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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Saying 'hello' to March means saying 'goodbye' to winter. What better way to kick off Spring than with the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza? Find all the details on page 8.

March also brings the end of the fiscal year. It has been a busy year with many projects on the go that were visible to residents, such as the boardwalk upgrades and amphitheatre. However, there are many other not-so-visible projects that focus on infrastructure that have been undertaken or are upcoming. Tax dollars are being spent on much needed upgrades to sewers, the soon to be new Library and Innovation Centre, and the water tower. Funding has come from various sources in addition to municipal contributions. Below are a few of the projects that outline how your tax dollars are at work for you

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	Project	Description	Total Cost	Town Contribution	Funding from Other Sources
	Sewer Replacement Project	Replacement of sanitary lines that were marked as critical in the condition assessment report.	\$258,506 (estimate)	\$64,626.50 (estimate)	\$193,879.50 (estimate)
	The Library and Innovation Centre	A new library will be built at the Academy. The space will also feature an innovation centre and programming room.	\$671,512 (estimate)	\$230,822 (estimate)	\$440,690 (estimate)
	Water Tower	Draining, cleaning, re-lining, and painting of the water tower (extending useful life by 25+ years and avoiding a \$2M+ replacement cost)	\$436,267 (actual)	\$286,267 (actual)	\$150,000 (actual)
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE





Perhaps like many others, as the end of February approached, I started counting down the days to Spring: marked by the Spring Equinox on the 20th and 21st of March with its promise of renewal and rejuvenation - and Easter Eggstravaganza on March 31st! For many in the Town of Annapolis Royal, it is a time of preparation in anticipation of the arrival of thousands of visitors annually to our historic town - now guided by our new highway signs declaring us the cradle of our nation.

A number of homes and historic B&B's in Annapolis Royal have recently changed hands. A strong indicator of a growing optimism in the future our community - embraced by Town Council and staff in the planning of projects that will further enhance our community's sustainability and quality of life. Be sure to welcome any new faces you see on our streets, and let's all work together at making our remarkable town all the more wonderful.



COMMUNITY



Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

With winter comes cold weather, snow, and income tax returns. We can't do anything about the weather but we might be able to help you with your tax return. The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), sponsored by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), provides free—totally free, no strings attached—tax preparation for people with a modest income. If you are an individual with an income below \$30,000, or a couple with an income below \$40,000, you may be eligible for this service. The program is for people with a simple tax situation—we are unable to process returns for small businesses.



Volunteers are screened and trained through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Tax returns are filled electronically, accepted immediately by the Canada Revenue Agency, and refunds and assessments will be received relatively quickly.

Tax preparation clinics will be held at St. George and St. Andrew United Church—the brick church by the traffic lights in Annapolis Royal. Please use the side door with the veranda, on the left of the building.

Walk-in clinics will be held, starting on March 5th, every Monday from 1 pm - 3 pm, through March and April. No appointments will be required for these clinics and they will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

Some spaces will be provided for scheduled appointments. If you would like to get your name on a list to receive an appointment, if you would like additional information about this program or the availability of the service, please call the church at 902-532-7954 or call Janet at 902-532-7284.

All clinics are weather permitting—no clinics will be held on snow days. If in doubt, call one of the numbers above to confirm.

March 1st is World Compliment Day—so don't be shy and share positivity by paying compliments.



COMMUNITY



Friends of the Pool News

Friends of the Pool Society (FAPS) is once again gearing up for the season. There are lots of activities to look forward to. Below is a sneak peek. Stay tuned for more details.

- 1. Mother's Day Brunch TBA
- 3. Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre (2-night show) Annapolis Pool Fundraiser more details to follow
- 4. Artisan Bird House Fundraiser (FAPS will be reaching out to local artists to become involved in our "one-of-a-kind" birdhouse fundraiser, each painted by an artist. Birdhouses will be on view at a local bank and tickets will be sold. Proceeds will go toward the 2018 pool operational costs.
- 5. FAPS is one of the largest employers for summer employment. We are now accepting applications for employment. See page 6 for details.



Come Play Chess

The West Annapolis Chess Club – Chess for all ages and levels, beginners welcome. Thursday nights 6 pm - 9 pm; rotates between Bridgetown and Annapolis Royal. Info: <u>tfeloc@hotmail.com</u>.



The Valley Community Learning Association

The Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA) offers education opportunities for adults in Annapolis and Kings Counties. VCLA provides various classes at main sites in Middleton (at NSCC), Kentville (49 Cornwallis Street) and Wolfville (Acadia), and also offers one -on-one tutoring throughout the Valley by way of our volunteer tutor program. We offer a diverse menu of programming including: preparing for the GED or High School Diploma, improving English as an additional language skill (for immigrants), upgrading family literacy skills so that parents can help with their children's education, improving reading skills in order to prepare for the written drivers test (car and Class III trucking), and general upgrading of basic reading, writing and math skills for a variety of purposes.

If you are interested in any of these programs or know someone who might be interested, please call 1-866-898-7323. We are also often looking for volunteers to tutor in a number of different areas. If you think you might have something to offer, please call or email vcla@eastlink.ca.

For more information go to: www.vcla.ca.



Small Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program

The Nova Scotia Government is now offering a \$1 million-dollar fund to support business owners who want to improve accessibility to their businesses. The 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. For information, see https://cch.novascotia.ca/small-business-access-ability-grant-program.



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 **Chase the Ace** 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.

Weekly Fun Open Pool - Weekly 8 Ball fun pool afternoons each Saturday, starting at 1 pm.

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

Canada is home to the World's largest Easter egg. Located in Vegreville, AB the giant pysanka weighs 907kg and was built to honour the city's Ukranian heritage.





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

Heat and Programs Return to the Academy Gym

The new propane heating system has been installed and is up and running at The Academy Gym! To celebrate, Annapolis Royal Recreation will be launching or re-launching a number of programs including Zumba, Pilates, and Pound classes.

Pilates: Stretching, toning, and strength-developing fitness class. Thursdays 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Starts February 22nd and you can join any time. Cost is \$10/class

Zumba: A fun and exciting Latin dance-inspired fitness class. Tuesdays 5:30 pm-6:15 pm. Starts March 6th and runs for 8 weeks. Cost is \$7/class

Pound: A fitness class inspired by drumming! Drumsticks provided. Tuesdays 6:15 pm-7 pm. Starts March 6th and runs for 8 weeks. Cost is \$7/class **Special discount when you join Zumba and Pound and take all 8 back-to-back classes of each; only \$80 total for all classes!

Moonlight Snowshoe Trek or Hike—Rescheduled for Friday, March 2 at 6 pm

Location: The French Basin Trail. Join us as we partner with the County of Annapolis to offer this Moonlight Snowshoe Hike through the beautiful winter landscape. This is an easy hike and a great opportunity to try out snowshoeing. There will also be a bonfire and some light refreshments served. Registration is required. To register: www.annapoliscounty.ca or contact Nadine Barteaux at 902-665-4010; nbarteaux@annapoliscounty.ca.

OPEN GYM at The Academy Gym - Free Gym Time!

Thanks to Facility Access Funding from the Province of Nova Scotia, the Academy Gym is going to be made available for use free of charge for kids at select times after school and over March Break. For available times, please visit www.annapolisroyal.com, or "like" Annapolis Royal Recreation on Facebook for the latest information!

<u>Valleyconnect.ca</u> – An Online Database of Recreation Opportunities

Please visit <u>www.valleyconnect.ca</u> to explore all the great things to do in the Annapolis Valley. This online database is easy to navigate and includes programs, events, clubs, facilities, and cool things to do in the Annapolis Valley. Check it out!

For more information on these and other recreation programs and events, please call Noah at 902-955-1205 or email alc@annapolisroval.com.



CHIEF'S CORNER





By now you may have seen our new police vehicle, which replaced the older 2009 Chevrolet Impala. You may note a slight difference in our stripe package, which includes a hint of red—one of the colour's in our Coat of Arms. You will also note the words "Service to the Community" under POLICE. This is simply a reminder of our commitment to the citizens of the Town of Annapolis Royal.

This month you will note a correction in our reported statistics from the previous month – a minor "faux pas" at printing. While I believe it is important to show statistics to help maintain transparency – they should be

viewed keeping in mind that they capture calls for service and not necessarily all activities in which our members are involved., such as volunteering and other pro-active policing activities. If you have any questions about our statistics, or any policing concerns, I would encourage you to contact me or a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. As an oversight body, board members are also the link between the community and police. Your board members can be found on the Town of Annapolis Royal webpage.

Finally, while I may embrace Shubenacadie Sam's prediction of an early Spring, the Almanac predicted a colder, more normal winter for the Maritimes, with many locations experiencing above-normal precipitation. Regardless of what you may believe, Spring is definitely much closer now than it was one month ago. That said, be careful and remain prepared for those weather events that might turn up and surprise us before Spring actually arrives.

Emergency Line: 911

General Police Line: 902-532-2427

Office Location: 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal (right side of the Town Hall) Social Media: Contact us on Facebook or on the Town of Annapolis Royal web-page

Police Facebook Page: @ARPoliceD

Town Facebook Page: @townofannapolisroyal

Town of Annapolis Royal Web-Page: <u>annapolisroyal.com</u> CRIMESTOPPERS: 902-422-8477 OR crimestoppers.ns.ca

Annapolis Royal was incorporated as a town in 1882

December and January					
Dec	Jan Nature of the Call				
	2	Traffic Accidents			
8	4	Speeding			
1		Seatbelt			
1		Insurance			
1	1	Fail to Remain			
1		Dangerous/Careless Driving			
1	1	Impaired Driving			
5	3	Parking			
16	15	Warnings			
14	5	Other Motor Vehicle			
	4	Intersection Related			
1		Check Stops			
	1	Liquor			
2	7	False Alarms			
3	1	Lost & Found			
32	24	Assistance to Public			
21	23	Property Checks			
2	12	CR Checks			
1		Disturb the Peace			
	1	Thefts			
	1	Assaults			

Break & Enter

Animal Calls

911 Act

Criminal Harassment

Mental Health Act

Uttering Threats

Wellbeing Check

TOTAL

Police Statistics for the Months of

December and Ianuary

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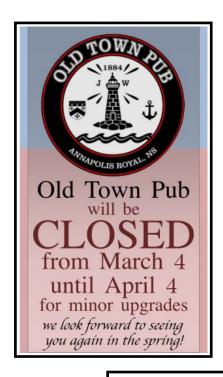
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Did you know that International Women's Day, celebrated March 8th, has been in existence for more than a century?



TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED



Town Hall will be closed March 30th for Good Friday and April 2nd for Easter Monday

Change in Council Time Meetings

Please note that from February—July, the start time for Council meetings will be 4pm. This is on a trial basis for six months. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month and community members are encouraged to attend.



Tax Reduction for Non-Profit Organizations

A reminder to non-profit organizations wanting to apply for a tax reduction; in order to apply for the next fiscal year beginning April 1st, the deadline to submit a request is March 31, 2018. For details on the by-law and eligibility, please see annapolisroyal.com/non-profit-tax/.



Request for Quotation for Marketing and Graphic Design Services

The Town of Annapolis Royal is seeking quotes for Marketing and Graphic Design Services for the upcoming fiscal year. The closing date is March 9, 2018 at 1 pm. All questions and proposals can be sent to: Community Development Coordinator, Sandi Millett -Campbell, phmc@annapolisroyal.com or call (902)-532-3145. Full details of the Request for Quotation can be found at https://annapolisroyal.com/request-quotation-marketing-graphic-design-services/.



Facade Program

A reminder that the deadline to submit receipts and the final report for the Façade Program is March 31, 2018. This can be done via email to Sandi Millett-Campbell at phmc@annapolisroval.com.



Business Listings on Town Website

The Town is having a "spring clean-up" of its website. While every effort is made to update business listings, some may be missed. We encourage business owners to review their online listings and email admin@annapolisroyal.com with any required updates.



Public Waste Bins

There has been an increase in people using the public waste receptacles to dispose of their household waste. Please be mindful that the public garbage cans on the streets are for pedestrian garbage and not household garbage.







FIND US ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, & INSTAGRAM BY SEARCHING TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to invite new members interested in joining our incredible team. If you or someone you know would like to be a member or help the **Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society (FAPS)** in any way, please let us know by sending us an email to burnies@gmail.com.

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

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Friends of the Annapolis Pool (FAPS) If you or someone you know is interested in a position at the pool, please submit a letter of interest to Susan Robinson -Burnie burniesar@gmail.com (Interviews will follow in April 2018) The following positions are available: Lifeguard (Nationals Certification) Shadow Guard (Bronze Cross/Medallion Certification)

Swim Instructor (Red Cross/ Life-Saving)

Pool Manager (Part-time hours)

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: March 7th & March 21st. Please contact Valley Waste for all waste related matters: 1-877-927-8300 or see their website for email addresses: www.vwrm.com

The Egyptians were the first to give out coloured eggs on Easter. They saw the egg as a symbol of birth and life.



COUNCIL MOTIONS



February 20, 2018 (From Unapproved Minutes. Approval of minutes will occur at the next Council meeting)

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-04

It was moved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to approve the Guarantee Resolution for Valley Region Solid Waste – Resource Management Authority in the amount of \$1,480 in relation to the balloon payment on debenture 33-A-1. **Motion carried**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-05

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to authorize the Director of Finance to apply for a bursary to attend the GFOA Conference and to commit to pay the expenses in excess of the bursary which are anticipated to be approximately \$200.00. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-06

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to approve the completion of a letter of support from the Town in relation to the application to designate the deGannes Cosby House as a National Historic site. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-07

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Sanford to approve that the applicant at 286 St. George Street be given heritage approval to install a projecting wall sign, one window sign and two wall sign as detailed in the application AR18-003-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-08

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Elliot that the applicant at 454 St. George Street be given heritage approval to install a vinyl window at the back of the house and install white vinyl siding on the bottom portion of the house as detailed in the application AR18-004-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-09

It was moved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to approve the cleaning tender be awarded to Amber Woodland-Bruce and Cyle Bruce, commencing April 1, 2018. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-10

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Sanford to direct the Town to participate in the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network Peer-to-Peer Learning Group. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-11

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Elliot to change the start time for council meetings to 4 pm from 6 pm, on a trial basis of six months. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-12

It was approved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Sanford to approve the date of May 12, 2018 for the Rare and Unusual Plant Society to hold their sale at the Market Square and that Council waive the \$5.00 vending permit. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-13

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Elliot to direct staff, in accordance with the policies adopted by various national parks, to dismantle the stacked stone structures on our waterfront in the month of November, annually and as soon as practicable this Spring. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-14

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Elliot that we re-submit the nomination from last year for the Order of Nova Scotia. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-15

It was moved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to direct staff to make an offer to purchase PID 05000229. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-16

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Sanford that Council reject the Scotia Wealth Management and RBC Wealth Management proposals. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-17

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Elliot to move Dual Rate Account funds to be moved to the Prime based interest rate arrangement, depending on the outcome of inquiries to the Account Manager. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2018-FEB-20-18

It was moved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to pre-approve the Easter Eggstravaganza budget request for \$500.00. **Motion carried.**

The Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department has been serving the community since 1811.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



Monthly events in and around Annapolis Royal. Please forward submissions by March 19, 2018 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com or by calling 902-532-2043.

DAILY

March 2nd

Movie: Darkest Hour / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 3rd

Movie: Darkest Hour / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

Talk: Bill Monk's Hike Along the Appalachian Trail / 2 pm / St. Luke's Church / Free Will Offering

March 4th

Concert: Black Umfolosi / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

Artist Talk: Huguette Despault May / 1pm / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

March 5th

Life Drawing (clothed) with Louise Williams / 1pm / 18+ years / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

March 9th

Movie: Molly's Game / 7 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 10th

National Theatre Stage to Screen Performance—Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 11th

Movie: Molly's Game / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

Mark-making with Lauren Soloy / 1pm / 18+ years / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

March 13th

Movie: Faces Places / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 18th

The Exquisite Corpse with Jenn Smith and Julia Redgrave / 1 pm / All ages / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

March 22nd

Concert: H'SAO / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 27th

Movie: The Square / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

March 31st

Stage to Screen: Tosca / 2 pm / King's Theatre / kingstheatre.ca

12th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza:

Bunny Breakfast / 8:30 am—10:30 am / Legion

Easter Egg Hunt / 11 am / Fort Anne / Children 4 yrs and under please gather at the second entrance near the Library. Children 5-10 yrs meet at the main entrance to Fort Anne grounds.

Crafts and Activities / 12 pm—2 pm / the Academy

Zumba / 1 pm—2 pm / the Academy

Free Movie / 2:30 pm / the Academy

The Annapolis Royally Amazing Race/ Ages 10-14 yrs / Teams must pre-register by calling Noah at 902-955-1205

RECURRING

Winter Farmers' Market/ Sat 9am-12pm / Historic Gardens / historicgardens.com

Drop-in Drawn Out—Come in and have a go at drawing / Tues-Fri during the month of March / 10am—12pm & 1pm—4pm / All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult / Free. All materials provided / ARTsPlace / arcac-artsplace.weebly.com/

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Open to the public Agendas available online

Committee of the Whole March 1st @ 4 pm

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee March 5th @ 9 am

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee March 8th @ 10 am

Marketing and Economic Development
Committee
March 13th @ 6 pm

Board of Police Commissioners March 14th @ 9 am

> Council March 19th @ 6 pm

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee March 22nd @ 6 pm

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Friend's of the Annapolis Pool Society (FAPS) AGM / March 27th @ 5:30pm / Town Hall Council Chambers

King's Theatre AGM / March 28th @ 7 pm

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 annapolisroyal.com.

Joke: Why can't you iron a four leaf clover? Because you shouldn't press your luck.