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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.” – Babe Ruth

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

It's December and that means the holiday season is upon us! It's also the last month of this strange year we've had. Even if the rest of the year has been bizarre, this month will be awesome simply because it's December! There aren't as many fun-filled events as usual but check out the events happening on page 5.

We encourage everyone to shop local! It's more important now than ever this year. We are facing uncertainty this holiday season so why not support our very own local businesses here in Annapolis Royal.

Thank you once again for everyone who voted in the 2020 Municipal Elections. We had the best voter turnout than we've had in years! It was extremely impressive that our prosperous little Town had voter engagement of 66 percent.

Just a reminder that Town Hall will be closed inclusively Thursday, December 24 until January 4th for the holidays.

Members of Council

Mayor Amery Boyer
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Deputy Mayor Pat Power
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Councillor Holly Sanford
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Councillor Paula Hafting
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Councillor Michael Tompkins
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Mayor Boyer Office Hours
Available by Appointment

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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 January/February edition being January 11, 2021.
Please contact
admin@annapolisroyal.com
or 902-532-2043 ext. 102 if you have any questions.

Police Emergency: 911
Police Non-Emergency:
902-532-2427

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902-532-8347

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Meet Your New Town Council

Mayor Amery Boyer, B. Mus., MBA

People heard enough about me during my campaign, so I will focus on the weeks and months ahead. People are looking to Town Council to be responsive to their needs and wishes, and to identify and effectively manage the many challenges and risks facing our small town. They want us to pull together as a team and work alongside our many partners, committees, businesses, organizations, neighbours, and individuals for the good of our community and for the benefit of those who view this as their Town.

It is my hope that as Council and staff begin the process of building an effective team, that the team will expand to include all those who we serve. We will therefore be asking the public to engage with us as we go through the process of public consultations on everything from the immediate priorities to long range planning for our future. You will need to be provided with good information before we begin the process, and that will be a priority for Council as we develop our plans for consultation.



Deputy Mayor Pat Power

Having been recently sworn in for her fourth consecutive term on Annapolis Royal Town Council, Pat is enthusiastic about the four years ahead.

So much has been accomplished over the past 12 years, with major projects such as the Fortier Mills Housing Development, the amphitheatre, repurposing of the Academy into tax revenue producing condos, retaining the wing with the gym, relocating the library into the Hub space and creating the Innovation Lab in that space as well, creation of the dog park (a pet project of hers), acquiring the former bus garage for a state-of-the-art Comfort Station and leasing space, assuming ownership of the town wharf other projects that have come to fruition and of which she is very proud.

Some notable events are on the calendar for 2021, if Covid-19 permits, and going forward to 2024, Pat is looking forward to working with the current Council and will be focused on rebuilding the Town's cash reserves while maintaining the wonderful assets that are now in place.

Councillor Holly Sanford

Holly Sanford, co-owner of Bainton's Tannery and Mad Hatter Book Store on St George Street, grew up in Hillsburn, Annapolis County. She and her family moved to Annapolis Royal in 2007. Her husband Paul is a commercial fisherman. They have a daughter Abbey and son Gregory. She has been a business owner since 2007. She enjoys helping our community as a volunteer on several committees. She has been a member of the Annapolis Royal Lions since 2017.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to represent the residents of Annapolis Royal for a second term. Her favourite quote is "Always be a little kinder than necessary" by J. M. Barry. This is a quote that guides her in life, and she will use it as her guide as your Councillor.

Councillor Paula Hafting

Paula has served on Council for the past year (since the October 2019 by-election) and during this time she has established strong and trusting relationships with town residents and business owners. She is anchored in this community through her volunteer work on many boards and committees. She is married and has three teenage children living at home which keeps her connected to issues facing families, school and recreation. She has also served for nine years on parish council at St. Luke's Anglican Church which has helped her have a sense of what the older population of the town are looking for. Therefore, she can bring a balanced approach to Council. The Town of...

Did you know... December 18th is National Gingerbread House Day! Make sure to build your sweet treat to eat!



COMMUNITY



...Annapolis Royal is a wonderful and unique place in which to live due to the hard work of many people over the years. She has lived here since 2007 and looks forward to being part of that legacy and carrying on the work.

Councillor Michael Tompkins

Michael came from a military family and moved to Cornwallis in 1976. He graduated from the Annapolis Royal Regional Academy and then the Annapolis West Education Centre in 1986. He graduated from Acadia University with A Bachelor of Business Administration in 1991, Michael is married to Paula Buxton, owner of Leo's Café since 1996 and they have 4 children: Gemma, Benjamin, Rowan, and Georgia. Michael has lived in Town since 1999. He was a Town Councillor from 2000 to 2004 and Mayor of Annapolis Royal from 2012 to 2016. During his term, the Academy was repurposed to a condominium, the boardwalk was renovated, and the amphitheater was built. A Marketing and Economic Development Committee and a new Town logo were created, Town promotional signs were placed on highway 8, and the Town was brought into Valley Waste.

Michael has always looked for way to sustain and improve the Town for the residents and future residents in the most efficient ways possible. Our Town has incredible amenities, and diverse residents who shape this Town, but the Town is small and limited in terms of revenues. During this term as a Councillor, he would like to pursue initiatives that would allow the Town to grow its tax base. To be sustainable in the long term, this conversation needs to be started. We need to look at ways to absorb the changes coming with the tidal power plant. We need to strengthen our recreation in our community and investigate options for dealing with climate change that will affect our Town.



Fire Hall Siren

Dear Citizens of Annapolis Royal and Surrounding Communities,

Regarding the siren attached to the ARVFD, this siren has been located at the fire hall for 49 years; previously located at the Town Hall. The siren sounds at noon as a test for the system, just as our pagers have a test every evening. The siren sounds during an actual call as it serves as a back-up alarm in the absence of local firefighters' pagers and cell phones and to warn citizens that emergency first responders will be arriving at the fire hall and leaving in fire trucks to attend the scene of the emergency. We sincerely apologize to anybody this siren offends; please remember that it is essential to our volunteer department to assist us in providing a service to the citizens of Annapolis Royal and the surrounding communities in our jurisdiction.

Stay safe,

Chief Andrew Cranton on behalf of the ARVFD



COVID-19 Alert App

Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief medical officer of health is encouraging all Nova Scotian's to download Canada's COVID-19 Alert App. The app, which can be downloaded through the Apple or Google Play app stores, notifies users if they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. An app user who tests positive for COVID-19 is given a unique code by the Nova Scotia Health Authority to input into COVID Alert. If any other app user's phone was within two meters or six feet of the infected person's phone for at least 15 minutes, the user will be notified that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. The app provides the user guidance, such as monitor for symptoms, take the online self-assessment if they begin to feel unwell, and more information about what to do next. Lets do our best to flatten the curve and keeping COVID activity low! You can download the app at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>.

Help! I Own a Registered Heritage Property (or Am Next Door to One)

Owning a registered heritage property can be rewarding but challenging. While these properties can be historical, well-built, and full of character they can also be more difficult to maintain, may be less efficient, and more costly to insure. On top of that, there's an approval process if you want to do ANYTHING! Fortunately, this last item is a not correct.

Owners of registered heritage properties do not need PHAC (Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee) approvals for interior changes (though other permits may be needed). No permit is needed to paint (inside or out), and no permission is needed if "like for like" (i.e. same material-same style-same details) repairs are made. The PHAC exists to help maintain the character of these properties, but owners can still work with the committee to make changes that make the buildings more efficient and more live-able.

And what if the property next door is a registered heritage property? If this is the case, changes to the front of your property or to the side abutting the registered heritage property must be approved by PHAC (in addition to any other approvals). This is true for both residential and commercial properties (the inclusion of commercial properties is new). This helps maintain the character of our heritage areas while still allowing properties to be developed. We will not pretend this is all simple, but you do have a resource to answer any question you may have- Ken is happy to help. 902 532 2043 x 105 or kknox@annapolisroyal.com.



CHIEF'S CORNER



Chief Mark Kane

Let me introduce myself, I am Mark Kane and I am married with one daughter. I grew up in a shipbuilding town in Scotland called Clydebank, my grandfather worked on the two famous ships the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. I started my working life at 16 when I joined the British army as a Junior Leader in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. I then decided to join the police in the United Kingdom. I had a great time there but was given the opportunity to move to Canada with my family back in 2007. I joined the Calgary Police Service as a Police Constable. I ran several task forces and was involved in many community initiatives. I then moved to Manitoba as a Police Chief and enjoyed every minute.

My family and myself always wanted to move to Nova Scotia and when the opportunity came along to be the Chief of Police in Annapolis Royal I applied. We have horses and some dogs we love being near the ocean again. It reminds us of many things we have missed since leaving the UK. My wife is from a farming family in the UK and my daughter is into competing in rodeo competitions.

I look forward to meeting my coworkers in person as well as council. However more importantly I look forward to meeting the residents and business owners and their employees in Annapolis Royal. I also hope to forge great relationships with other local agencies.

On behalf of my family and myself thank you for allowing us to be part of your community. Stay safe and see you all soon.

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 October	
#	Nature of the Call
18	Speeding
1	Traffic Accidents
1	Insurance
0	MV Inspection
1	Driving Disqualified / Unlicensed
1	MV Registration
0	Suspended Driving
10	Other Motor Vehicle
8	Warnings
0	Misleading Police Officer
5	Lost & Found
0	Assaults
0	False Alarms
31	Assistance to the Public
29	Property Checks
2	Animal Calls
0	Fraud
1	Other Prov. Offences
2	Suspicious Persons/Vehicle
0	Firearms Act
0	Wellbeing Check
110	TOTAL



GET MOVIN'



Outdoor Public Skating Rink coming to Downtown Annapolis Royal!

This December, Annapolis Royal Recreation will be constructing an outdoor rink located in the lot directly behind the Farmer's Market Plaza. This will be open for free public skating for all, with designated times posted for recreational hockey.

A very special thanks to the Parker Mountain Wind Turbine Society and Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage's Active Communities Fund for generously supporting this project, along with the Annapolis Royal Fire Department, local volunteers, and local businesses for pledging their support.

If you would be willing to assist with monitoring ice conditions, basic weekend maintenance, and snow removal of this facility, please contact Noah 902-955-1205, or email alc@annapolisroyal.com. Any and all help to keep things running smoothly would be greatly appreciated!



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." - Jimmy Dean

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward January/February submissions by January 11, 2021 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

***Please note that changes may occur on short notice due to public health provisions.**

Events

November 27th

Town Hall Tree Lighting / 6:00 pm / Town Hall / Masks & Social Distancing Required

November 27th

Friday Night Music Series: Sean McCabe & Henry Fredricks / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

November 28th

Workshop at ARTsPLACE (upstairs): The Zen of Clay: an experience in self-awareness / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / 396 St. George Street / Admission: \$100 / Call 902-532-7069 or visit <https://form.jotform.com/203174107873252> or Facebook page, @ARTsPLACEGallery events, to sign up.

November 28th

The Flashbacks - 50s, 60s Legion Dance / 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion / Admission: \$10 / Only 50 tickets being sold

November 29th

THE LEHMAN TRILOGY – National Theatre / 2:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$20, Member \$16, Youth FREE

December 5th

Christmas Market/9:00am-3:00pm / Annapolis Royal Legion / Admission: \$1 / Social distancing protocols will be in place and strictly enforced.

December 5th

Holiday Craft Sale/9:00am-3:00pm / The Academy Gym / Social distancing protocols will be in place and strictly enforced.

December 5th

Winter Farmers' Market/9:00am-12:00pm / Saturdays / Historic Gardens / Covid-19 Restrictions apply.

December 11th

Friday Night Music Series: Clamdiggers / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

December 17th, 18th, 19th

A CHRISTMAS CAROL / King's Theatre / 7:00 pm / Admission: tickets can be purchased at King's Theatre.

December 20th

A CHRISTMAS CAROL / King's Theatre / 2:00 pm / Admission: tickets can be purchased at King's Theatre.

January 1st

Annual New Year's Levee / Annapolis Royal Legion / 12:00 pm-4:00pm

Recurring

Vendor's Market/9:00am-12:00pm / Starting Dec 12 - all Saturdays until the end of March / Annapolis Royal Legion / Covid-19 Restrictions apply.



TAKE NOTICE THAT Annapolis Royal Town Council approved 2nd reading and passing of the following by-law at the July 20, 2020 Town Council meeting:

Town of Annapolis Royal Board of Police Commissioners By-Law

This by-law became law as of the date November 5, 2020.

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

235 St. George Street & 204 St. Anthony Street Development Agreements

Any interested persons are welcome to make their opinions known to Council by submitting either a written submission by Friday December 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
December 3rd @ 5pm

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee
December 7th @ 9am

Marketing & Economic Development Committee
December 8th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners
December 9th @ 10am

Environment Advisory Committee
December 9th @ 2pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee
December 10th @ 9am

494 St. George Street & 204 St. Anthony Street Development Agreement Public Hearing
December 21st @ 4pm

Council
December 21st @ 5pm

Legion events: Facebook for details on their events.

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

ARCA (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.

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy? Orna-mints!

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

Town Hall will be closed December 24th—January 3rd (inclusive)
In case of an emergency during the holiday closure, please call CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at 902-526-3395, Mayor Amery Boyer at 902-532-0556, or SoPW Kevin McLean 902-532-8347

Grants & Donations Deadline

It's that time of year again! Make sure that all grants and donation applications are filled out and accepted until January 31, 2021. Applications will be assessed throughout the winter months and applicants will be notified in the spring once the 2021-2022 budget is approved by Town Council. You can find the application to submit as Appendix A on our website at: <https://annapolisroyal.com/donations-grants-policy/>.

Town Crier Newsletter - January/February

Just a friendly reminder that next months edition of the Town Crier Newsletter will be a combined issue for the months of January and February. The deadline for submissions for the combined issue is January 11, 2021. Due to the holidays and it being a combined issue, the Jan/Feb edition of the newsletter will be printed mid-January. Please send all submissions to admin@annapolisroyal.com by January 11th.

Tourism Accommodation Rebate Program

Eligible Nova Scotia accommodation operators can now apply for assistance with commercial property tax bills to help with COVID-19 recovery. Eligible tourism accommodations operators will receive a one-time partial rebate of 25% of 2020-2021 real property tax they paid for qualified roofed accommodations. Operators must have paid in full their commercial property tax bill or the portion of property tax they are required to pay under a lease agreement or have entered into a payment plan with their municipality.

To be eligible, a business must meet the definition of a roofed accommodation as set out in the Tourist Accommodation Registration Act, be registered as a host under the act, and have five or more rooms. Qualified operators must have incurred a 30% loss in accommodation revenues for the period of April 1, 2020 to Oct. 31, 2020 compared to the same period last year. New accommodations operators who were not in business before March 30, 2020 may still be entitled to a rebate if they can demonstrate lower than 50% occupancy rate since opening their business. Questions about the program or application process can be sent to TARPTR@novascotia.ca.

Details about the program, including the online application form, can be found at <https://tourismns.ca/tarptrp>. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Winter Parking & Shoveling

Snow is upon us! All Town business owners are reminded that they are responsible for and must shovel the sidewalk in front of their property. It's important to keep our sidewalks clear. And just another friendly reminder that winter parking will be starting soon! Although we do not have an overnight parking ban, you are reminded that you cannot park your vehicle on the road during or after a snow storm. If your vehicle interferes with snow removal operations your vehicle may be ticketed and/or towed. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

The Accessibility
Advisory Committee

The Marketing & Economic
Development Committee

The Planning & Heritage Advisory
Committee

The Environment 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:

December 1st, 15th, 29th

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

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling." - Edna Ferber



Christmas Waste



Be sure to separate all of the wrapping waste generated over the holidays. Non-metallic wrapping paper can be placed in the green cart. Metallic paper, bows, and ribbons can be disposed of in the regular garbage. Christmas trees can be placed curbside for Public Works to pick up.



Sewage Treatment Plant

The Town's sewage treatment plant is comprised of two aerated lagoons that run in parallel to each other. Stratification occurs as a result of density differential between two water layers and can arise as a result of the differences in salinity, temperature, or a combination of both. Stratification is more likely when the mixing forces of wind and wave action are minimal and this occurs more often in the summer months. Turnover is the gentle, natural mixing of pond and lake waters. It is caused by changing temperatures in surface waters brought on by the progression of the seasons. Turnover occurs in the fall when surface waters cool, and in the spring when they warm up again.



Community ACCESS-Ability Grant

The Town of Annapolis Royal has received a grant from the Community ACCESS-Ability Program. The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will provide \$6,483 into the initiative to make the library entry doors accessible at the Community Hub. This grant will cover 66% of the expense and the Town will have to cover the remainder out of the capital budget (MOTION #C2020-11-16-07). We are very excited to be one step closer towards making our Town accessible to everyone!



Christmas Lights

Have you seen our new snowflake lights? We are happy that this year we were able to buy new lighting for the downtown area. The Town received funding from the BSP 2020 Downtown Beautification Grant to cover 50% of the costs for the new light decorations and we are excited to officially light them on November 27th. Make sure to take a drive or stroll through Town to check them out!



Strategic Planning

Council is very pleased to start the strategic planning process for the Town of Annapolis Royal. The strategic planning will define the Town's direction, and help framework decisions and plans moving forward. Council will be meeting soon and will be involving the public input. Stay tuned and wait to hear more information!

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/>



"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." - The Grinch

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The Annapolis Lions will once again be selling Christmas trees from the Home Hardware lot
Mondays to Saturdays ONLY.
Beginning Friday Nov. 27th.

Price is \$25



 Come on out and show your support and get into the spirit!

 **Annapolis District Drama Group & Young Company Productions** 


proudly present


A CHRISTMAS CAROL
by Charles Dickens

filmed on location in Annapolis Royal

December 17, 18, & 19, 7pm
December 20, 2pm

Adapted for screen by
Simon Bonnington



 **Adult : \$15.00 | Youth: \$5.00**
Tickets are available from King's Theatre
209 St. George Street Annapolis Royal, NS
www.kingstheatre.ca 902.532.7704 benoffice@kingstheatre.ca

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Small Town, Big Talent
Art made by local artists and artisans

December - Open Daily
Monday thru Saturday 10 to 4
Sundays 12 to 4

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\$15/month for a minimum of 3 months
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What did the grumpy sheep say when his friends wished him a Merry Christmas? Baaaa humbug!