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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Happy New Year!

"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." - Dr. Seuss

Are you looking for community involvement or to volunteer your time this year? Check out page 5 for community happenings and page 6 for volunteer opportunities for 2020.

Please join us February 18th at Town Hall to celebrate African Heritage Month for February 2020.

The Town will be hosting a proclamation and short ceremony honoring the official theme: The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community. The event will take place after the Council meeting on February 18th at approximately 6pm, with refreshments being served.

Don't forget to enter our naming contest for the program rooms at the community hub- the winner will be announced at the ceremony! See page 2 for details.



Members of council

Mayor Bill MacDonald mayor@annapolisroyal.com

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Councillor Paula Hafting phafting@annapolisroyal.com



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Mayor MacDonald Office Hours Tues to Fri / 10 am-4 pm and available by appointment



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Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the March / April edition being February 21st Please contact admin@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 102 if you have any questions.

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Public Works Emergency: 902-532-8347

MAYOR'S MESSAGE





Mayor Bill MacDonald

A century ago, the period 1920 to 1929 was characterized as the Roaring '20s, for its dramatic economic and social growth and

In a Globe & Mail opinion piece on what the 1920's can teach us about the 2020's, author Lucy Moore noted that it was a time of new openness and opportunity for some, but it was also a time when "cynical leaders peddled fear and lies about outsiders to enhance their prestige and line their pockets." Yet, despite the darkness of that political mood, Moore pointed out that the 1920s also saw "thrilling developments in art and culture and opening up a world not just tolerant of difference, but celebrating previously marginalized groups."

After another year of unprecedented house sales, welcoming new residents, and new businesses, Annapolis Royal is in the midst of its

own dramatic surge in social and economic growth. In a Christmas message, I noted that despite its history as the most fought over land in North America, the Annapolis Royal of today exemplifies the joy and spirit of the holiday season - living in peace and harmony with goodwill to everyone. Which is proudly reflected in our celebration of diversity, and our ongoing efforts to ensure an inclusive and welcoming community.

We are custodians of the cradle of our nation, and must do everything we can to ensure the sustainability and future survival of Annapolis Royal. I encourage everyone to embrace the promise of a new year; and take the opportunity to become involved in the social, cultural, and political affairs of our community.



COMMUNITY



Contest Time! Name our Program Rooms

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for suggestions to name the program rooms at the Community Hub. We are looking for participation from our the residents and users of the Community Hub to submit names that will have some historical significance to the Town and area. Council will be looking for creative suggestions with respect to the heritage and importance of the Community Hub to our area.

Ballots will be located at the main office at Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal Regional Library and at Town Hall. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 31st at 3pm.

The announcement of the winning names will be on Tuesday, February 18th at 6pm at the reception for the African Heritage event. For more information contact, Town Hall 532-2043.



Did you experience losses from Hurricane Dorian?

Nova Scotians with uninsurable losses from Hurricane Dorian can apply to the disaster financial assistance program beginning January 8, 2020. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2020. Disaster financial assistance helps individuals, small businesses, not-for-profit organizations with uninsurable losses and municipalities with uninsured damage return to pre-disaster condition. For more information please visit: https://beta.novascotia.ca/ government/emergency-management-office



Are you 72 Hours Prepared?

Ready gov states that in the event of an emergency, you may have to survive on your own for several days. This is why they recommend that every family have a basic disaster kit with enough food, water, medicine, and other supplies to last at least three days. Your emergency kit should be stored in a backpack (or several) and kept in an easily accessible closet in your home. For more information on becoming storm or emergency ready visit: https:// www.ready.gov/kit

The African Nova Scotian community traces its roots back to the 1700s. This year Nova Scotia Heritage Day we celebrate and honor Africville.



COMMUNITY



Meet and Greet - Elephant Grass Print Collective

Elephant Grass Print Collective is hosting a casual Meet and Greet for people interested in membership or curious to find out more about the art of printmaking in our area. EPGC, established in 2013, is run by a group of artist with a desire to provide printmaking/letterpress facilities and resources for the local community. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in printmaking regardless of experience. In 2020 EGPC will be incorporating as a non-profit Society and moving our studio to 240 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. Following the Meet and Greet, we invite all new and continuing members to stay for our AGM. For more information visit our website elephantgrassprint.ca or email elephantgrassprint@gmail.com

January 19th @ 2pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers: 285 St. George St., Annapolis Royal.





Twinning Committee News

Twinning presentation: Saturday, Feb 22nd 10am at the Annapolis Royal Library Community Room.

Why is Annapolis Royal twinned with Royan, France? Would you like to know? And who is Pierre Dugua de Mons and what is his connection to our Town? If you are interested in knowing more and seeing some photos, please join the Annapolis Royal Twinning Committee for a free, public presentation on Royan and Pierre Dugua de Mons on **Saturday, February 22nd at 10 am**. This presentation will take place at the community room at the Community Hub at the Academy on Ritchie Street. The Twinning Committee is pleased to partner with the Annapolis Royal Library which will be inaugurating a shelf of books dedicated to Royan and to Pierre Dugua de Mons. For more information, please contact Christine Igot at <christine@latext.com>.



A Thank You..

The Annapolis Area Food Bank would like to thank the many individuals, clubs, schools, churches and businesses who have contributed food items and cash over the past year. Your generosity has made a huge difference for our clients. We and they are grateful for the good will of our amazing community, not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. We are located in the Community Hub next to the Annapolis Royal Library, and are open on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays monthly from 6 to 8 pm. We can be reached at 902-532-5572.



Lions News...

The Annapolis Royal Lions Club will be conducting its monthly dinner meeting on Monday January 27th - the Birthday of our founder Melvin Jones, at 6.30 pm at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall... January 13th to 17th is celebrated in the world of Lionism as Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) week.

The Lion's world humanitarian program and has donated over one billion U.S. dollars to causes around the world. The Annapolis Royal Lions make a \$100 donation every January to this campaign. Another donation made was \$100 to the Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP).

We are proud to announce that the Lions, in partnership with the World Federation of Diabetes Associations conducted over one million screenings for diabetes during the month of November.

Lastly it should be noted that the Annapolis Royal Lions wish to thank all those who supported and assisted us in our December Christmas tree sale; we raised over \$3000, which is half our regular charity budget. A special thank you goes out to the management and staff of the Annapolis Royal Home Hardware.

Remember where there is a need, there is a Lion.. Those wishing to know more about lions or to attend a meeting should contact Peter Sleight at 9025322846 or email at petersleight@eastlink.ca.



Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Events - Perpetual

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

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

Weekly Fun Pool Tournament - Weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1pm. 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 - Great local musicians play a music set from 7pm-9pm (or later) each Friday night. Chase the Ace Draw will be at 8pm sharp, arrive early to purchase your tickets. Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 6:30pm-8pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday night See the schedule on our Facebook page or drop by the Legion for more info.

Africville was a primarily Black community located on the south shore of the Bedford Basin, on the outskirts of Halifax The first records of a Black presence in Africville date back to 1848, and it continued to exist for 150 years after that.



GET MOVIN'



Saturday January 18 - Open House at the Community Hub Gym

On Saturday, Jan 18, from 10AM-4PM, Annapolis Royal Recreation will be hosting an Open House at the Community Hub Gymnasium! This will include fun and games for kids, pick-up sports games for anyone to join, a snowshoe trek, contests, healthy snacks, and more! Please stay tuned to our Facebook page @AnnapolisRoyalRecreation and keep an eye out for advertisements around Town for a detailed schedule of events! All events and activities are FREE!

Moonlight Snowshoe Hike - Saturday, February 7rd, 6:00 pm At the French Basin Trail (Skatepark Trailhead)

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. Open to all ages, there will also be a bonfire and some light refreshments served. **Registration is required,** so please register by emailing alc@annapolisroyal.com, or call 902-955-1205!



CHIEF'S CORNER





Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser

Happy New Year!

I hope that your holiday season was a safe and enjoyable one. For those who celebrated Winter Solstice, and you know who you are, it was a fantastic evening. It is also noteworthy to say that the only Grinch sightings that I am aware of were those posted by Trish. Now the true test following new years – do you keep your resolution!? Not to worry, since this is the year 2020, we should all enjoy a full year with perfect vision and perfect hindsight so that the decisions we will all be making - will be sound ones.

I am happy to report that things were very quiet in Annapolis Royal over this period. Not to jinx anything, but it does appear that the weather has been acceptable so far however I do remind you that we are still in the winter season. As the traffic authority, I do not believe a need for an overnight parking ban in Annapolis Royal – I much more prefer owners ensure they are not interfering with snow removal on their own accord. With that said, you are reminded that should you interfere with snow removal we may take enforcement action in accordance with the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act, that could result in the issuance of a parking ticket and/or tow, so please be vigilant in this regard. This is also greatly appreciated by our Works employees who are responsible for snow removal. I would also remind you that it is an offence to leave your vehicle running while unattended so as much as some like to get into a warm cozy vehicle it is contrary to provincial law and Annapolis Royal policy.

I would like to welcome Constable Nicole Cleaves back from an extended leave and give a big thanks to Constable Matt Calder and Constable Robert Frontain, who worked as temporary members of the Annapolis Royal Police so our shifts would be covered. Their service to Annapolis Royal will be recognized later in January as members of Council, Board of Police Commissioners, and other town staff, meet to say goodbye and offer best wishes with their police careers.

I would like to remind you that February is African Heritage Month. I have stated in previous writings that Annapolis Royal and Nova Scotia alike have seen many affluent and successful citizens of African decent who have given so much to the community. This year I would like to recognize those in and around our community that give so much, support so much, and always have a smile when seen walking or driving in town – you know who you are! Thank you for being part of our community. Your contributions make us all stronger.

I wish everyone a prosperous, healthy, and safe 2020 and look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.

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 @ARPoliceD

CRIMESTOPPERS: 902-422-8477 OR crimestoppers.ns.ca

Police Statistics for the Month of NOVEMBER	
#	Nature of the Call
2	Speeding
1	Seatbelt
1	Insurance
1	Fail to Remain
2	Driving Disqualified / Unlicensed
2	Impaired Driving
4	Suspended Driving
5	Parking
2	Warnings
5	Other Motor Vehicle
1	Intersection Related
1	Liquor
2	False Alarms
36	Assistance to the Public
32	Property Checks
2	Criminal Record Checks
1	Coroners Act
1	911 Act
1	Missing Persons
2	Firearms Act
1	Mental Health Act
2	Uttering Threats
1	Mischief
1	Wellbeing Check
1	Municipal By-laws
110	TOTAL

Did you know... the Chinese New Year officially begins on January 25th, and ends on February 4th. 2020 is the Year of the rat. The Rat is the first of the 12-year cycle of animals.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



Please forward March / April submissions by February 21st to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

Events

January 14th & 21st

3D Printer Workshop / Part 1 Jan 14th 7-9pm/ Part 2 Jan 21st 7-9pm / Annapolis Innovation Lab / Pre-register @ https://www.valleylibrary.ca/ event/3d-printer-workshop-part-1-2-workshopsopen-all

January 19th

Meet and Greet - Elephant Grass Print Collective / 2pm /Town Hall

January 21st

Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library AGM / 7pm / Library Program Room / Guest Speaker to follow the Meeting

January 25th

Family Literacy Day Celebrations / 12-2pm / Annapolis Royal Library /Fun, family-friendly games and activities / All are Welcome

January 25th

BURNS NIGHT / 7pm / Special Event / King's Theatre / Tickets: \$30 - \$60

January 27th, Feb 3rd & Feb 10

Women who mean Business / Cost \$35.00, includes lunch / For more info https://www.valleylibrary.ca/event/women-who-mean-business

February 1st

DAVID CHAMBERLAND & Friends / 7:30pm / Live Performance / King's Theatre / Member: \$ 26 General: \$30 Youth: \$8

February 9th

THE BHANGRA BOYS / 2pm / Live Performance / King's Theatre /

February 12th

Celtic Valentine Kitchen Party Tea / 2-4pm/ St. Luke's Hall / Free will offering

February 14th

Celtic Valentine Kitchen Party Tea / 2-4pm/ St. Luke's Hall / Free will offering

February 16th

PROTEUS SAXOPHONE QUARTET / 2pm / Live Performance / King's Theatre / Member: \$ 26 General: \$30 Youth: \$8

February 18th

The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community Ceremony / 6pm / Town Hall/ Refreshments

February 22nd

TWINNING PRESENTATION by the Twinning Committee / 10am / Community Hub

Films

(See www.kingstheatre.ca for showtimes)

- HARRIET
- * Massenet's MANON Met Opera
- * CATS
- * GERHARD RICHTER PAINTING (Reel Art at ARTsPLACE)
- * GAUGIN In Tahiti: Paradise Lost
- * BOMBSHELL
- * THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING (Reel Art at ARTsPLACE)
- * LITTLE WOMEN
- * FRIDA: Viva La Vida
- * 101'
- * THE BHANGRA BOYS
- * **BEAUTY IS EMBARRASSING** (Reel Art at ARTsPLACE)
- * DOLITTLE
- * GEOFF BUTLER: A Celebration

Recurring

Open Gym/ Tuesdays - ending December 17th / 3:30 pm - 5:00pm / The Community Hub

Winter Farmers' Market / 9am-12pm / Historic Gardens

Girls Who Code / Mondays 3:30 pm- 5pm / Annapolis Royal Library

Annapolis County Chess / Chess for all ages and levels, beginners welcome / Wednesday and Thursday nights 6 to 9 pm / Middleton and Annapolis Royal / Info: tfeloc@hotmail.com

Morning Storytime / Thursdays from 10am-11am / Community Hub / Pre-school children

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Open / Mon 1pm-4pm; Wed 10am-2pm; Sat 10am-2pm / Community Hub

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Useless Skills / Sat 2pm-4pm / Community Hub / Ages 12+ years

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Annapolis Makers/ ARSA / Tues 6pm-8pm / Community Hub / Ages 12+

Kniterati / Wed 6:30pm-8pm / Community Hub / Open to all knitters and fibre artists

Knitty Teens / Thurs 3:30pm-4:30pm Community Hub / Beginners welcome

Upcoming meetings

Open to the public Agendas available online

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee January 6th @ 9am February 3rd @ 9am

Committee of the Whole January 13th @ 4 pm February 6th @ 4 pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee January 13th @ 9am February 13th @ 9am

Board of Police Commissioners January 14th @ 2 pm February 12th @ 10am

Marketing & Economic Development Committee January 14th @ 6 pm February 10th @ 6 pm

Environment Advisory Committee January 15th @ 2 pm February 12th @ 2 pm

> Council January 20th @ 4 pm February 18th @ 4pm

Public Hearing & Special Council February 10th @ 4pm

Upcoming community Meetings

Innovation Lab 'All Members Meeting' January 22nd @ 7pm in the Program Room

Legion events: see page 3 for recurring events and Facebook for details on their other events.

All King's Theatre events & films: www.kingstheatre.ca

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events: arcac-artsplace.weebly.com

All Community Hub events: www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar/

For more details & up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at annapolisroyal.com.



TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED



Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 17th for NS Heritage Day



Donations and Grants Applications

Organizations wanting to apply for donations and grants from the Town of Annapolis Royal are reminded that the application deadline is January 31, 2020. Full details can be found at https://annapolisroval.com/donations-grants-policy/.



Mail-Chimp News Updates

Want to follow important updates for the Town of Annapolis Royal? Ensure to subscribe to our Mail Chimp. Send your subscription request to admin@annapolisroyal.com.



Sidewalk Snow Clearing

Just a reminder for this snowy season- under the Towns Streets and Sidewalks By-law: "Occupiers, owners or persons in charge of houses, stores, lots and pieces of land situate on that portion of St. George Street in the Town extending northerly from and including the property at 324 St George Street on the one side and from the Town Hall Building at 285 St George Street on the other side to the Town Wharf, shall, after every snowfall, clear away the snow from the sidewalks adjoining their respective properties..." Full By-law available at annapolisroval.com



Town of Annapolis Royal Tender - Janitorial Services

The Town of Annapolis Royal invites sealed tenders to supply janitorial services for Town Hall, the Public Works building, the Gym and library at the Community Hub located at 590 St. George Street, the washroom facility at the new Comfort Station located at 24 Drury Lane and other areas as may be required for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 with the option for renewal by mutual written agreement for a further period of one year. Full details are available at Town Hall or online at: https://annapolisroyal.com/category/townhall/public-notice/ Tenders will be received until 1:00 p.m. January 31, 2020.



Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Fifty percent (50%) of the members must be persons with disabilities or represent organizations that represent persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Act. The Committee provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, Initiatives and facilities. For more information please visit our website: https:// annapolisroyal.com/volunteers-wanted-accessibility-advisory-committee/

Response Deadline: Thursday February 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.



Town of Annapolis Royal Tender - Gardening Services

The Town of Annapolis Royal is now accepting tenders for Town's gardening services. The tender should be for six months' (May-October 2020) worth of maintenance and all gardening services for the Town of Annapolis Royal. For full list of garden areas and additional details please visit: https://annapolisroval.com/gardening-tender/

Tenders will be received until Friday March 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteer **Opportunities**

NEW COMMITTEE:

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. See Town Hall section for more details.

The Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking a volunteer. If you or someone you know would like to serve on this committee please contact Community Development Coordinator/ Interim CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell: phmc@annapolisroyal.com

The Audit Committee is seeking a citizen volunteer. Contact Director of Finance Melony Robinson at finance@annapolisroyal.com

Waste Collection Pick-Up

Pick-up dates: January 8th &

22nd

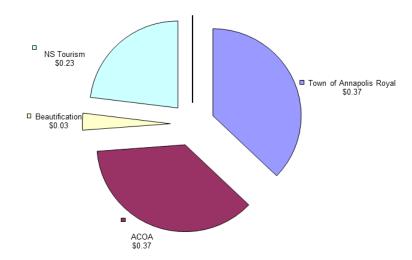
NOTICE: March 31st NEW COLLECTION SCHEDULE (Tues. week 2)

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

Groundhog Day (February 2nd) has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather.

Former Bus Garage / Comfort Station Project

Another wonderful project in the books for the Town of Annapolis Royal. This project was made possible thanks to the Provincial and Federal funding programs.





COUNCIL MOTIONS



Motions from November Approved Minutes...

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-03

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Sanford that the Ash tree at 58 Drury be trimmed as soon as the arborist comes to town to do the other work. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-04

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella and seconded by Councillor Sanford to adopt the Chief of Police Performance Evaluation form recommended by Board of Police Commissioners. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-05

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power and seconded by Counicllor Kinsella to pay for the 3 invoices received by Marie Cummings for the downed tree on her property that was in fact a Town tree, in the amount of \$2406. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-06

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella and seconded by Councillor Sanford to write off roll 00092398 and roll 04997409 interim taxes in the amounts \$680.85 and \$2419.20 respectively for the Town of Annapolis Royal's Town owned properties. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-07

Councillor Hafting moved, seconded by John Kinsella for discussion purposes, to amend the declaration of Climate War to be worded as "Climate emergency" declared by the Town under which the town can mobilize any forces possible to protect the Town. **Motion Defeated.** 4 Nay Votes by Mayor MacDonald, Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Kinsella and Councillor Sanford.

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-08

Councillor Sanford moved seconded by Councillor Hafting for discussion purposes that a declaration of Climate War be declared by the Town under which we can mobilize any forces possible to protect the Town. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-09

It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to extend the Audit contract with Morse Brewster Lake until March 31, 2021 at the same price as 2020. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-Nov-18-13

It was moved by Councillor Hafting and seconded by Councillor Sanford that a hiring committee is established for the hiring of a new CAO which will be advertised publicly again, and will consist of Mayor Macdonald, Councillor Hafting, Interim CAO Sandi Millet-Campbell and Chief of Police, Tim Moser. **Motion Carried.**

February 15th is National Flag of Canada Day - The National Flag of Canada's current design results from a period of discussion, debate and political maneuvering in the early 1960s. Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed the new flag on January 28, 1965, and it was inaugurated on February 15 in the same year.









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The Annapolis Valley market is strong! If you are considering a move, we invite you talk to one of our experienced agents today.

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324 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal 902-532-7501







Did you know... Valentine's Day has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included the pairing off of couples by lottery. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.