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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS? දිලා

Well it is a new year and winter is upon us. It is that time of year when resolutions have been made (and perhaps already broken) and Mother Nature is about to unleash her worst side. This doesn't mean that we have to hibernate for the next few months though. The Annapolis Royal Recreation Department will be hosting guided snowshoe treks and launching a wintertime activity club (see page 4 for details). In addition, there are still a plethora of fitness and activities at the Academy gym to keep you occupied throughout the winter.

Coming soon: pay by credit card!

Early into the new year the Town will be offering a VISA and Mastercard payment option on water bills and tax bills. This service will be provided by Paymentus. The cost of using this payment option is user pay driven with Paymentus charging a fee that is 1.75% of your utility or tax bill. Further details will be upcoming.





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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As the end of 2017 drew near, I was asked several times how the Town of Annapolis Royal could possibly outdo itself after a year of remarkable events in 2017. By any measure, 2017 was a remarkable year - as the Town of Annapolis Royal celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Confederation in grand style: an inspiring Canada Day sit down dinner of lobster rolls for 500 people on the Town Wharf; an emotional swearing-in ceremony for fifty new Canadians at Fort Anne National Historic Site - celebrating its own one hundredth anniversary last year; and who could ever forget the image of thousands of people gathered along our waterfront as the Tall Ships of Rendez-Vous 2017, led by the iconic Bluenose II, sailed past Annapolis Royal. If these wonderful events told us anything, it's that this town in partnership with others is capable of truly incredible things. On that very point, one of the highlights of last year was the completion of the waterfront amphitheater

project in partnership with Bear River First Nation - bringing together our two communities in a renewal of the historic bond of friendship between the Mi'kmaq and the French explorers who established Port Royal in 1605.

The mutual respect and trust forged by this partnership may be the project's most important legacy. As it is our relationships - social, economic, and political - that ultimately determine and define the quality of life in our communities. Rest assured that Town Council and staff are working to ensure that 2018 will have plenty of its own memorable moments, with the contributions of supportive citizens and businesses, and tireless community volunteers.



The Annapolis Area Food Bank will remain in the newly renovated Academy building (enter from Ritchie Street). At the beginning of the year we have 107 "families" registered for assistance, with the largest category being single men. In 2017 we provided food for 885 people - 622 adults and 263 children. This is not a large number compared to some of the large HRM Food Banks, but it reflects the level of need in our catchment area. We serve our clients on the second and third Wednesday evenings of each month, and we always have enough food on hand thanks to the wonderful generosity of our community and the co-operation of Feed Nova Scotia. We are proud that we distribute wholesome and nutritious items.



You can make food donations at the town grocery stores, at the Town Hall, or at your church. Don't forget other staples like toilet paper, paper towels, soap, etc. Cash donations are always welcome and needed, because we do purchase meat and fresh vegetables. If you'd like to donate money, make your cheque payable to "Annapolis Area Food Bank" and mail to **Box 341, Annapolis Royal NS, B0S 1A0**. Enquiries about volunteering or emergencies can be directed to Heather LeFort at 902-532-5572.



Provincial Funding Announcement

Small Businesses in Nova Scotia will be able to provide greater accessibility and grow their operations as part of government's commitment of an inclusive province for all Nova Scotians. A new \$1 million Small Business ACCESS-Ability Program has been launched. The Provincial program will provide funding to eligible business for improvements in information and communication such as accessible signage, public transportation, education and training, assistive devices for disabled employees and customers, and renovations for ramps, accessible washrooms and door openers.

Did you know that the NS flag was not made official until 2014? A slip-up meant that it had never been sworn in until that point.



COMMUNITY



Peace Pole

Have you recently driven past the United Church in Annapolis Royal, at the traffic lights, and wondered what the brightly painted sign post was all about? Well, read on and we will tell you all about it!

The post, called a Peace Pole, was painted by the children who attend a family-focused group at the United Church called Messy Church. The children were given free reign to paint whatever they wished on the pole and it expresses both their personal interests and their creativity. Even the adults in attendance joined in the activity and added their artistic contributions to the pole as well.

A message of peace, "May peace prevail on earth", in four different languages, is painted on each of the signs. The English and Mi'kmaq signs were painted by local artist Ted Lind. Mi'kmaq language teacher, Rose Meuse, provided

the translation. The French sign was painted by local artist Giselle Beauchamp. The Arabic sign was painted by Ikhlass Hassan Haggar, a member of the Sudanese family brought to Annapolis Royal, through community sponsorship, from a refugee camp in Chad.

Now you may be wondering, just what is a "peace pole"? A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in nearly every country in the world, dedicated as monuments to peace. Now Annapolis Royal has one of our own.

When we put the Peace Pole on the lawn of the church, everyone in attendance was invited to place a stone on the stand to help secure it in place. If you are out for a walk in town, you are most welcome to bring along a little stone to add to the pile and to offer your own personal prayer for peace. If you notice the sign while you are driving by, or you are waiting at the traffic light for a few moments, you can join us in our longing for peace by adding your own private prayer.





Parks Canada Winter News

We hope that you will enjoy the fortifications of Fort Anne this winter. We do ask that you continue to keep your pet on a leash and use the pet waste bags provided to aid the clean-up. Just a reminder that the pathways are not maintained in winter.

Best wishes for a happy new year.

Photo Credit: Chris Reardon

Lions News

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)---the Annapolis Royal Lions Club joins with the Lions throughout the world in celebrating Lions Clubs International Foundation Week from January 7th-13th, which marks the accomplishments of Lions in the areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian service. Over 13,000 grants have been approved which equates to over \$1 billion US. This includes a grant to Dalhousie University on behalf of the Nova Scotia Lions for the purchase of equipment to repair used hearing aids for recycling to those who cannot afford new aids. This joint project between the University, Lions, and the Nova Scotia Government went into operation this year.

On January 13th we will honour the founder of the Lions, Melvin Jones, with a special tribute on his birthday. The Annapolis Royal Lions will hold our monthly business meeting January 8th with our annual donation to the fund. From January 8th-14th, the Club will also be promoting the *Lions Worldwide Week of Service* to fight hunger. A donation will be made to support this worthy effort. The Annapolis Royal Lions Club will host its regular monthly dinner meeting on Monday, January 22 at 7 pm at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall. Come early for the social at 6:30 pm. Those interested in attending should contact President Peter Sleight by Friday, January 19: 902-532-2946 or by email at petersleight@eastlink.ca.

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Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Events - Perpetual

Bingo – Bingo every Wednesday evening, starting at 7 pm. Please arrive early to buy ticket books.

Weekly Fun Pool Tournament - Weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1 pm. Just \$5 to play!

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 two weeks a new subject is drawn to produce in the medium of your choice (participation voluntary). (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 pm -10 pm (or later) each Friday night! The night begins with the <u>Chase the Ace</u> draw at 8 pm 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.

All events are open to the public & everyone is welcome.

Joke: A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.





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

Steve Nash Girls Youth Basketball at the Academy Gym

The Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program is coming to Annapolis Royal this winter! The program will be for girls aged 10-13, and run Saturday mornings from January 20th to March 3rd (exact time TBD). This is a great opportunity for girls to build their skills and game play. No experience playing basketball is required. The program is for girls who want to learn the game and develop confidence in the sport. This program is FREE thanks to generous funding by the Sport Nova Scotia Sport Fund, and includes some AWESOME Steve Nash Basketball gear! There are 16 spots available, and registration is first come first served. To register, please call 902-955-1205, or email alc@annapolisroyal.com.

Annapolis Royal Winter Activity Club

A new activity club is forming in Annapolis Royal for those who are interested in taking part in informal, impromptu "meet-up" style activities on weekends. Participants in this club will be able to propose weekend winter activities, both outdoors and at the Academy gym, and communicate via an email mailing list. This is a great way to stay active and motivated by others this winter, as well as plan events based on the unpredictable realities of current weather conditions. To learn more, or sign up and join the mailing list, please call 902-955-1205, or email <u>alc@annapolisroyal.com</u>.



CHIEF'S CORNER





As we move into 2018 and leave 2017 behind, I am reminded of many past experiences and memories. No one really knows what the new year will bring but one thing I do know is that whatever comes your way there are always people who are willing to help you celebrate the good times or grieve with you in the bad times – you are never alone. If you are suffering from Mental Illness or know someone who is, you can call The **Annapolis Valley Crisis Response Line** (Monday - Friday between 8:30 to 4:30) at **1-855-273-7110** or the **Nova Scotia Mental Health Crisis Line** (24 hours) at **1-888-429-8167**.

I also can't help thinking how fortunate we are to live in such a great

community, province, and country - a free and democratic society. Fundamental to our democratic society is the ability to speak up when we don't agree with something as long as it is done in a peaceful manner, which includes being respectful to one another. This is also why we have the right to due process. We will not always agree with each other, so we use the democratic process to debate and make decisions that are best for the good of our citizens. This is also known as responsible government and the rule of law. I have served abroad in many places that do not have our system and have seen the suffering that comes without it.

Police Statistics for the Month of November	
	Nature of the Call
1	Traffic Accidents
2	Speeding
1	Fail to Remain
1	Impaired Driving
1	Parking
22	Warnings
8	Other Motor Vehicle
2	False Alarms
2	Lost & Found
28	Assistance to the Public
9	Property Checks
3	Criminal Background
	Checks
4	911 Act
8	Mental Health Act
1	Suspicious Person
1	Child Pornography
2	Abandoned Vehicles
Total 96	

Based on the rule of law, the members of the Annapolis Royal Police Department are sworn to protect and serve the citizens of this great community. They are also sworn to assist, as required, in a policing capacity that may bring them outside of Annapolis Royal, which is why they are given Provincial Police Officer status. With this comes the responsibility and requirement to be trained and equipped to a level that is consistent with provincial guidelines and other agencies that we may be called upon to assist.

Please have a safe and wonderful new year!

Emergency Line: 911 <u>General Police Line</u>: 902-532-2427 <u>Office Location</u>: 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal (right side of the Town Hall) <u>Social Media</u>: Contact us on Facebook or on the Town of Annapolis Royal web-page Police Facebook Page: <u>@ARPoliceD</u> Town Facebook Page: <u>@townofannapolisroyal</u> Town of Annapolis Royal Web-Page: <u>annapolisroyal.com</u> <u>CRIMESTOPPERS: 902-422-8477 OR crimestoppers.ns.ca</u>

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The oldest operating lighthouse in Canada is located on Sambro Island, NS. It was built in 1759.

JANUARY 2018



Fort Anne is Canada's first administered National Historic Site (1917)







Town Hall will be closed January 1, 2018 for the holiday.

Please note that Town Hall no longer accepts TelPay payments. EFT, cheque and cash are still accepted and credit cards will soon be accepted.



Request for Proposal

The Town is seeking proposals for the sale and development of Town land, PID05002217. The land is located behind the Legion, with frontage on Prince Albert Road and St Anthony Street. For complete details, see <u>annapolisroyal.com</u>.



Budget Requests for 2018-2019

Organizations wanting to apply for donations and grants from the Town of Annapolis Royal are reminded that the application deadline is **January 31, 2018**. Please see <u>http://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/policiesand-by-laws/policies/donations-and-grants-policy/</u> for details on the policy and application form. If you have any questions please contact, Sandi at <u>phmc@annapolisroyal.com</u>.



Planning & Heritage in Annapolis Royal Municipal Registered Heritage Properties and Insurance

Recently the Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee has received questions and concerns regarding insuring a Municipal registered property. If you have any questions please contact the Insurance Bureau of Canada, ibc.ca or toll free 1-844-227-5422. They have information for the homeowner on heritage properties on this website and great brochure, <u>http://assets.ibc.ca/Documents/Brochures/Heritage-Properties.pdf</u>. As with all insurance it is best to shop around.

Heritage Properties on Website

This October the Town added a listing of the Municipal Registered properties on our website, <u>https://annapolisroyal.com/heritage-properties/</u>. When the program started in the 1980's not all properties had a listing of the character defining elements or the historic/heritage value of the property. This year the Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee has decided to finish all the properties and update the information on our website. The process will probably take 6-12 months to complete. If you have any questions please contact Sandi Millett-Campbell at <u>phmc@annapolisroyal.com</u> or 902-532-3145.





Does your organization have volunteer roles to fill? Contact us at admin@annapolisroyal.com to list details in the Town Crier newsletter.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Is your organization looking to hire? If so let us know and we will include it in our next edition! Send your information to admin@annapolisroyal.com

WASTE COLLECTION PICK-UP

Pick-up dates: Jan. 10th & Jan. 24th. Please contact Valley Waste for all waste related matters: 1-877-927-8300 or see their website for email addresses: www.vwrm.com

Christmas trees can be placed curbside for Public Works to pick up.

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1st. The first celebrations, dating 4000 years ago in Babylon, were held in March.



COUNCIL MOTIONS



December 18, 2018 (From Unapproved Minutes. Approval of minutes will occur at the next Council meeting)

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-03

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford to approve the Guarantee Resolution for Valley Region Solid Waste – Resource Management Authority in the amount of \$4,040 in relation to the capital borrowing requirements for the Authority as approved in their 2017-2018 budget. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-04

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to support the proposed *Winter at King's* schedule for January-March 2018 in the amount of \$2,000.00, contingent on their finding four other partners that would provide that amount as well. **Motion Carried**.

Motions #C2017-DEC-18-05 through #C2017-DEC-18-28 pertain to committee and general town appointments. Due to limited space, these motions are not included here. To see the complete list, please view the minutes online when they are made available or contact Town Hall.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-29

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford that the Town issue the Request for Proposals for PID #05002217 as amended. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-30

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that the Town enter into the lease agreement for use of the Market Square on Sundays with Annapolis Brewing Company Ltd. as presented, subject to the release of first option rights by the existing lease. **Motion Carried**. **MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-31**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Kinsella that approval is provided to Annapolis Brewing Company Ltd. to operate a craft brewery and similar product market on Sundays as per the Vending By-Law and that the Town issues a letter of approval as per request from NSLC. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-32

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford that the applicant at 324 St. George Street be given heritage approval to install a projecting wall sign and two window signs as detailed in the application AR17-035-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-33

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that the applicant at 619 St George Street be given heritage approval to install a four foot wooden picket fence along the front and sides of the property changing to a six foot wooden solid board fence as detailed in the application AR17-036-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-34

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Kinsella that the applicant at 300 St. George Street be given heritage approval to install wood siding, reduce the inset of the two store front doors, create the addition of the roof between the two buildings, retain the appearance of the wood trim on the first floor and improve the appearance of the wood trim around the windows on the second floor, as detailed in the application AR17-037-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-35

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford that the applicant at 300 St. George Street be given heritage approval to install vinyl windows and four metal doors on the bottom floor, as detailed in the application AR17-037-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-36

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to support the request that Council initiate an interim amendment to consider extending the Waterfront Comprehensive Development District 1 designation and the Water Front 1 zone to the lands on the water side of St George Street between the Amphitheatre to Chapel Street, and require all development of current Commercial 1 uses in this area by Development Agreement, to ensure compatibility with existing architecture, streetscape and enhancement of the waterfront and boardwalk. **Motion Defeated.** 2 Nay votes, Deputy Mayor Power and Councillor Kinsella. Councillor Sanford declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-37

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Kinsella that the draft RFP and that the RFP be sent for solicitations to Scotia Securities, Global Investment Banking, and CIBC Investment Banking. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-38

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Kinsella that Council authorize a) enrollment by the Town in the MFC HISA program and b) completion of the account documents by the Investment Committee Chair and DOF Robinson. **Motion Carried**.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-39

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford to accept the amendment to the APA collective agreement regarding the shift schedule. Motion Carried.

MOTION #C2017-DEC-18-42

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Council Sanford to approve the grant agreement with Breakwater Studios, Ltd. as amended in relation to the development of the funding submission for the "Cradle of Our Nation" film project, further to motion C2017-AUG-15-03. **Motion Carried.**

In 2005 Annapolis Royal was named one of five Cultural Capitals of Canada



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



Monthly events in and around Annapolis Royal Please forward submissions by January 16, 2018 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com or by calling 902-532-2043

DAILY

January 1st New Year's Levee / 12 pm — 4 pm/ Port Royal Legion Branch #21

January 8th Reel Art 2018—Documentary: Human Flow / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 12th Movie: Ferdinand / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 13th Movie: Ferdinand / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 14th Concert: Dave Gunning & James Keelaghgan/ 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 15th Reel Art 2018—Documentary: Herb and Dorothy. Followed by a talk-back session/ 7 pm—9 pm / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

January 19th Movie: All the Money in the World / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 21st Movie: All the Money in the World / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 22nd Reel Art 2018—Documentary: Waste Land / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca January 15th Reel Art 2018—Documentary: Eva Hessey Followed by a talk-back session/ 7pm — 9 pm / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

January 25th Robbie Burns Night—Scotch Tasting / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

January 27th International Dinner (Asian Theme) / 5:30pm / Fire Hall / \$20—Includes 3 courses, tea and coffee. Cash bar / In support of the Annapolis Valley Climbing Club / For tickets call 532-1269 or speak to a Climbing Club member

January 28th Concert: Susan Aglukark/ 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

RECURRING

Winter Farmers' Market/ Saturday / 9am-12pm / Historic Gardens / historicgardens.com UPCOMING MEETINGS

Open to the public Agendas available online

Committee of the Whole January 4th @ 4pm

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee January 8th @ 9am

Marketing and Economic Development Committee January 9th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners January 10th @ 9am

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee January 11th @ 10am

> Council January 15th @ 6pm

Investment Committee January 23rd @ 2pm

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee January 25th @ 10am

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Friends of the Library: Annual General Meeting January 23 rd @ 7 pm in the Annapolis Royal Library

If you have any upcoming Community Meetings please let us know! You can email them to admin@annapolisroyal.com

For example: AGM Events

For up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at <u>annapolisroyal.com</u>.

Joke: Why don't ants get sick? Because they have little anty-bodies

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