact Christine Igot 902-532-7978

SALE

We don't have a lawn,
We don't have a garage,
BUT we do have a sale.
Join us for some fun bits for everyone.

Fri. & Sat.
April 8th & 9th
&
April 15th & 16th
10am-5pm

268 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal (Formerly Charades)

The Canadian Cancer Society, Annapolis Royal and District Unit will be hosting a CELEBRATION OF HOPE on Thursday, May 5, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Annapolis Royal at 7:00 pm.

The guest speaker will be eleven year old Tori Sabeen who will share her story of battling cancer. There will be prayerful meditation and music followed by a reception in the church hall.

All are invited to attend this meaningful celebration.



GOING ONCE... GOING TWICE

Auction & Celebration of the Arts

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH
6:30 pm at ARRA, Annapolis Royal

Demonstrations by Artists
Raffles
Live and Silent Auction
Live Music
Surprise Guests

\$15 Admission includes Appetizers, Desserts & Beverage

Tickets Available At Artspace, 396 St. George Street
Arac@ns.ajiant.zinc.ca / 902-532-7069
or Online At www.arac.ca / Visa And Mastercard Accepted



Annapolis Royal Seniors Afternoon Out

When: Mondays & Wednesday
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Annapolis Royal Nursing Home - North Living Room

What: Musical entertainment, exercise, guest speakers, quizzes, singing, refreshments and more.

Cost: \$5.00 – First Visit is Free!

How: For more information, please contact Brenna MacDonald @ 532-8389



Seniors LINC - Living Independently with Community Supports
Nova Scotia Health Authority



Friday Night Music Series

All Acts are from 8-10pm or Later

April 1st – Theresa Porter
April 8th – Bill Mac
April 15th – Open Mic (TBA)
April 16th – Karaoke hosted by Theresa Porter
April 22nd – Noelle Lucas
April 29th – Charlie Langmead

PARKS CANADA CORNER



Port-Royal National Historic Site: celebrating 75 years!

In 2016, Port-Royal National Historic Site celebrates 75 years since its construction: a milestone anniversary representing the coming together of a community to recreate history for decades to come.

In the early 1600s, Port-Royal Habitation became one of the earliest European settlements on the continent. In 1613, it was attacked and burned to the ground, and that could have easily been the end of the story of the Habitation except for one New Englander who fell in love with the area and the story.

In the 1920s and 30s, Harriette Taber Richardson rallied a community to rebuild the historic Habitation. She and her "Associates of Port-Royal" raised money for the project, even during the lean years of the Great Depression. Richardson laid the foundation, and the future of the Port-Royal Habitation reconstruction was secured with the contributions of the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal and, finally, the federal government of Canada.

Parks Canada interpreter Wayne Melanson highlights the significance of the Port-Royal Habitation as the first major reconstruction undertaken by the federal government of Canada. "Until that point, no one had rebuilt our heritage. In reality, the movement to reconstruct and rebuild the heritage of our country began here in Port-Royal," he says with pride.

After years of tireless fundraising and the work of local craftsmen, the official grand opening of Port-Royal National Historic Site was held on July 4, 1941. This summer, Parks Canada invites you to celebrate **#PortRoyal75** with us -- 75 years of sharing history with visitors from around the world!

Next month: learn about Fort Anne's new facelift!

Upcoming event: The story of the building and its furnishings

April 16, 2016 – 2:00-3:30PM

St. Luke's Church Hall, Annapolis Royal, NS

When the completed reconstruction of the Port-Royal Habitation was transferred to the management of the National Parks Branch on February 27, 1940, it had not yet been furnished. Join Parks Canada historian Anne-Marie Lane-Jonah, Parks Canada interpreter Wayne Melanson, and past president of the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, Alan Melanson as they share their insights into little-known stories about the early years in the history of this reconstruction of Champlain's Habitation. This free presentation is part of the Annapolis Royal Friends of the Library "Afternoon with Friends" speaker series.

Youth Leading Environmental Change, now accepting applications!

Clean Annapolis River Project is excited to announce the Youth Leading Environmental Change initiative. This is a free experiential, environmental education program, open to students in grades 5 through 12. Students will be engaged in a variety of conservation and restoration projects that will benefit their ecological health of their communities, and provide opportunity to learn transferable skills. This is a great opportunity for students who like to spend time outdoors.

The application deadline is April 15th.

Visit: http://www.annapolisriver.ca/projects_ylec.php.

Frog Watch Workshop (free), Thursday April 14, 7 PM

This is a fun, free, educational program for all ages. Join CARP to learn how to identify the breeding calls of our local frog and toad species and how you can use these calls to collect citizen science information to support nation wide environmental monitoring efforts. Frog Watch is a great program for anyone who enjoys spending time outdoors and wants to learn about the natural world around them.

Weather permitting, this event will be held outdoors at First Lake, at the junction of HWY 8 and 101. Meet at the carpool lot. Bad weather location TBA.

Advance registration is required to ensure we have sufficient numbers to run the program.

Contact Katie McLean at Clean Annapolis River Project, (902)-532-7533, katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca for all of the above.

The Annapolis Royal Lions Club is proud to announce a new program from the Lions of Nova Scotia for those with a hearing impairment. Serving the hearing impaired is one of the many programs that Lions around the world carry out for those less fortunate and the Annapolis Royal Lions Club take great pleasure in adding this program to its portfolio of services it carries out in our community. In addition to the collection of eye glasses, the Club is now collecting used hearing aids. Collection boxes for hearing aids will soon join the boxes set up for eye glasses in our community. As part of this program, the Nova Scotia Lions have partnered with the Government of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University to set up a Lions Hearing Centre at the School of Audiology. Here students and professional teaching staff repair used hearing aids and recycle them back to the communities for those who are unable to afford new hearing aids. The Nova Scotia Lions will be raising \$68,000 for this new district project with the help of our Lions Clubs International Foundation to purchase various pieces of equipment. For more information contact Peter Sleight, PR Chair Annapolis Royal Lions Club petersleight@eastlink.ca.

Did You Know?

...that volunteers from the community, along with council and staff, are working hard on several significant projects for the Town. Some of them include:

- Former Annapolis Royal Regional Academy – This group is working with the condo developers to help launch the marketing efforts of the condo units and also repurpose the portion of the former school that is being retained by the Town. The Town Recreation Department is now operating out of ARRA and taking drop-ins for gym usage – contact Town Hall for more details.
- Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee – This committee is focused on reviewing the Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Laws for the Town to make sure they fit our current and future needs. They are also looking at ways to reduce “red tape” for our citizens when dealing with municipal issues.
- Strategic Planning – The Town is going through a new Strategic Planning process, including public focus groups and surveys. We hope to have a new strategic plan in place later this year.
- Waterfront Development Committee – This committee is putting together ideas and seeking funding sources for potential projects aimed at the revitalization of the waterfront and boardwalk of Annapolis Royal.
- Marketing and Economic Development Committee – This committee is updating its strategic work plan which focuses on Business Retention & Expansion (BRE), Land Development, Destination Marketing, and Population Growth.

This doesn't include the various other town committees such as the Board of Police Commissioners, Twinning Committee, Traffic Flow Advisory Committee, and the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee and all the other groups and organizations in the community. Many of the meetings occur in the evenings and involve countless hours of work by the participants. **We want to thank all the individuals who volunteer their time for Annapolis Royal. We truly appreciate all that you do for the Town!**

Lady of Good Cheer (Welcome Wagon)

Town Council would like to thank Elsa Riley for her continued support of welcoming new residents to Annapolis Royal. Her gesture delivers good cheer, a small greeting gift, and great conversation.

We are asking any town merchants and organizations for their assistance in donations for the greeting basket. We are looking for coffee cards, discount cards, anything organizations are willing to donate in multiples of ten. If your organization is interested in donating to the greeting basket, please drop it off at Town Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Millett-Campbell at phmc@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-3145.

POLICE NEWS

How to Prevent Identity Theft

- Identity theft can occur over the Internet or telephone, or via fax or regular mail. Therefore, be particularly wary of unsolicited e-mails, telephone calls or mail attempting to extract personal or financial information from you.
- Ask yourself if you really need all of the identity documents you carry in your wallet or purse. Remove any you don't need and keep them in a secure place instead.
- Periodically check your credit reports, bank and credit card statements and report any irregularities promptly to the relevant financial institution and to the credit bureaus.
- During transactions, it's safer to swipe your cards yourself than it is to allow a cashier to do it for you. If you must hand over your card, never lose sight of it.
- Always shield your personal identification number when using an ATM or a PIN pad.
- Memorize all personal identification numbers for payment cards and telephone calling cards. Never write them on the cards.
- Familiarize yourself with billing cycles for your credit and debit cards.
- Trash bins are a goldmine for identity thieves. Make sure you shred personal and financial documents before putting them in the garbage.
- When you change your address, make sure you notify the post office and all relevant financial institutions (your bank and credit card companies).

If anyone has any concerns please give us a call any time at 902-532-2427



Police Statistics for the Month of February

	Nature of the Call
4	Speeding
1	Impaired Driving
5	Parking
5	Warnings
4	False Alarms
1	Assistance to Public
1	Property Checks
4	Criminal Record Checks
1	Firearms Act
2	Mental Health Act
1	Uttering Threats
1	Mischief
Total 30	

Bad Joke of the month:

Q: What did the dentist of the year get?

A: A little plaque.

Active Living News



Here's what's happening in the Town of Annapolis Royal to help keep you active, healthy, and happy...

Annapolis Royal Recreation has moved to ARRA...to offer daily public use of the ARRA Gym!

The gym at ARRA is now available for a weekday drop-in use at a rate of \$5/day per person. Come out to play sports, do a workout using the available fitness equipment, play games with your kids, or take an invigorating indoor walk during the cooler months.

Noah Scanlan, the Town's Active Living Coordinator, has moved his base of operations to the ARRA auditorium to facilitate this usage. Please stop by to take a look and see how using this amazing recreation space could work for you!

Discounted monthly membership rates are now available. Stop by for a free first-timer day pass and to learn more!

Check for the times that the gym will be available for drop-in use; please go to www.annapolisroyal.com, under the "Recreation" tab and view the posted calendar, or call Noah at 902-955-1205.

Annapolis Royal Recreation would like to thank the AWEC O2 Classes for all their efforts and hard work!

Options & Opportunities is a three year program for students who are accepted in grade 10-12. Students in the program learn fundamental work related and volunteer skills that help them grow professionally, as well as assisting students in becoming more employable. A benefit to the program is their guaranteed seat at their choice of NSCC campuses to pursue a program of their interest. These students contribute to many of the Town of Annapolis Royal's recreation, infrastructure improvement, and seasonal clean up and beautification projects. All participants are very motivated and detail oriented, and a pleasure to work with! Thanks so much to you all from the Town of Annapolis Royal. Look for more information on their current projects and successes this coming spring.

Annapolis Royal Community Pool is Hiring for 2016

It may be cold and snowy but the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society are already dreaming of hot days in the pool. They will be hiring life-guards and swimming instructors for the 2016 season and accepting resumes and cover letters until April 15, 2016. Please send resumes to Christine Igot: christine@latext.com or to PO Box 703, Annapolis Royal. For more information, please call Christine at 902-532-7978.

For more information on any of the above, or to sign-up or apply for any programs or events, please contact Noah Scanlan, Active Living Coordinator, at alc@annapolisroyal.com, or call (902)-955-1205.

Tree news April 2016 : We need your help!

Did you know that the Town of Annapolis Royal still has over one hundred elm trees?

And some of them are over one hundred years old. The most well-known elm tree individual is the Kerr elm located at the Historic Gardens. Annapolis Royal including the Historic Gardens has a long history of commitment to its trees and was able to maintain a beautiful majestic canopy.

A lot of mature elm trees have been lost to Dutch Elm Disease (DED) over the years but due to ongoing tree care, sanitation and injection, valuable elm trees have been saved. A number of elm trees are on private property, so we need your help to maintain our elm tree population. DED is spread by a tiny bark beetle that breeds in weakened elm trees, elm brush and limbs that have been cut off or are broken and even elm tree fire wood. The larvae feed and grow directly under the bark.

What can you do to help this time of year?

- identify your elm tree
- do not prune any elm trees after April 1st
- any elm tree brush needs to be chipped or burned
- stumps of elm trees that have been freshly removed need to be debarked
- keep an eye on your elm tree for freshly broken limbs and other damage
- join the injection program – the Town is offering this at cost.

How does DED proceed?

Once the newly hatched beetles are at large, they will look for food and start feeding on healthy trees. If they carry the disease, which is a very infectious fungus, and the tree has no defences, it will start dying from the top and a high percentage of trees will die within a year or two. If not removed immediately they will spread the disease by hosting the carrier bark beetles. A typical sign of DED in late summer is the so called "flagging". This means that single infected limbs start dying off and they look like a "red flag" in the otherwise green crown of the tree. So you can see how every elm tree matters to the whole population!

WASTE COLLECTION PICK-UP

Pick-Up Dates: Wednesday, April 6th and April 20th (which is also Spring Clean-up day)

Please contact Valley Waste for details on the Spring Clean-up day and all other waste related matters: 1-877-927-8300 or see their website for email addresses: www.vworm.com