

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

“And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.” - Oscar Wilde

September already?

It's crazy to think that summer is coming to an end! We definitely didn't have the same event filled summer as previous years, but we think our Town had a great summer despite the circumstances. It has certainly been a very different year for everyone and we are grateful for all the positivity from our local businesses and residents.

We had to say goodbye to our summer students Joe and Madison. We are so appreciative for all their help this summer. It's sad to see them leave but we wish them the best of luck at school this fall!

Just a reminder that due to the holiday, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020.

We're excited to be extending the Music at the “O” series a couple weeks into the month of September. Check out our events for the month on page 5 to see the bands that will be performing this month.

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Contact admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the October/November edition being September 23, 2020.
Please contact
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Police Non-Emergency:
902-532-2427

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902-532-8347

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Bill MacDonald

Included as part of our new normal, living with COVID-19, are procedural changes to our voting during this year's municipal election. Specifically, Annapolis Royal's voting procedure has been amended to allow for e-voting: on-line and phone-in voting, in addition to in-person electronic balloting at Town Hall.

Along with other Nova Scotian municipalities, the Town of Annapolis Royal has contracted the services of 'inteligovote systems inc.' to receive and tabulate voting results. Registered voters can expect to be mailed a personal identification number (PIN) to ensure that the integrity of the electoral process is maintained. Council approved these alternate e-voting options to allow every voter access to the electoral process during the pandemic, without fear of compromising their health. As well, e-voting removes barriers and accommodates persons with disabilities - helping to facilitate their participation in the democratic process. While elections in the future will no doubt return to the use of traditional paper ballots, I anticipate that the option of e-voting will remain as part of providing an accessible and barrier free community.

Should you have any questions, or to review the town's Alternate Voting Bylaw, contact Annapolis Royal Returning Officer Melony Robinson; or go to the link below:

<https://annapolisroyal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Signed-Copy-of-Alt.-Voting-ByLaw.pdf>

COMMUNITY

It's back to school season! And boy, this year looks like it's going to be very different compared to most. COVID-19 has created an unusual environment to navigate and has changed how everyone is planning for the upcoming school season. It will require everyone's support to make sure that it is healthy, safe and equitable for students, teachers, staff, and families. The return to school is an important step to create some sort of normalcy in our lives - without forgetting safety measures! Remember to follow the public health guidelines such as wearing masks, washing hands regularly, physical distancing, etc.

Oh and we ask that you please watch out for the school buses! Buses will be back and students will be crossing the roads to get on/off. There will also be much more walking traffic in school zones so be careful!

The Town of Annapolis Royal would like to wish everyone a safe, educational, and fun school year! And for those not in school, have a great September!



Did you know... September 6th is National Read a Book Day! What a good time to reread your favorite one!



COMMUNITY



Short-Term Rentals

Even with reduced visitor numbers this year, we still receive questions regarding short-term rentals-either from those interested in starting up, or from residents concerned about individuals who are not following the rules. This seemed like a good opportunity to share the relevant guidelines from our Land Use By-Law (LUB).

While on its face the phrase “short-term rental” seems to refer only to the length of time a room or space is rented, under our LUB the meaning is more specific. Here a short-term rental is “the rental of a room or rooms for overnight accommodation in an owner-occupied dwelling for a period of 30 days or less, excluding the rental of the entire dwelling”. Under our By-Law this really refers to a class of accommodation which is permitted in a residential zone (often using such services as Airbnb, VRBO, FlipKey etc.) If, for example, you live on School street, which is entirely a residential zone, you may use part of the property in which you live as this type of accommodation. You may not use the entire property as a short-term rental. The intention is to prohibit the use of entire properties in residential zones from a series of short-term rentals which have proven to be destructive to the quality of these neighborhoods. With the owner present, there is someone accountable for the guests and events such as large house parties are much less likely to occur.

It should be made clear that this is different from a long-term rental property. Renting out an entire property in a residential zone for long periods (usually with a lease) has not changed and is a permitted activity under the LUB.

What about in other areas? In commercial zones, temporary lodging is broadly considered “commercial accommodation”. This includes bed and breakfasts, hotels, inns, historic vacation suites, and motels. Each of these has their own unique characteristics with regard to size, guest services, or whether they offer meals, but all have in common the fact that they are not necessarily owner-occupied.

What if someone is not abiding by the short-term rental rules? Town Hall does not have the resources to monitor all properties for potential violations. Instead, we are complaint driven. That is, if you know of a property which is being used for short-term rentals in contravention of the LUB, you should contact Ken at kknox@annapolisroyal.com or 902 532 2043 x 105. He is happy to discuss the situation and determine if there is a violation.



Leaves



“All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down.” With the fall season on its way, comes leaves changing colors and falling to the ground. Just a reminder that when you are cleaning up the leaves you can either dispose of them in your compost bin or at Leaf and Yard Waste which is located at Public Works, 144 Victoria Street. The drop-off site is 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



GET MOVIN'



Terry Fox Virtual Run - September 20th

While there will be no organized community Terry Fox event in Annapolis Royal this year, The Terry Fox Foundation is excited to announce that Canadians will be able to continue to support cancer research through Virtual Runs from coast to coast this September 20th! You can help raise funds for cancer research by taking your own walk through Annapolis Royal's beautiful streets and trails, and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope! To learn more, register, and/or donate to this incredible organization, please visit www.terryfox.org.



Annapolis Royal Recreation Programs for Fall & Winter of 2020/2021

Town staff is currently developing a plan to re-open the Community Hub Gym that guarantees user safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Once created and approved, we will be offering programs that can be safely conducted while following Public Health and Provincial Sport Organization guidelines. Please stay tuned for announcements regarding the return of these sport and fitness opportunities at this facility. For the most current information, please visit www.annapolisroyal.com or follow "Annapolis Royal Recreation" on Facebook, or call 902-955-1205.

“Shoot for the moon and if you miss you will still be among the stars.” - Les Brown



CHIEF'S CORNER



Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser

With summer almost behind us I would like to mention a few things that will be somewhat different as we ease our way into fall.

The province of Nova Scotia has determined that schools can be opened and thus our children will be returning to school on or about September 8th. So, with that in mind, I remind you to be extra cautious while driving as our school buses will be returning to the streets and there will be an invariable increase in pedestrian traffic within our school zones. **BE CAUTIOUS!**



There have also been constant changes with respect to visitors within our province and I expect to see some folks, from the older demographic, enjoying a late summer or early fall visit or vacation in Annapolis Royal. Please remember this and be aware of additional pedestrian and vehicle traffic in town. While I expect most of these visitors will be from Nova Scotia many others may also be from outside the province. I would remind you that this is permissible, with specific restrictions, so please do not jump to conclusion that any out of province visitors are violating our Health Protection Order. If you know or strongly feel that someone is – please call the Department of Health or our Police Line. While many restrictions remain in place I would encourage you to visit the provincial website for current guidelines: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus>. **BE AWARE!**

As we have already seen, with our late August weather, this year is destined to have its share of hurricane weather with a promise to continue and/or break record amounts including the level of severity. The good news is that we have a robust weather monitoring system, which gives us more than ample time to prepare. To get ahead of the game, I would encourage you to plan in advance by preparing for severe weather, whatever that may entail. For more information on this you can visit the following website: <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx>. **BE PREPARED!**

Remember – we are still in a pandemic and the provincial emergency order remains in effect. How well we do to get past this tumultuous time depends primarily on how we respond and adhere to the recommendations by our Health Specialists. Unless you believe in global conspiracy theories, the reality is that this pandemic will continue and will only end or be controlled through our actions or inactions. It is up to each and every one of us to determine that outcome. Please, respect others, and adhere to social distancing, the wearing of masks as required, and washing your hands frequently. **BE SAFE!**

P.S. If you do not have internet or cable, you can get access to the above websites by visiting the Library. Failing that, you may want to ensure you have a healthy relationship with your neighbor – they may be the first ones to help you!

Have a pleasant September.

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: annapolisroyal.com

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

Police Statistics for the Month of July	
#	Nature of the Call
6	Speeding
2	Traffic Accidents
1	Insurance
0	MV Inspection
1	Driving Disqualified / Unlicensed
2	MV Registration
0	Suspended Driving
7	Other Motor Vehicle
12	Warnings
0	Misleading Police Officer
3	Lost & Found
3	Assaults
1	False Alarms
30	Assistance to the Public
26	Property Checks
1	Animal Calls
0	Fraud
1	Other Prov. Offences
1	Suspicious Persons/Vehicle
0	Firearms Act
0	Wellbeing Check
97	TOTAL

There are three traditional flowers of the month of September: the aster, symbolizing love; the forget-me-not, representing memories and love; and the morning glory, symbolizing unrequited love.

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward October/November submissions by September 23rd to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

Events

Live Music at the "O"
Every Friday in September, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

September 4th - Joker's Right

September 11th - The Rhinestone Romeos

*Social distancing and gathering limits will be observed.
*Concerts will be postponed and rescheduled in the event of rain.

September 2nd
Handel's AGRIPPINA – Met Opera / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Members: \$16, General: \$20, Youth: \$8

September 11th
ADDG on SCREEN/ King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adults: \$12, Youth: \$8

September 12th
ADDG on SCREEN/ King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adults: \$12, Youth: \$8

September 12th
The 12th Annual Tournament of King's / Fort View Golf Course/ For more information, please email golf@kingstheatre.ca or call King's Theatre at 902-532-7704

September 13th
ADDG on SCREEN/ King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adults: \$12, Youth: \$8

September 19th
LENNIE GALLANT GALA FUNDRAISER / King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Tickets: \$100

September 27th
Philip Glass' AKHNATEN – Met Opera / King's Theatre / 2:00pm / Admission: Members: \$16, General: \$20, Youth: \$8

Recurring

Saturday Farmers' Market/9:00am-12:00pm / Saturdays / Market Square



Notice of 2nd Reading and Passing to the The Town of Annapolis Royal Dog By-Law & Public Hearing

TAKE NOTICE THAT Annapolis Royal Town Council will hold 2nd reading and passing of the following By-law at the September 21, 2020 4:00 p.m. Council meeting:

The Town of Annapolis Royal Dog By-Law

Persons wishing to make a presentation, verbally or in writing, must contact administration by September 18, 2020 do so at the Council meeting on September 21, 2020.

Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at admin@annapolisroyal.com.

TAKE NOTICE THAT Annapolis Royal Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. regarding:

Housekeeping Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law

Any interested persons are welcome to make their opinions known to Council by submitting either a written submission by Thursday September 18, 2020 or by attending the online meeting via Zoom (Link on www.annapolisroyal.com). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Send your written submission to cao@annapolisroyal.com. For further information about the public hearing, or questions contact Ken Knox at 902-532-2043 x 105 or kknox@annapolisroyal.com.

Upcoming Meetings

Open to the public via FACEBOOK
Agendas available online

Committee of the Whole
September 3rd @ 4pm

Planning & Heritage Advisory
Committee
September 8th @ 9am

Marketing & Economic Development
Committee
September 8th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners
September 9th @ 10am

Environment Advisory Committee
September 9th @ 2pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee
September 10th @ 9am

Public Hearing
September 21st @ 3pm

Council
September 21st @ 4pm

Legion events: Facebook for details on their 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/

Historic Gardens events:
historicgardens.wordpress.com/activities-events/

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

Why are penguins socially awkward? Because they can't break the ice.

Community Hub refers to the Library, Innovation Lab, and program rooms located at 143 Ritchie Street. The Community Hub Gym is located at 590 St. George Street.

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labour Day.

Bill Reminder

Please be advised that sending funds electronically to pay bills is not instantaneous. It generally takes 24-48 hours for the paperwork to be transmitted to the Town therefore if bills are paid on the last day they are due, they may not be received by the Town until after the due date. Please note that mail will not be delivered unless the correct mailing address is used. Just a reminder that water bills will be sent out the end of September. If you are concerned that Town does not have an up-to-date mailing address, please contact us at 902-532-2043 Ext. 101.

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annapolis Royal Town Council will hold a Public Meeting virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live, at 3:00 p.m. (link on annapolisroyal.com), September 21, 2020 to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.

A copy of the Town of Annapolis Royal Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law may be inspected at the Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays, except public holidays or on our website at <https://annapolisroyal.com/public-meeting-august-6-2020/>.

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NOTICE NOMINATIONS OPEN



Municipal and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial Elections

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will accept nominations for the following offices in the Town of Annapolis Royal for which an election will be held on the 17th day of October 2020:

MAYOR
FOUR COUNCILLORS
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And
One Member

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AND TAKE NOTICE that a nomination for Mayor or councillor shall be filed at the Town Hall, 285 St. George Street, between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on nomination day which is Tuesday, September 8, 2020, or by appointment during office hours in the seven business days preceding nomination day.

AND TAKE NOTICE that electors in the Provincial Electoral District of Greenwood comprising Annapolis County, Kings County, West Hants Regional Municipality, Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville will elect one person to be a Member of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and a nomination for that office shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer, Al Kingsbury, Kentville Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville.

The required \$200 deposit shall accompany nomination papers for the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial member.

DATED at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, this 15th day of August 2020.

Melony Robinson, Returning Officer

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions." - Albert Einstein

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the following committees:

The new Accessibility Advisory Committee

For more information contact CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at cao@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 104.

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

Is your organization looking to hire or have a volunteer role to fill? 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:

September 8th & 22nd

Fall Clean Up

October 13th

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

Eligible Voters

Who can vote in Municipal Elections?

You qualify to vote if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You are 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day;
- You have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia for 6 months immediately before the first advance polling day;
- You are ordinarily resident in the Town of Annapolis Royal and have been so since immediately before the first advance polling day; and
- You are not otherwise disqualified to vote in the Municipal elections.

Disqualified Persons

You are considered a disqualified person for the purpose of a municipal election if you are:

- the municipal Returning Officer
- a person serving a sentence in a penal or reform institution
- a person who has been convicted of bribery under this Act in the six years preceding ordinary polling day

This year the election will be held by phoning in your vote or entering it online. You can do this from the comfort of your own home. Should you wish, you can vote at Town Hall at an electronic voting station that will be set up. If you do not have access to a computer or feel the need for additional support, you can vote in person at Town Hall from 9am on October 8th until 4:30pm and every working day until the actual election. The actual election day is October 17th from 8am-7pm. Provided you are on the list of electors, you will receive a voters card in the mail with a specific PIN number that will allow you to vote. Your birthday will also be required. Because your card will be arriving in the mail it is very important for your address to be correct on the list of electors. A video will also be circulating on Facebook for you to see how it is done closer to the election. Please see the handout included for additional information.

Town Crier Newsletter - October/November

Just a friendly reminder that next months edition of the Town Crier Newsletter will be a combined issue for the months of October and November. The deadline for submissions for the combined issue is September 23, 2020.

Paving Lower St. George Street

Council has decided to pave lower St. George Street. This opportunity has arose due to low infrastructure pricing and it is a good time to proceed with this project as the need to maintain the roads is not going away. Council agreed to move forward with the project and award the paving tender to Dexter's Construction Company Ltd. for \$259,605 plus HST (MOTION #SC2020-08-05-02). Paving is expected to start at the end of September. Please be aware of traffic delays in the downtown area!

COUNCIL MOTIONS

Under the current state of emergency and the MGA, all meetings are required to have unapproved draft minutes posted within 24 hours of the meeting. Please visit our website for all committee minutes and motions.

<https://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/council-and-committees/council/>



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"If the plan doesn't work, change the plan, but never the goal." - Author Unknown