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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Bill MacDonald

There have been some loosening of social restrictions under the provincial state of emergency, as governments all across Canada move to open up the economy. It is unclear what this new reality will look like, but public health advises that we can expect to be living with COVID-19 for the foreseeable future.

Dr. Robert Strang, the province's chief medical officer of health has told Nova Scotians that while face masks are not mandatory, we can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing non-medical grade masks in public. My wife Adele and I wear face masks anywhere we aren't assured of safe physical distancing, in an effort to safeguard the wellbeing of our friends and neighbours. Indeed, everyone.

Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's chief public health officer, likewise recommends the wearing a face masks; noting, "It is clear that transmission of the virus is happening more often than previously recognized from infected people right before they develop symptoms. This is called presymptomatic transmission." Dr. Tam further notes, "There is also evidence that some infected people who never developed symptoms are also able to transmit the virus. This is called asymptomatic transmission."

As we all do our best to be safe, and navigate our way through this new reality, let's not forget about the people around us. Being concerned about the wellbeing of others is never wrong. In fact, it's mighty neighbourly. The very thing for which Nova Scotians are so well know.

Until wearing a mask is mandatory, wearing a mask is being polite to fight the spread of COVID-19. Polite being another thing for which Nova Scotians are known. Proudly wear a mask. We'll all be glad you did.

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020!! Council and staff are wishing you the best of luck on your next adventure.

The latest updates on COVID-19, visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

"When it rains, it pours...but soon the sun shines again. Stay positive. Better days are on their way." Unknown



CHIEF'S CORNER



“Unprecedented Times” – no truer words have been spoken. Nova Scotia has seen its fair share of tragedies in the past few months. I don't wish to dwell on negative thoughts but wish to add some positivity to our small community while reflecting on a few things. Even with so much tragedy and challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent events, I still marvel at the beauty of this community and the perseverance of its people.

In less than one month, we have seen members of our nation's military and police service killed in the line of duty whether intentional or by accident. One thing that really stands out to me is that three women gave their lives in service to our country. I don't wish to underscore the fact that several men also died but it is unprecedented to see this number of women giving their lives in service to their country particularly in such a short time period. In just over three weeks, three women lost their lives, in three separate tragedies, all from Nova Scotia.

Now, some good news. I want to share with you a new partnership between all municipal police agencies in Nova Scotia, including Annapolis Royal Police, and the Medic Alert Foundation of Canada under the “Connect Protect Program”. Most people are aware of the Medic Alert bracelet, which focuses on identifying medical conditions so health service providers can quickly assess and treat a patient however this program expands this service to identify those with cognitive conditions such as Dementia. Having immediate access through “Connect Protect” helps police officers respond faster with more informed action at every touch point. When a person suffers from Dementia and wanders from home, every second counts. For more information on this program please visit www.medicalert.ca

While we continue to fight COVID-19 please adhere to the restrictions imposed by our government and health officials. It is important to have all of the facts on limitations, which are done for your safety and the safety of others. An interesting fact made by an epidemiologist: based on the percentage of deaths related to COVID-19, every person will know or have links to 6 people who died from this disease. It is more than compliance; it is being responsible and going beyond for everyone's benefit. For more information visit the NS Government web-site at www.novascotia.ca.

Finally, to all front-line essential service workers and providers – THANK YOU! and also, CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the Graduating class of 2020 – you are the future, make it count!

Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser

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Message from Chief Administrative Officer

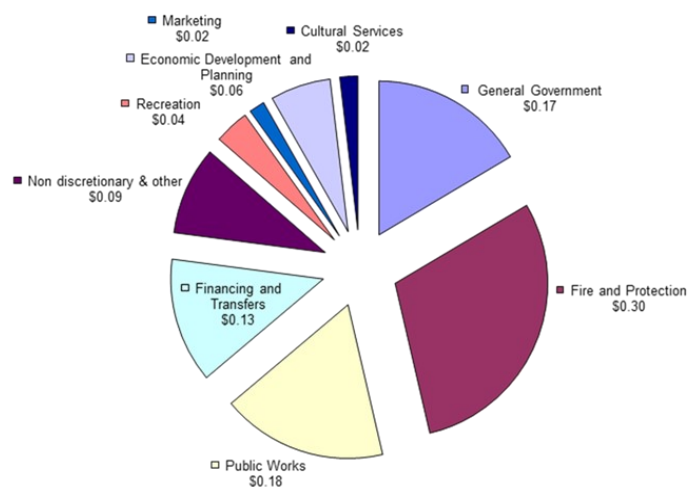
Town Hall is adjusting to the new normal and hopefully soon staff we will back in the office and following all the social distancing regulations. Our Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are available on Facebook live for everyone to keep up to date on the decision being made by Council. All Advisory Committee meetings are beginning held by Zoom and if anyone is interested in taking part please send your request two days prior to the meeting to receive an email invite to listen in to the meeting. Your request can be made to admin@annapolisroyal.com.

Our general operating budget for 2020-2021 has been approved by Council and pleased to say that the tax rates will remain the same.

Be positive, be safe and stay strong,

Sandi Millett-Campbell

Town of Annapolis Royal Budget 2020-2021
Breakdown of Each \$1.00 Spent



Remember... “Take the time to be kind. You can make all the difference in someone's day.” Lucy MacDonald