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## WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too." - Anne Frank

**Fall is here!**

'Tis the season for apple picking, leaves changing colors, pumpkin carving, and so much more! This year has definitely been interesting, yet it is flying by so fast!

Make sure to place your vote in the 2020 Municipal Election! The polls opened on October 8th at 9am and will go until Election Day on October 17th at 7pm. The mayoral candidates, Amery Boyer and William (Bill) MacDonald attended a live virtual meet & greet where they discussed their platform and answered questions from the public which you can still go see on our Facebook page: @TownofAnnapolisRoyal.

Just a reminder that due to the holidays, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 for Thanksgiving Day and Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Remembrance Day.



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Mayor Bill MacDonald**

During municipal elections, one of the most common things discussed is taxes. I'm pleased to note that the Town has had a relatively stable tax rate over the past eleven years - see graphic below. What has not been stable is the cost of services the Town provides to our residents and commercial rate payers. Those costs, just like your household costs, have steadily increased over the years.

The level of service we all enjoy is considerably higher than our neighbors who live or do business in the County. Currently, our residential tax rate is \$1.70/\$100 of assessed value and commercial is \$3.20/\$100 - the only additional fee we pay is for water use. By comparison the rate in the County in some areas is .98/\$100 residential and \$1.80/\$100 commercial with sewage (where applicable) not included. Also not included in County tax rates are fire service or street lights, plus there are additional rates that vary by area for things like hydrants and paving - which adds up to another .46/\$100 to their rates. In some cases, there are also liens applied to County properties to pay for services over a period of many years - like water system upgrades, for example, that obligates property owners to additional annual payments above and beyond their base taxes. Taxes for properties throughout the County varies. Bridgetown, for example, has an approximate residential tax rate of \$2.12/\$100 and a commercial tax rate of approximately \$3.54/\$100 based on information published on the County website.

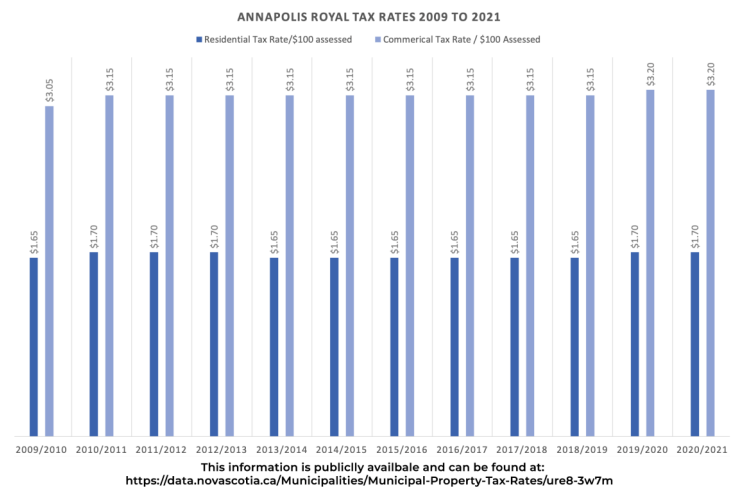
The Town of Annapolis Royal is currently in excellent financial condition - and our infrastructure in likewise good shape. That allows us to work from a position of strength as we move through these challenging times together - including the global pandemic, rising sea level, and potential loss of revenue from the Tidal Power Plant. All of which will impact how our tax rate is determined and how our tax dollars are used. However, it is important to remember that we do a lot of projects in partnership with other funders - and that our projects aren't reliant solely on tax dollars. The Comfort Station, for example, saw the Town paying for only 37% of the total cost of the project.

Here's our Town Budget Breakdown based on how each tax dollar collected is being used - with amounts rounded up and items with an asterisk that must be funded as is:

Fire and safety 30 cents\*  
Public works 18 cents  
General government 17 cents  
Financing and transfers 13 cents\*  
Non-discretionary spending 9 cents \*  
Economic development and planning 6 cents  
Recreation 4 cents  
Cultural services 2 cents  
Marketing 2 cents

Could our town budget be pared down further? Yes, everything without an asterisk on the above list

can be reconsidered. But at that point, we would have to discuss what services we are willing to give up. Community input is always invaluable and appreciated - but never more important if hard decisions have to be made at budget time. Town Hall's management team begins budget work in late December and presents a proposed budget for Council's consideration in March of each year.



*Did you know... October 18th is National Chocolate Cupcake day! Yum!*



# COMMUNITY

## Maudified House

We are happy to announce that the “Maudified House” that was owned and located at Jerry Ackerman & Ellie Macklin’s has been generously donated to the Town and is now relocated at the Community Hub. It is our hope that everyone in the community will be able to admire the work of art. It is important that we continue to remember and appreciate the beautiful work of Maude Lewis. Thank you again, Jerry and Ellie!

## What is a Development Permit and Why Do I Need One?

By definition a Development Permit is “a municipal permit issued by the Town’s Development Officer following the submission of a completed application which confirms, in accordance with all relevant provisions of the Land Use By-law, that a proposed development is permitted and identifies the development control standards which apply to the proposed development.” That is quite the definition, but what does it really mean, when do you need one, and why does it matter?

First, let’s answer the “when”. A Development Permit is needed for some interior and exterior alterations or renovations, additions, tenant improvements, selective or partial demolitions, changes to, or the addition of, business activities\*. This would include adding or removing structural walls, adding signs, building decks, starting a home business or changing the business in a commercial space, installing heat pumps or solar panels. This is not the entire list, but it makes clear that the Development Permit covers a lot of ground.

Next is the “why”. This all goes back to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB). The LUB is the governing set of rules, developed by the residents of Annapolis Royal, that guides all development in the Town. This helps maintain the character of the Town while supporting economic growth in a sustainable and controlled manner. It prevents the construction of a light industrial business in a residential area, protects environmentally sensitive lands, and helps ensure that the Town can grow and change while still remaining livable and essentially “Annapolis Royal”. By applying for and receiving a Development Permit, you can be certain that your proposed change is in line with this vision and the rules.

Hopefully, this makes clearer the intent of the Development Permit and when one is needed. However, we do not expect this to answer all your questions. For that we have our Community Development Coordinator, Ken. If you have any questions regarding whether a Development Permit is needed, or about the process, do not hesitate to get in touch. He can be reached at 902 532 2043 x 105 or at [kknox@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kknox@annapolisroyal.com).

## A Message From Friends of Annapolis Pool Society

Annapolis Royal. The pool employed seven local youth and hosted nearly 1500 users to the pool (approximately 50 per day!) for programs including swim lessons, summer day camp, lane swimming, and registered public open swim. The Friends of the Annapolis Pool is proud to report on another season at the outdoor pool in We continue to be thankful to our various granting agencies including locally the Town of Annapolis Royal and the County of Annapolis, as well as thankful to our employed staff, our donors, and our many volunteers both on and off our board.

We are busy planning modifications to our facility for 2021 to make it more accessible for persons with disabilities. If you're interested in hearing more or being involved please email [annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com](mailto:annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook under, "Annapolis Community Pool".



*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson*



## CHIEF'S CORNER



**Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser**

This will be my last Chief's Corner as I will be leaving on extended leave within the foreseeable future. The process to replace me has been ongoing and a new person should be identified soon - I do plan to stay and ensure a seamless transition. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your Chief of Police for the past 3 plus years. Your faith and support in me were and are greatly appreciated. While I am leaving the Police Service, I will remain a citizen of this great community.

I do have a few final comments, mainly safety related of course. Unfortunately, a state of emergency still exists within our province related to the COVID Pandemic, but fortunately, we have greatly benefited from the collective due diligence of our citizens, which shows in our low infection numbers. While many events and functions have been either cancelled or curtailed, I would like to remind you to continue support, even if virtual or at home, to those who serve us. While this time of year usually focuses on our police and military, I think it is important to remember all others who have supported us in this time of need especially those in our Health Care System, Fire Service, and Food Industry.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Councilors, CAO, Police Board Members, Town Staff, Works and Recreation but want to especially thank and place emphasis to all Police Officers who served under me as your Chief - including Auxiliary Members. I wish all the best to the new Chief of Police and serving Members of the Annapolis Royal Police Service.

Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving 🍂 and Halloween, 🎃 whatever they may look like and in line with the direction from Doctor Strang - our provincial health authority.

Communities are not built by individuals – they are built through good leadership and a collective group of people. While there is considerable negativity currently ongoing, we do have plenty to be thankful for. I will leave you with the following: educate yourself on the issues, show each other mutual respect, and find the results that are focused on the common good.

**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 September	
#	Nature of the Call
3	Speeding
0	Traffic Accidents
2	Insurance
0	MV Inspection
1	Driving Disqualified / Unlicensed
3	MV Registration
0	Suspended Driving
5	Other Motor Vehicle
7	Warnings
0	Misleading Police Officer
2	Lost & Found
0	Assaults
5	False Alarms
28	Assistance to the Public
25	Property Checks
1	Animal Calls
0	Fraud
0	Other Prov. Offences
0	Suspicious Persons/Vehicle
0	Firearms Act
0	Wellbeing Check
82	<b>TOTAL</b>



## GET MOVIN'



### **The Community Hub Gym has reopened for Annapolis Royal Recreation Programs!**

Effective October 5, 2020, the Community Hub Gym located at 590 St. George Street has reopened and resumed offering organized recreation programs. Current programs include fitness classes, pickleball, adult soccer, recreational afternoon ping pong, competitive evening ping pong, a youth basketball program, and more exciting options to be added soon!

All programs are being offered in a manner that adheres to Public Health, recreation Nova Scotia and Sport Nova Scotia COVID-19 safety guidelines. For more information on these programs and mandatory safety procedures in place, please visit <https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/>, and/or feel free to contact the listed program leaders with any questions. Please note: the gym is currently not available to rent for public or private events.

Please feel free to contact Noah at Annapolis Royal Recreation at 902-955-1205 or [alc@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:alc@annapolisroyal.com) with any questions. Hope to see you at the Community Hub Gym, staying active, healthy, and happy!



*The Zodiac signs for October/November are Libra (September 22-October 22), Scorpio (October 22-November 21), and Sagittarius (November 21-December 21)*

# EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward December submissions by November 23rd to: [admin@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:admin@annapolisroyal.com).

## Events

### October 2nd

**THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD** / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$11, Film Buff Card \$10, Youth \$8

### October 4th

**MICHAEL HARRISON – Ventriloquist** / King's Theatre / 2:00 pm / Admission: Adults: \$20, Youth: \$8

### October 16th

**TAMPOPO** / King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adults: \$11, Youth: \$8

### October 18th

**ALL MY SONS – National Theatre** / King's Theatre / 2:00 pm / Admission: Adults: \$20, Member \$16, Youth: \$8

### October 23rd

**STEVIE NICKS – 24 Karat Gold Concert** / King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adult \$20, Members \$16, Youth FREE

### October 27th

**KUESSIPAN** / King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adult \$11, Youth \$8

### October 30th

**Tim Burton's CORPSE BRIDE** / King's Theatre / 7:30 pm / Admission: Adult \$11, Film Buff Card \$10, Youth \$8

### November 1st

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA** / King's Theatre / 2:00 pm / Admission: Adults: \$11, Youth: \$8

### November 15th

**FLEABAG – National Theatre** / King's Theatre / 2:00 pm / Admission: \$20 Adult, \$16 Member, \$8 Youth

### November 27th

**Board of Trade Parade of Lights** / 7:00 pm / More details to follow

## Recurring

**Winter Farmers' Market** / 9:00am-12:00pm / Starting Oct 17 / Saturdays / Historic Gardens / Covid-19 Restrictions apply, please see: <https://annapolisroyalwinterfarmers-market.wordpress.com/>



### Notice of Adoption of the The Town of Annapolis Royal Dog By-Law & Public Hearing

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Annapolis Royal Town Council approved 2nd reading and passing of the following by-law at the September 21, 2020 Town Council meeting::

#### Dog By-Law

This by-law became law as of the date October 7, 2020.

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Annapolis Royal Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on October 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. regarding:

#### 213-215 Development Agreement

Any interested persons are welcome to make their opinions known to Council by submitting either a written submission by Friday October 16, 2020 or by attending the online meeting via Zoom (Link on [www.annapolisroyal.com](http://www.annapolisroyal.com)). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Send your written submission to [cao@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:cao@annapolisroyal.com). For further information about the public hearing, or questions contact Ken Knox at 902-532-2043 x 105 or [kknnox@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kknnox@annapolisroyal.com).

## Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public via FACEBOOK  
Agendas available online*

Marketing & Economic Development Committee  
October 13th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners  
October 14th @ 10am

Environment Advisory Committee  
October 14th @ 2pm

213-215 Development Agreement  
Public Hearing  
October 19th @ 3pm

Council  
October 19th @ 4pm

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee  
November 2nd @ 9am

Committee of the Whole  
November 5th @ 4pm

Marketing & Economic Development Committee  
November 10th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners  
November 11th @ 10am

Environment Advisory Committee  
November 11th @ 2pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee  
November 12th @ 9am

494 St. George St Development Agreement  
Public Hearing  
November 16th @ 3pm

Council  
November 16th @ 4pm

**Legion events: Facebook for details on their events.**

**All King's Theatre events & films:**  
[www.kingstheatre.ca](http://www.kingstheatre.ca)

**ARCA (ARTsPLACE) events:**  
[arcac-artsplace.weebly.com](http://arcac-artsplace.weebly.com)

**All Community Hub events:**  
[www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar/](http://www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar/)

**Historic Gardens events:**  
[historicgardens.wordpress.com/activities-events/](http://historicgardens.wordpress.com/activities-events/)

**For more details & up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at [annapolisroyal.com](http://annapolisroyal.com).**

*What does a vampire take for a sore throat? Coffin drops.*

# TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving Day & Wednesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.



## Nova Scotia Federations of Municipalities (NSFM) Community Award

We are happy to say that the Town of Annapolis Royal has been awarded the NSFM Community Award, along with every Municipality in the Province. This year the Community Spirit Award went to every municipality in the province because of the way municipalities handled the pandemic and to recognize Nova Scotia Strong. We're such a resilient province, and we're a province full of kind and resilient people. The plaque was unveiled by the President of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), Mayor Pam Mood, and every Municipality will get a plaque to put on their buildings to celebrate the leadership we've shown through this historical time. We are happy to celebrate the power, strength, and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia.



## TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL ELECTION NOTICE



Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial elections (CSAP) elections will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2020.

Alternative Voting (both electronic and phone in) will begin October 8th and end on October 17th. In exceptional circumstances you can vote electronically (you must have your voter card with you) in person at Town Hall, 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal at the following times:

Election Day: Saturday, October 17th, 8am-7pm

Advanced alternative voting: Thursday October 8th at 9am until close of day October 16th during regular business hours 830am-430pm

Elections are being held for Mayor, Town Council, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial elections (CSAP). Acclaimed means that no other person is running against the candidate.

Candidates for Municipal Mayor Town of Annapolis Royal

- 1) Amery Boyer
- 2) William (Bill) MacDonald

Candidates for Municipal Town Council Town of Annapolis Royal

- 1) Paula Hafting (acclaimed)
- 2) Pat Power (acclaimed)
- 3) Holly Sanford (acclaimed)
- 4) Michael Tompkins (acclaimed)

Candidate for Conseil scolaire acadien provincial elections (CSAP)  
Hélène Lavigne (Greenwood) (acclaimed)

For further information, please contact Melony Robinson, Returning Officer  
902-532-2043 ext. 103 or [elections@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:elections@annapolisroyal.com)

Melony Robinson, Returning Officer

## 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](mailto:cao@annapolisroyal.com) or  
902-532-2043 ext. 104.

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The Audit Committee is seeking a citizen volunteer. Contact Director of Finance Melony Robinson at [finance@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:finance@annapolisroyal.com)

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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](mailto:admin@annapolisroyal.com)

## Waste Collection Pick-Up

Pick-up dates:

October 6th & 20th

November 3rd & 17th

## 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.vwrm.com](http://www.vwrm.com)

*"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." - Babe Ruth*





### **Voting in the Election**

As you may know, polls are now open for the 2020 Municipal Election. As our Councillors and CSAP member were all acclaimed, there will only be a vote for mayor. Our two candidates are Amery Boyer and William (Bill) MacDonald. Make sure to follow the instructions on your voter letter to vote via telephone or internet. Please be aware that there is no voting by paper ballot in this election. Due to public health restrictions, please only come to vote in-person if you absolutely require access to a computer or assistance, and remember to bring your letter with you when you come to vote.



### **Rescinding of Paving St. George Street**

After a long thought-out process, Council decided to rescind MOTION #SC2020-08-05-02 to pave lower St. George Street. There was a revised evaluation of the paving services due to some unforeseen difficulties and Council has chosen not to go ahead with paving project this year. The need to pave our roads is not going away and the Town staff and Council will continue to explore this matter next year.



### **The Town of Annapolis Royal Dog By-Law**

As seen on page 5, please take note that Council has approved 2nd reading and passing of the Dog By-Law. The by-law came into effect on October 7, 2020. You can view the by-law on our website at: <https://annapolisroyal.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Signed-Dog-By-Law.pdf>. Please remember to register your pooch at Town Hall (\$15), have them on a leash in all parts of Town, pick up after them, and no dogs running at large. Police Officers and Animal Control will be enforcing this by-law and issuing fines when necessary.



### **Winter Parking**

Winter parking regulations are as follows: effective either on the first snow storm or December 1, 2020 (whichever comes first) to April 30, 2020 during the hours of 12am-8am, no person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle upon any highway or street within the Town limits in accordance with provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act. Vehicles, whether attended or unattended, shall not be left in a position or manner which may interfere with or obstruct snow removal or winter maintenance operations. Ticketing and/or towing will occur when a parked vehicle restricts snow removal or winter maintenance operations.



### **Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards**

This year, the Lieutenant Governor held the volunteer ceremony online. Our Town's representative was Allen Cress and we wish to congratulate him for all his volunteering over the years. Allen has dedicated more than twenty-five years of volunteering for youth, community and families of the Annapolis Royal area. Since 1993 he has volunteered at Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue. As a strong community-minded person he also supports and continues to volunteer for his local Recreation Commission. Hours of his time have been spent on the maintenance and upkeep of Bishop Park, where he has also coached the local softball league. Allen also spent his time volunteering in the amazing 4H program that provides youth the courage to explore their head, heart, health, and hands. Allen is also a Level One Trained Fire Fighter for the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department 37 and on call 24/7 for the last eleven years. Allen is the epitome of a volunteer who helps our community thrive. Thank you Allen!

## **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/>

*November 13th is World Kindness day! Make sure to do a kind gesture for someone*



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*"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." - Stanley Horowitz*