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# WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss



Spring, is that you coming around the corner? After the long, dark, winter months, spring is literally a breath of fresh air. The season of cute bunnies, colorful eggs, warmer days, and greener gardens is just around the corner. ... Don't forget that March 14th is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 a.m. - make sure to set the clocks one hour ahead!

March 8th is International Women's Day. This day creates a chance for us to reflect on the evolution that has been made towards reaching gender equality. On this occasion, we can also celebrate the acts of courage and determination by those who have played an exceptional role in advancing gender equality in their communities. It is a day of unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action, and is celebrated in countries around the world. This year's theme is #FeministRecovery.

Who is ready for an epic easter egg hunt? Check out page 3 to see more information about this year's Covid-safe Easter Eggstravaganza. It won't be the exact same as previous years but will be just as much fun!

Just a friendly reminder that Town Hall will be closed April 2, 2021 and April 5, 2021 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the May edition on April 26, 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

Public Works Emergency: 902-532-8347



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Town Council, I would like to express our appreciation for the twenty-two written submissions we received in response to our January call for public input for our strategic planning process. Deputy Mayor Pat Power and Councillor Paula Hafting took on the job of summarizing the information on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges and you can check it out on the Town website.

We also received draft vision and mission statements, and other very useful information that we are incorporating into our second draft plan. The second draft will be ready to go to Council for review very soon and it is expected that we will be able to get a second draft plan out to the public for input in March.



Mayor Amery Boyer, B. Mus., MBA

While this is a little later than expected, it will still be in time for the budget process which Council is engaged in now.

For those of you who missed the chance to provide input the first time, this will be your opportunity. The second draft will include specific draft strategies and long-range objectives to guide us through the known challenges we will be facing in the not so distant future, all of which we have done our best to identify in this second draft document.

We look forward to receiving more public input later this month!



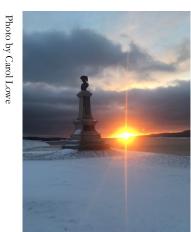
# Earth Day 2021

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

-Wendell Berry

Happy Earth Day! We celebrate annually on April 22nd with events worldwide in support of the environment and to raise awareness for environmental protection and the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution. The theme for 2021 is "Restore Our Earth".

On April 22nd, remember to take a moment to appreciate the magnificent Bay of Fundy, our various walking trails, world class gardens, National Parks, etc. This beautiful, weird,



corner of the universe has everything a person could need - and that is because of the environment. It's easy to forget how important our planet is and that we need to protect it.

It's vital that everyone does their part to protect our planet. We should do everything in our power to protect our home environment and the biodiversity that exists within it.

Visit <a href="https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/">https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/</a> to find 51 ideas that you can start doing today to help make a difference. Start taking action today!



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# COMMUNITY



### Easter Eggstravaganza 2021



Due to COVID-19, the Easter Eggstravaganza won't look the same in 2021 as it has in years past. This year the children of Annapolis County, along with the family and friends in their 10 person (or less) bubble, can look forward to an Easter egg scavenger hunt! Volunteers will be stationed at various locations throughout town where they will hide a plastic egg with a riddle inside that will lead the groups to their next station. Once all eggs have been collected they can be exchanged via a drive-thru system at the Fire Hall for bags of Easter goodies for each bubble participant in Grade 5 or under. A registration form must be completed to join in on the hunt and time slots and start stations will be allotted to keep traffic minimal and flowing. There will be a maximum of 72 bubbles participating with precedence given to those residing in Annapolis Royal/County. Keep an eye out for the registration form link which will be posted shortly via our Facebook page: Annapolis Royal Easter Eggstravaganza. We can't wait to celebrate this years Easter Eggstravaganza with you!



#### Annapolis Royal Lions Club

During the month of March, Lions Club International celebrates "Lions Day" at the United Nations. This event puts an emphasis on the fact that Lions were one of the founding groups when the UN was created. The Lions helped to draw up the Charter for the non-governmental agencies as related to humanitarian works. To this date, Lions Club International (LCI) works in partnership with such UN agencies as UNESCO and UNICEF to support a wide variety of human causes.

The Annapolis Royal Lions Club supports these efforts by making an annual donation to our International Foundation to which in the past 50 years has contributed greatly to eliminate world hunger, epidemics, natural disasters, and to help improve health initiatives. LCI have donated millions of dollars to aid with COVID-19 and Lions Clubs around the world have joined with their local public health to assist. In Nova Scotia, the Lions have been asked to help with the rollout of the local vaccination program. Lions Clubs .....we are here to help those in need.



#### News from the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society (FAPS)

FAPS is pleased to announce the hiring of positions for the 2021 summer season. We will be hiring for the positions of "Facility Manager" (1 position), "Senior Lifeguard (NLS) + Swim Instructor (YMCA trained)" (2-3 positions), "Swim Instructor (YMCA trained)" (1 position), "Daycamp Director" (1 position), and "Daycamp Leader" (2 positions). For more details about the positions, rates of pay, and qualifications required, please email annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com for the full job postings. Job applications due noon on April 6, 2021 by email.

Please follow "Annapolis Community Pool" on Facebook for more up-to-date pool news and season announcements. Opening day will be July 1, 2021.



#### News from the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library

The Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library is pleased to announce and welcome its incoming members Lesley MacDonald (President), Spike Sprague (Vice President), Secretary (Christine Igot), Anna Kate Newman (Treasurer), Lillian Stewart (Past-President), Jon Percy (Web Host & Membership Coordinator), Sherry Caldwell, Pat Power, and Susan Caley-Purdy.

Do you have any ideas or comments about the Annapolis Royal Library? Please email friendsoftheARlibrary@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or suggestions for YOUR local library branch.

#### NOTICE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 20th, 2-3:30 p.m., "Still Pursuing Clara". The Friends of the Library is presenting local author and archivist Ern Dick online as he follows the mysterious and improbably story of a Granville Ferry girl who became North America's most accomplished swimmer in the 1890s. FREE. Pre-register for this Zoom event by emailing friendsofthe ARlibrary@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 17, 2-3:30 pm, "Pierre Dugus, sieur de Mons" The Friends of the Library is presenting Christine Igot as she explores the interesting life and times of the merchant explorer who established the Habitation of Port-Royal. FREE. Pre-register for this Zoom event by emailing friendsoftheARlibrary@gmail.com.

March's full Moon, the Worm Moon is on Sunday, March 28th and April's full moon, the Pink Moon will rise on April 7th.



# CHIEF'S CORNER



Police Statistics for the months





Chief Mark Kane

As you are aware it is budget time again and as always it will be tough budget for a new Council, and alongside the recent news regarding the closure of the NSP plant. I can assure you I am trying to find new schedules to provide the best quality of service to the citizens of this fine town. However as with the invention of the lightbulb, it can take several attempts to make it work efficiently and find the right balance to service and cost.

We are extremely lucky to be able to maintain our own police service particularly due to our size – this could not happen without the dedication of its members, support from our local and provincial governments, partnerships with other agencies, and of course you - the citizens of Annapolis Royal.

I hope the coming months will be mild in regards our weather but just a re minder to still exercise caution when using the roads.

As you know COVID-19 restrictions increased for certain parts of the province again, and as such I would remind everyone to keep practicing social distancing and taken caution when visiting areas that are deemed a higher risk. We have seen an increase in requests to check on people self-isolating in the area and that we are doing our best to keep our staff safe while performing this important role.

We are hoping to do more work with the youth in our community, but at this time are trying to find ways to do so without encouraging large gatherings of people. You may see some of the officers at the school, they are trying to connect with the youth of our community.

I have been here now over 3 months and have to say this is a very beautiful and charming town, I am hoping once COVID-19 has eased, that I can come in and spend time to get more of the citizens and business owners.

Thank you all for the warm welcome and stay safe.

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

of January & February	
#	Nature of the Call
16	Intersection Related Violations
13	Speeding
11	Other Moving Traffic Violations
21	Non-Moving Traffic Violations
3	Motor Vehicle Liability Policy
1	Quarantine Act
1	COVID-19
33	Property Checks
1	Mischief Damage to Property
4	False Alarms
1	Motor Vehicle Act
3	Assistance to the Public
1	Check Stop
1	Liquor Act
2	Municipal By-Laws
1	Lost & Found
1	Wellbeing Check
1	Driving While Disquali- fied
1	Assistance to Non- Government Canadian Agency
116	TOTAL



# GET MOVIN'



### Annapolis Royal Recreation March Break Online Activity Challenge!

Annapolis Royal Recreation is offering an online contest this March 15-19, giving you a chance to win gift certificates to local shops! Share photos on our Facebook page of you staying active outdoors this March Break and you could win. To participate, please check out the "Annapolis Royal Recreation" Facebook page starting on March 12th for contest rules! Good luck!



#### Equipment Loans from Annapolis Royal Recreation

Looking for fun stuff to do outside? Along with having several pairs of snowshoes for loan, Annapolis Royal Recreation is increasing its inventory of equipment that can be used outdoors year round. We've got Bocce Ball, and have just added Spikeball, Electronic Capture the Flag, and a fantastic 4player set of disc golf equipment with 3 portable baskets! Any of this can be borrowed for up to 48 hours, and more equipment will be added soon. This gear is partly funded by the Province of Nova Scotia's Active Communities Fund, and the support is greatly appreciated. For more information about borrowing any of this equipment, please contact <u>alc@annapolisroval.com</u> or call 902-955-1205.

"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." - Unknown



# **EVENTS FOR THE MONTH**



Please forward May submissions by April 26, 2021 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

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

#### **Events**

#### March 5th

Winter Music Series: The TapRoom Growlers / 7:00 pm -9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### March 12th

Winter Music Series: Pat O'Brien & Paul Ryan / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### March 13th

A Glitch in the Matrix / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### March 15th & 16th

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING WORK-SHOP with Nance Ackerman / 11:00 am - 4:00 pm/ King's Theatre / \$40 / Required to bring: Your own camera phone & a brown bag lunch

#### March 17th

Billie Eilish: The World's A Little Blurry / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### March 18th & 19th

ACTING WORKSHOP for Youth with Micha Cromwell/ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm/ King's Theatre / \$50 / Required to bring: a brown bag lunch

#### March 19th

Half-Day Workshop - Oil Sticks & Oils with Wayne Boucher / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm / \$50 / ARTSPLACE / Pre-register at http:// form.jotform.com/210476028383253

#### March 19th

Winter Music Series: Les Smith / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### March 20th

Friends of the Library Speaker Series: "Still Pursuing Clara" / Follow this mysterious and improbable story of a Granville Ferry girl who became North America's most accomplished swimmer in the 1890's" by Ern Dick / 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm / Email friendsoftheARlibrary@gmail.com to receive a link to join in on Zoom.

#### March 21st

Earwig & The Witch / 2:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### March 24th

Two of Us / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### March 26th

Winter Music Series: Geri LeBlanc/ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### March 28th

MATTHEW BOURNE'S THE RED SHOES/ 2:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: 18 Adult + HST and ticketing fee, Youth: FREE

#### March 31st

Sound of Metal / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### April 2nd

Winter Music Series: The Clam Diggers / 7:00pm - 9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### April 3rd

Easter Eggstravaganza / Various start times between 1:00pm - 3:00 pm / Downtown Annapolis Royal/ Registration required

#### April 7th

The Mauritanian / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25/ Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

#### April 9th

Winter Music Series: Lewis Hodgson / 7:00 pm -9:00 pm / Annapolis Royal Legion

#### April 14th

Minari / 7:00 pm / King's Theatre / Admission: Adult \$8.25, Youth \$5.50 / Face masks are mandatory and seating is limited to ensure physical distancing

# Recurring

Annapolis Royal Winter Farmer's Market / 9:00am -12:00pm / Every Saturday until Mid-May / Annapolis Royal Legion / Covid-19 Restrictions apply

Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover? You might press your luck!

# **Upcoming Meetings**

Open to the public via FACEBOOK Agendas available online

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee March 1st @ 9am April 12th @ 9am

**Environment Advisory Committee** March 3rd @ 2pm April 7th @ 2pm

> Committee of the Whole March 4th @ 5 pm April 1st @ 5 pm

Marketing & Economic Development Com-March 9th @ 6pm April 13th @ 6pm

> Traffic Flow Advisory Committee March 11th @ 9am April 8th @ 9am

Board of Police Commissioners March 10th @ 10 am April 14th @ 10am

> Council March 15th @ 5 pm April 19th @ 5 pm

Audit Committee March 18th @ 10am

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.



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# Tax Reduction for Non-Profit Organizations

A reminder to non-profit organizations wanting to apply for a tax reduction; in order to apply for the next fiscal year beginning April 1st, the deadline to submit a request is March 31, 2021. For details on the by-law and eligibility, please see <a href="mailto:annapolisroyal.com/non-profit-tax/">annapolisroyal.com/non-profit-tax/</a>.



### Sandwich Board Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that Sandwich Board Permits for Businesses and Non-Profit organizations expire March 31st of each year. Please contact <a href="kknox@annapolisroyal.com">kknox@annapolisroyal.com</a> to renew your permit. It is \$25.00 for a one-year permit, and \$50.00 for a three-year permit.



### Criminal Background Checks

Effective April 1, 2021, the fee for the Town's Police Department criminal background checks (CBC) will be increased to \$30.00. Please note that CBC's are only for current residents of the town. If the CBC is for employment or education, the fee is \$30.00. If for a volunteer role, there is no fee unless fingerprints are required.



## Media Release - Thursday, February 25, 2021

For immediate release

Nova Scotia Power (NSP) has advised that it has undertaken an analysis of the operation of the Annapolis Tidal Generating Station and has determined that it is the lowest cost option and in the best interests of customers, to retire the facility. On February 22, NSP submitted an initial application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board relative to moving forward to implement this decision.

Although there will be no significant impact on Town of Annapolis Royal revenues this fiscal year, decommissioning of the Tidal Power Station may well lead to changes in the taxation value of the assets in future years. Council has established a Task Force that is now getting to work on assessing the potential impacts in 2022 and beyond, and developing strategies to address and adjust to them. Meanwhile the Town's financial position continues to be sound.

The work of the Task Force will not be competing against proponents of known and potential projects for future use of the Tidal Power Station properties that continue to be owned by NSP. Town Council is prepared to collaborate with others, including the appropriate provincial government departments, to develop/advance proposals and plans that are in the best interests of the Town.

Town of Annapolis Royal Mayor Amery Boyer 902-532-0556

Town of Annapolis Royal CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell 902-532-2043 x 104

# Volunteer Opportunities

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

The Board of Police Commissioners

For more information contact CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at 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

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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

# Waste Collection Pick-Up

Pick-up dates:

March 9th & 23rd

April 6th & 20th

## Spring Cleanup May 10th-14th

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

www.vwrm.com

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis





### Public Skating Rink

The public skating rink at the Farmer's Market has been a huge success this winter! It was great to see everyone enjoy the ice time and have the opportunity to stay active in a covid-safe environment. Our citizens wellbeing is our top priority and we will continue to ensure your safety during your participation in our activities/programs.

It is important that we acknowledge everyone who made the skating rink possible. We need to say a huge thanks to our sponsors: The Parker Mountain Wind Turbine Society and Province of Nova Scotia's Active Communities Fund for the generous funding, as well as the assistance from the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department for the ongoing filling and skimming, Michael Weekes for the help with constructing the structure, and to our Town's Public Works crew and the very generous volunteer "Rink Squad" who shoveled it off and cleared paths after the few snow storms we had.

Last but not certainly not least, we have to recognize our Active Living Coordinator, Noah Scanlan for all his hard work and time organizing and facilitating this project. Thank you Noah for your continuous meticulous work!



### Online Meetings

Please note that although all Town meetings are being held online via Zoom, any member of the public can attend. Please request a Zoom link by contacting <a href="mailto:admin@annapolisroyal.com">admin@annapolisroyal.com</a> with at least 3 hours notice before the meeting start time.



Join us on a Journey of Reconciliation called Beyond Oqwa'titek. In this, the 400th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of New Scotland, we are planning series of educational and cultural events that will celebrate both the Mi'kmaw and Scottish cultures. We will be reexamining our Colonial Past in a Dialogue of Place and Diversity and reflect upon the impact and the legacy of colonialism on the indigenous of these lands. In order to provide some basic information, we have also created the website <a href="https://www.annapolisroyal.com/beyond-oqwatitek">www.annapolisroyal.com/beyond-oqwatitek</a> which hosts a series of videos on culture and language (both Scottish and Mi'kmaq). The website can also be reached via a button on our homepage (lower right).



### **Building Season**

Spring is on the way (hopefully) and with it comes all of the projects dreamt of through the dark winter nights. You are certainly not expected to have spent your nights coordinating your dream project plans with the municipal processes. Not to worry though, as you have someone on your side who will guide you through all of the expectations of the Land Use By-Law. So no matter what your plans, from kiddie pools to new builds to starting a new business, take 10 minutes and give Ken a call. He is happy to discuss the process and do everything he can to help make your project a reality\*

\*from the administrative perspective. Ken does not enjoy digging holes, and he is not insured for power tools.



# 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.







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

April Fools Day - Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises.





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March's birthstone is aquamarine which is a semi precious gem that comes in colors of the sea. April's birthstone is a diamond. This gem is a symbol of everlasting love is the hardest gemstone on Earth.

SATURDAYS

10:00am - 11:00am

FIRST CLASS IS FREE!

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