

# The Town Crier

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

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The Mayor and Town Council

Welcome

Heather McCormick

as the

Project Manager,

Annapolis Royal Regional Academy

#### For Public Works Emergencies

please contact the Public Works Department at 902-532-8347

#### Town Hall will be closed February 16, 2015

Regular office hours will resume February 17, 2015

## FROM TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016 To be considered eligible for a donation or grant, an individual, group or organization must be based in or affiliated with the Town of Annapolis Royal or be deemed by

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ORGANIZATIONS WISHING FUNDING CONSIDERATION

must be based in or affiliated with the Town of Annapolis Royal or be deemed by Council to be based in a location such that is appropriate for the Town to provide support. Other criteria and details are provided within the "Donations and Grants Policy". Application forms and a copy of the policy are available from the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm, via the Town website at <a href="https://www.annapolisroyal.com/town-policies">www.annapolisroyal.com/town-policies</a>; by request to Sandi Millett-Campbell at <a href="https://phmc@annapaolisroyal.com">phmc@annapaolisroyal.com</a> or by telephone 902-532-3145. Applicants are encouraged to submit their completed forms to the Town either in hard copy or via email by February 28<sup>th</sup> if possible. The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Applicants will be invited to make a presentation in support of their applications to the Marketing and Economic Development Committee.



### April 10-12, 2015

Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Local Prosperity features over 35 keynote speakers and panelists sharing their experience in a wide range of local community initiatives -examples of a new economic model in action at the local level, in Atlantic Canada, other regions of Canada, and the world.

Early bird registration ends Feb 5th

Special Pre-conference Event:

Thursday, April 9th
UP!SKILLING FESTIVAL AND EXPO

Open to the public. Learn valuable skills, crafts and trades. Only \$25.00 for this one-day event.

www.localprosperity.ca

#### Town Hall Hours of Operation

The Town Office is open

Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm

## Mayor Tompkins Is available by appointment

Call 902-532-2043 or email mayor@annapolisroyal.com

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

#### **MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Michael Tompkins mayor@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Paul Paquette paulpaquette@annapolisroyal.com

Deputy Mayor Pat Power patpower@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Sherman Hudson shermanhudson@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Byron Mersereau byronmersereau@annapolisroyal.com

The public is welcome to attend all meetings.

#### **Next Meetings**

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee February 2nd at 9:30am

Committee of the Whole February 4th at 6 pm

Marketing & Economic Development Committee February 9th at 9 am February 10th at 6pm February 24th at 6 pm

Board of Police Commissioners February 11th at 9 am

> Council February 18th at 6 pm

Town Hall - 285 St. George Street PO Box 310 Phone: 902-532-2043

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admin@annapolisroyal.com www.annapolisroyal.com

#### Motions from Unapproved Council Minutes of January 19, 2015

#### **MOTION a)**

Moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that if the owner wants to rezone the property at 6 Drury Lane it was agreed to have the owner apply for a Land Use By-law Amendment. **CARRIED** 

#### MOTION b)

Moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Hudson, it was agreed, as agreed to last year including the changes made to the Borrowing Resolution, to approve execution of the renewal document in the form presented. **CARRIED** 

#### MOTION c)

Moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Hudson, it was agreed to accept the offer from CustomClean Atlantic Company to provide Janitorial Services to the Town of Annapolis Royal for the period February 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, with the option for renewal by mutual written agreement for a further period of one year, on the understanding that they give priority to hiring local people. Deputy Mayor Power abstained from voting. **CARRIED** 

#### MOTION d)

Moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the Council approve the wording of the original MEDC motion as printed in the agenda with the amendment of the substitution for the words "just after" for "near". **CARRIED** 

#### MOTION e)

Moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Paquette that Dawn Bourke be appointed Interim Administrative Officer for the period from January 24, 2015 until one week after the new Chief Administrative Officer commences work with the Town of Annapolis Royal, that her salary be increased as approved in-camera for the interim appointment, and that a letter reflecting Council's in-camera discussion as to duties to be performed by the Interim Administrative Officer be prepared and the position be offered accordingly. **CARRIED** 

# Notice to All Dog-Owners and Dog-Walkers Please keep your dog(s) on a leash and under your control within Town limits. Let's Keep Our Town Safe!

Groundhog Day February 2, 2015





The Clean Annapolis River Project was excited to become involved for the first time as a Christmas Bird Count compiler.

Thank you to the 55 individuals who dedicated their time to participating in this years count for the Annapolis Royal circle!

#### Circle Summary

Total species observed: **72**Total individuals observed: **5179**Feeders observed: 35
Field parties: 9



#### Most frequently reported species

Black-capped chickadee appeared in 100% of feeder and field surveys

Blue jays appeared in 96% of surveys (missing from 1 feeder survey only)

Top 10 most observed species

	Species	Total #
1	Herring Gull	789
2	American Black Duck	739
3	European Starling	480
4	Black-capped Chickadee	474
5	Scaup species	400
6	Rock Pigeon	323
7	Blue Jay	317
8	American Crow	295
9	American Goldfinch	277
10	Bufflehead	180

katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca for full results

#### February Calendar of Events

1	Paddington After a deadly earthquake destroys his home in Peruvian rainforest, a young bear (Ben Whishaw) makes his way to England in search of a new home. The bear, dubbed "Paddington" for the		Heritage Days: Winter Active and Special Events at Fort Anne 10:30am to noon		
	London train station, finds shelter with the family of Henry (Hugh Bonneville) and Mary Brown (Sally Hawkins). 2:00pm at King's Theatre. For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.	15	The Friends of the Library presents: <b>Donna Crossland from</b> (ejimkujik National Park: Nova Scotia's Ancient Forests: learn now to let the forests tell you of their past. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, at St. Luke's Church Hall		
6	The Imitation Game In 1939, newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) to crack Nazi codes, including Enigma which cryptanalysts had thought unbreakable. 7:00pm. For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.	15	Into the Woods As the result of the curse of a once-beautiful witch (Meryl Streep), a baker (James Corden) and his wife (Emily Blunt) are childless. Three days before the rise of a blue moon, they venture into the forest to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell and restore the witch's beauty.		
7	Heritage Days: Candle Light Downtown Tour to O-Dell where cider will be available. Starts at Fort Anne 7pm		2:00pm. For more information visit WWW.kingtheatre.ca.		
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9	Soirée française à Annapolis Royal - Venez vous joindre à notre soirée de conversation <i>en français</i> à 18h00 au pub. Join us for an evening of conversation <i>en français</i> at 6 pm in the pub. Contactez Paul pour plus d'infos à 902.778.1049		desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. 7 pm For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.		
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	restore the witch's beauty. 7pm. For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.	23	Soirée française à Annapolis Royal - Venez vous joindre à no soirée de conversation <i>en français</i> à 18h00 au pub. Join us fo		
14	<b>Grease</b> —Valentine's Day Special Event 7pm. For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.		an evening of conversation <i>en français</i> at 6 pm in the pub.  Contactez Paul pour plus d'infos à 902.778.1049		
14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	27	<b>Wild</b> Driven to the edge by the loss of her beloved mother (Laura Dern), the dissolution of her marriage and a headlong		
14	Heritage Days: Main Street Photo Challenge, starts at Town Hall 2-4pm. For more information contact Noah Scanlan, Active Living Coordinator at 902-955-1205.		dive into self-destructive behavior, Cheryl Strayed (Reese Witherspoon) makes a decision to halt her downward spiral and put her life back together again. 7pm For more information visit www.kingstheatre.ca.		
14	Heritage Days: Sing along fund raiser at King's Theatre. Evening		6		

## View and discuss art with your peers at ARTsPLACE during "Show and Tell Art Conversations"

Artist and ARCAC Board Member Ted Lind invites you to join him and other visual artists in informal conversations about the creative process. Each participant is invited to bring an artwork of their own that is either completed or in progress (actual artwork or digital file). Together the group will talk about each other's artwork in an informal and non-threatening manner, using a tried-and-true method of visual thinking. Each session includes a 'warm-up' activity with images from the history of art.

Great ideas will thrive!

All sessions take place at ARTsPLACE, 6:30-8:30pm

Fee: \$4.00/session (ARCAC members), \$5.00/session (non-members)

Session 1: Thu., Feb. 5
Session 2: Thu., Mar. 5
Session 3: Thu., Apr. 2
Session 4: Thu., May 7

ARTSPLACE, 396 Saint George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0, Phone: (902) 532-7069



#### VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIALS February 13th to 15th

During the month of February every Sunday, Monday & Tuesday at dinner time, buy 1 entre get 2nd of equal or lesser value for 1/2 price (some restrictions may apply)



902 532 0713 | theredshed@telus.net



#### **Leslie Erickson Art Gallery**

29 Victoria St. Annapolis Royal, N.S., Canada 902-532-1359 fribius@yahoo.ca

> contemporary art handmade paper African jewelry Japanese calligraphy art & photo cards



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The February meeting of the **Annapolis Board of Trade** will take place on Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm upstairs at Ye Olde Towne Pub. All ABoT members are welcome to attend.



#### Annapolis Royal Winter Farmer's Market

at the Historic Gardens
Saturday Mornings, 9am -12 noon.
Your source for local food products and much, much, more,
from October until May!
Free admission. Call 902-532-7018

The Annapolis Royal Lions Club wish to thank all those who supported our recent annual Christmas Tree Sales Project. A special thank you goes out to the staff of the Annapolis Royal Home Hardware Building Centre for their continued efforts in helping the club. Money raised from this project is used to assist a wide variety of community services, such as school lunch program, high school bursaries, support of the Annapolis Royal Health Centre and Diabetic Clinic, Annapolis Royal Nursing Home, purchase of eye glasses for those in need, assistance to seniors and youth in Annapolis Royal and surrounding county. A thank you also goes out to the staff of the Kings Theatre and Independent Grocery Store in Annapolis Royal for their assistance with our annual Christmas Childrens Movie. If this is a chargeable expense, please forward the bill to the Annapolis Royal Lions Club c/o Peter Sleight, 3895 Granville Road, RR 2, Granville Ferry, Annapolis County, NS, **BOS 1KO** 

#### **PORT ROYAL LEGION BRANCH 21**

The RCL Br 21 events for February are:
 Monday 1:15 p.m - Bridge
 Tuesday 1:30 p.m - Snr Pool
 Tuesday 7:00 p.m - Darts
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Bingo
Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Drink and Draw

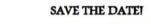
#### ANNAPOLIS ROYAL SENIORS' AFTERNOON OUT

A safe, supervised, and enriching afternoon
An opportunity to keep active and maintain independence
A chance to socialize and exercise
A respite opportunity for caregivers
Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun!
Monday and Thursday 1 to 4 pm
at the Annapolis Royal Nursing Home
Cost \$5.00

(A nutritious snack will be served)

For more information call

Jane MacKay, Coordinator 902-532-8389



2015 Queen Annapolis Royal Dinner
Sponsored by Fairway Insurance Services Inc
Friday, 27 March 2015

Annapolis Royal Fire Hall

5:30 Social Gathering & Cash Bar

6:30 Dinner and Program

Meet your 2014 1st Lady in Waiting and 2015 Apple Blossom Princess Annapolis Royal, Ashlee Aptt

> Be inspired by Durline Melanson, Key Note Speaker

Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Paula Buxton, Leo's Café and Catering

\$30.00 per ticket in support of:
Annapolis & District Princess Leadership Program
Sending our 1st Lady in Waiting to the
2015 Apple Blossom Festival Leadership Competition
Maintaining and updating our Annapolis Royal & District Parade Float
Supporting the Annapolis & District
Summer Leadership Skills Development Program

Mrs. Jane Nicholson, Honourary Chair and the Annapolis & District Princess Committee thank you for your support!

To reserve your seat please phone Ann Marie Monk, Princess Committee Chairperson at 532-0379

#### **INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE**

The **Annapolis West Education Centre** would like to invite you to an Open House on February 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come tour the newly renovated facility. Mark the date on your calendar.

S. Schell, Principal, AWEC



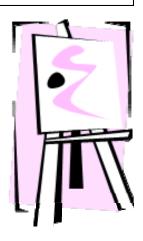
#### **Annapolis Royal School Band Citrus Sale**

Band members will be taking orders for citrus fruit during the month of February. Please contact a musician or call 902-532-0444 to place an order. Thank you for your support!

## ARCAC Exhibition: Schools Show January 18-February 22, 2015

Plan to attend The Schools Show at ARTsPLACE (at the lights) in Annapolis Royal. Art work from students in grades Primary through Grade 12, Champlain Elementary, Clark Rutherford Memorial Elementary, ARRA, AWEC and home schools will be featured in the main gallery until February 22, 2015.

Everyone welcome.



## Annapolis Royal Library events for the month of February 2015

One-on-One Computer Tutorials – Book a one-hour session if you need help with any of your electronic devices. You choose the topic and we'll do our best to help you! Book your appointment online at <a href="www.valleylibrary.ca">www.valleylibrary.ca</a> or by phone at 902-532-2226. Sessions are available Monday Feb 2, 9 and 23, and Thursday Feb 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 4 to 8 pm at the library.

An Afternoon with Friends - Sunday February 15, 2 – 3:30 pm - We hope you will join us for one or all of our monthly Sunday afternoon presentations. This month Kejimkujik National Park's Resource Management Officer Donna Crossland will discuss Nova Scotia's Ancient Forests.

**Pre-school Storytime** – Preschool children and their caregivers are invited to attend our Monday morning storytime. Stories, crafts, music and a little snack make for a fun and busy hour in the library! Monday Feb 2, 9 and 23. In the event of school cancellations, our program will be cancelled, too.

International Book Giving Day! – On Valentine's Day, keep your eyes open for a little gift hiding somewhere in your community. Wrapped books will be placed around town and if you find one, it's yours to keep and enjoy, courtesy of your local library!



INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE

#### THE AMBIENCE OF A ROYAL BIRTHDAY

ON FEBRUARY 7, 2015. STORM DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2015 Annapolis Royal Golf and Country Club Reception - 5:00 pm, At Table - 6:00 pm

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE A 1710 MENU ACTUALLY SERVED TO HER MAJESTY AND MUSIC FIT FOR A QUEEN, HER MAJESTY AND HER ROYAL HOUSEHOLD WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH THE COURT JESTER

TICKET PRICE: \$60.00 - SPECIAL CHRISTMAS 2014 PRICE: \$55.00 DINNER DRESS OR COSTUMES



SEMPER EADEM

TICKETS AND DETAILS AVAILABLE AT:

ANNAPOLIS LIVING AND LEARNING INSTITUTE (902-532-0556) AND

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB (902-532-2064)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTACT THE ANNAPOLIS LIVING AND LEARNING INSTITUTE:

AMERY.ALLIGMAL.COM

## **WORKSHOPS**

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO:**

#### LEARN NEW SKILLS + MEET OTHERS + GAIN CONFIDENCE

DATE	WORKSHOP	COST	
Thursday February 19th	Safe Food	\$46	
9:00am - 3:30pm	Handlers		
Wednesday February 25th	First Aid &	\$60	
9:00am - 4:30pm	CPR		

Book Now, Limited Seats! Full payment to reserve seat.

Lunch not included



PeopleWorx @ The Hub 253 St. George Street Annapolis Royal

Contact: Helen - 902 - 532 - 0605

www.peopleworx.ca

#### Learn about the "Five Puzzles of Contemporary Art" at ARTsPLACE

Have you ever wondered about the meaning of contemporary art? The Annapolis Region Community Arts Council (ARCAC) is committed to art education and has been licenced by the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City to present a special five-session series. The series will enable participants to explore contemporary art from around the world in an informal setting that will challenge and inspire.

Participants in the series will learn about key issues in art from the past 50 years and explore one of five puzzles of contemporary art at each session: *Beauty, Value, Original, Concept,* and *Process.* 

Each session will be led by an artist from our own community and will include digital interviews with MoMA curators, conservators, and collection specialists. There will be ample time for discussion and questions.

Each session will take place at ARTsPLACE, 7-9pm. Light refreshment is

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Session 1: The Puzzle of Beauty (February 16, 2015)

Presenting artist: Sharon Irving-Kennedy

Session 2: The Puzzle of Value (March 2, 2015)

Presenting artist: Donna Boyko

Session 3: The Puzzle of the Original (March 16, 2015)

Presenting artist: Janet Larkman

Session 4: The Puzzle of the Concept (March 30, 2015)

Presenting artist: Ray Mackie

Session 5: The Puzzle of Experience (April 13, 2015)

Presenting artist: Wayne Boucher

This program is supported by the CYAP Grant program through the NS Government Communities, Culture and Heritage department. Participation is open, a donation is requested. To register: arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/ARTsPLACE

396 Saint George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0

Phone: (902) 532-7069



Nova Scotians will celebrate **Nova Scotia Heritage Day** on the third Monday in February. Each year Nova Scotia will recognize and celebrate one of the people and events that helped shape our province. The first Nova Scotia Heritage Day will recognize and celebrate Viola Desmond.

The **2014 Tourist Survey** is available to the local businesses and attractions for your review. You will find some very interesting comments from our visitors. Please email Sandi Millett-Campbell at <a href="mailto:phmc@annapolisroyal.com">phmc@annapolisroyal.com</a> if you would like to receive a copy by email.

#### Winter Parking

Whereas it is necessary to make the following winter parking regulations to facilitate the removal of snow in the Town of Annapolis Royal, effective either on the first snow storm or December 1, 2014 (whichever is earliest) to April 30, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:00am, no person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle upon any highway or street within the Town limits in accordance with provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act. Vehicles, whether attended or unattended, shall not be left in a position or manner which may interfere with or obstruct snow removal or winter maintenance operations. Thank you!



#### **NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

THE TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL has made application to the Board under section 369 of the *Municipal Government Act* to confirm the number of councillors to be elected in October 2016. The hearing has been scheduled as follows:

COMMENCING: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Annapolis Royal Fire Hall 5 Saint Anthony Street

Annapolis Royal, NS

EVERYONE is entitled to attend the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that any persons wishing to comment on the application may also provide comments to the Board no later than Tuesday, March 3, 2015 by forwarding a letter to the Clerk of the Board at PO Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3S3, or by email at board@novascotia.ca or Fax: (902) 424-3919, or by calling the Clerk at 1-855-442-4448.

A copy of the application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Office, 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, and at the offices of the Board, Summit Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1601 Lower Water Street, Halifax Nova Scotia or on the Board's website at <a href="http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/">http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/</a>, by clicking on "Cases & Evidence", Find Cases by Case Number" and insert in "Search Term" Matter ID M06637.



#### Snow and Ice Control

This is a reminder to owners or occupiers of building or vacant lots, that they are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks on St. George Street in the business section as well as removing accumulated snow or icicles from roofs overhanging St. George Street. The business section is defined as the area from the Dargie Plaza (324 St George Street) to the wharf at the lower end of St. George street. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within four (4) hours of daylight or four (4) hours from the time it ceases to snow, if snowing occurs after daylight. Compliance with this bylaw is necessary in order to make the business section of the Town of Annapolis Royal safe for pedestrians. Failure to comply may result in prosecution under the Town of Annapolis Royal Streets Bylaw, Section 9 through 11 inclusive. A copy of this bylaw is available on line at www.annapolisroyal.com or from the Town Hall.

Thanks for keeping our sidewalks safe!

### **Active Living News**



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

#### **Annapolis Royal Heritage Days 2015!**

Join us for a community celebration of heritage in Annapolis Royal from February 13 to 16. Events will include family recreation at Fort Anne with Team WinterACTIVE, our "Main Street Photo Challenge", a candle light walking tour of down town and more. For events please visit Page 3 Calender of Events, or please call Noah Scanlan at 902-955-1255 or email alc@annapolisroyal.com for more information.

#### **Geocaching Snowshoe Trek, Saturday, February 7**

There will be a geocaching event on Feb 7 at 2PM, with the starting location being the walking trail next to the Old Rail Station across from the Historic Gardens. The event will be run by Kevin Conrick, and free GPS units and snowshoes are available for those interested in trying out this exciting and rewarding activity! For more info about geocaching in general, please visit www.geocache.ca or call Noah Scanlan at 955-1205. Last year's event was a huge success with over 70 participants, and a great time was had by all. This event is also 100% free! Storm date is Sunday, Feb 8 from 2-4PM. For more information, please call Noah Scanlan at 902-955-1255.

#### Grant Potter Park to remain closed until early spring.

The Grant Potter Park, located at 167 St. George Street next to the wharf and across from the Farmers' Market will remain closed until early spring. While the new natural play space and walkway features are over 90% complete, some important final steps must be completed once the weather permits to ensure a 100% safe and fun environment. Stay tuned for more information on the reopening of the park and for details on an official grand opening celebration event!

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.

Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation and the Clean Foundation are pleased to announce their partnership on a new program to provide free energy efficiency upgrades for homeowners living on a low income in NS. For more information on the program or eligibility criteria, check out the link at <a href="http://www.efficiencyns.ca/energy-solutions/low-income-service/?user-type=4">http://www.efficiencyns.ca/energy-solutions/low-income-service/?user-type=4</a> and call 1-877-999-6035 to apply for free home upgrades in 2015!

#### **BATTERIES AND LIGHTERS**

Batteries and lighters should never go into the recycling. Batteries can be dropped off at the Town Hall or at the Management Centres free of charge. Lighters go in the regular garbage.

#### **WASTE COLLECTION PICK-UP**

Wednesdays February 11th and 25th , 2015
For more information contact Valley Waste at 1-877-927-8300