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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

"Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen." - Deep Roy



April showers, please bring forth the May flowers!

We've made it to May, that beautiful bridge between spring and summer! May is one of the best months to just get out and have adventures. Especially when it's sunny (but not TOO warm outside), the birds are chirping, and cherry blossoms are in full splendour.

We are happy to announce that the Town of Annapolis Royal has been awarded \$9,000 from Tree Canada. The Operation ReLeaf Nova Scotia grant program was launched to support municipalities in Nova Scotia that were impacted by Hurricane Dorian. These funds are going towards planting trees at one of our very popular areas in the community, the Harvest Moon Trail! Thank you to our Town's Tree Consultant Angelika Waldow, we know that it is going to look fantastic once completed.

Don't forget that Mother's Day is May 9th. Make sure you show your love and appreciation for all the motherly figures in your life. They certainly deserve it!

Please note, due to the recent increases in Covid-19 restrictions, effective April 28th, Town Hall will be closed to the Public. We will be adhering to Nova Scotia Public Health guidelines to when we can open back up safely. Staff will be available via phone and email.

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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 June edition on May 24, 2021.

Please contact
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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

In February, Council struck a Task Team to recommend strategies and actions to adjust to, and over time, replace the anticipated loss of revenue as a result of the proposed retirement of the tidal power plant. The members of the team include CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell, Byron Mersereau, and your Mayor. To date, the Team has made a total of 11 recommendations to Council, all of which have been accepted. The following is a summary of those recommendations and a status report on the actions taken so far:



Mayor Amery Boyer,
B. Mus., MBA

1. Send letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting phase-out of the expected reduction in the NSPI grant in lieu: **complete**
2. Economize on this year's budget while attending to priority projects: **in progress**
3. Prioritize land development within the Town: **the CAO has and does have this well in hand.**
4. Update inventory of vacant lands: **in progress**
5. Consider letter to Annapolis Valley Regional Library to deal with increase in costs since the move to the Academy: **letter has been sent, holding for meeting with the various parties involved.**
6. Consider "interested party" status with NSURB hearings In addition to the anticipated large reduction in the grant in lieu, the Town wants to ensure the proceedings and steps leading toward the retirement of the tidal power plant assets are handled in a manner that includes comprehensive environmental assessments and allows ample opportunity for full consideration of adapted or alternate uses for at least some of the assets. As well, existing and future uses of the tidal power plant property are subject to the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, and an existing Development Agreement: **complete, the Town has received confirmation of intervenor status from the UARB.**
7. Consider all development/redevelopment options at the causeway: **in progress; two options have been received by the Town to date.**
8. Review existing and future land use and MPS requirements for the properties concerned: **not yet completed.**
9. Request to NSPI regarding which decommissioning option it may be leaning towards: **complete; At this time, NSPI appears to be leaning towards demolition of the plant. The Town's Intervenor status in the upcoming UARB Hearing allows for pursuit of more details on this and other matters.**
10. Consider three-year operating budget plan: **in progress**
11. Consider partnering with Soluna Energy Inc. and collaborating on an application to the Canadian Federation of Municipalities for funding to test a community scale tidal power production project: if the application is successful, 80% of the cost of the project could be funded through Green Municipal Funds, and supplemental funding would be sought for the remainder: **The Town and Soluna have begun preliminary work on the application. Assuming the project proves to be successful during the test period, it offers the potential to significantly increase Town's revenues.**

If you have any questions on these or other initiatives, please feel free to contact CAO Millett-Campbell. NSPI's application to retire the tidal power plant was sent to the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board in February and a public hearing is scheduled to begin on September 13, 2021 in Halifax. Depending on the situation related to Covid-19, the public hearing may be held by Go-ToWebinar video conferencing.

Annapolis West Health Foundation

The Annual General Meeting for the Annapolis West Health Foundation will be held via Zoom on May 25th at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of the online meeting, email foundation-awhf@nshealth.ca with your request and you will be emailed meeting info.

Don't forget that May 4th is Star Wars Day... May the fourth be with you!





COMMUNITY



Nova Scotia Works / Peopleworx

Need a résumé or cover letter? Require job search assistance? Starting a new business? Interested in information on programs for which you may be eligible? Please visit or call Helen and Sue at our Annapolis location for one-on-one assistance. We are a non-profit organization; all it will cost you is your time. Contact: 253 St. George Street, 902-532-0605 (appointments only)



A Message From Kejimikujik National Park

Welcome back and welcome all! Visitors are invited to experience the infrastructure revitalization at Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site. Please follow all public health guidelines and restrictions while at Kejimikujik.

Jeremy's Bay Campground features 10 new inclusive washroom and shower facilities that are gender-neutral and accessible, with barrier-free design for improved privacy and personal security of diverse visitors. Facilities are connected to new and efficient water and wastewater treatment plants that provide visitors with safe and reliable water.

Jim Charles Point features five new Ôasis heated teardrop-shaped units with a table that converts into a bed and a suspended hammock loft above. Jim Charles Point also features the heated and newly insulated oTENTik Village, now with water views, and the heated and newly insulated rustic cabins that offer more privacy, now with mattresses! These new and improved roofed accommodations make shoulder-season stays cozier.

Hikers and mountain bikers alike will enjoy Kejimikujik's newest trail in decades! Ukme'k is a 6.3 km shared-use trail that connects the campground with popular day-use areas along the Mersey River. Mountain bikers will enjoy the intermediate-level challenges that Ukme'k offers, that beginners can easily bypass.



Visitors may notice a number of fallen hemlock trees at the campground. Parks Canada is using active management to respond to the invasive hemlock wooly adelgid pest. This includes restorative silviculture and planting saplings to help create a more resilient and diverse forest.

Parks Canada staff are ready to welcome you to all there is to offer at Kejimikujik! Visit reservation.pc.gc.ca to book. Consider booking during shoulder seasons (May 21 – June 21, and September 7 – October 30) or mid-week stays. Check back for site cancellations. Kejimikujik is operating under COVID-19 public health guidelines and restrictions, including physical distancing and wearing masks indoors. Check pc.gc.ca/keji before you arrive for up-to-date information.



Our Very Own Weather Station!

The Town of Annapolis Royal is now the proud owner of a WeatherFlow Tempest Home Connected weather station. We were graciously donated this weather station from Dave and Brett - thank you so much! Beforehand, published weather data for Annapolis Royal is extrapolated from other weather stations in the region. The donated station will allow us to share our very own accurate and comprehensive weather data on our website for residents and visitors to see. The weather station has been installed and the data is available at <https://tempestwx.com/station/47872/> and just a heads up, you will see a strange little machine mounted on the lower section of Town Hall's roof - that's what is forecasting the weather!



GET MOVIN'



Explore the (Local) Great Outdoors Using [www.ValleyConnect.ca](https://www.valleyconnect.ca)!

Valley Connect is the one-stop shop when searching for recreational activities in the Annapolis Valley. This website, located at [www.ValleyConnect.ca](https://www.valleyconnect.ca), is a directory of various community resources including trails, parks, beaches, and outdoor recreational spaces. With spring in the air and the need for us to stay close to home, there's never been a better time to explore all the amazing outdoor resources we have in our own backyards via Valley Connect!

Valley Connect also welcomes community groups, clubs, and organizations to enter records of their information into the directory. Simply go to [www.ValleyConnect.ca](https://www.valleyconnect.ca), click "->Suggest a Record", and enter your organizations' info! A site administrator will approve the record and add it to the publicly searchable site!

If you have any questions regarding using Valley Connect or uploading community group information, feel free to call Noah at 902-955-1205, or email alc@annapolisroyal.com.



May actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, while the Lily-of-the-Valley represents the return of happiness and sweetness.



CHIEF'S CORNER



Chief Mark Kane

As the good weather is upon us and the sun is shining, the bicycles are coming back out. Please be sure to read below to ensure everyone enjoys this beautiful bike-riding time of year

Cyclists

All cyclists must observe the rules of the road.

Cyclists need the ability to handle themselves in various situations, adhere to traffic regulations, and share the road with motor vehicles. Whether you are resident or a visitor, we hope that you have a safe fun cycling experience.

To do so, please follow these basic rules:

- Wear a helmet - it's the law.
- Be visible, wear bright colors.
- Be alert.
- Be predictable.
- Know the rules of the road and follow them.
- Ride on the right-hand side of the road in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride in single file.
- Make sure your bike is in good working order.
- Use a bicycle bell or horn.
- Use a front white light and a red rear reflective while riding at night. At a minimum, reflective clothing is recommended.
- Always be courteous to pedestrians and mind your speed in areas with people walking around.

Motorists

- Cyclists have the same right as motorists in Nova Scotia.
- Pass cyclists safely, at least one meter away- it's the law.
- Watch for cyclists and be careful.
- Slow down a drive within posted speed limits.
- Do not pass and cut off cyclists. They are travelling faster than you think.
- Look before you open the door.

Did you know that Nova Scotia was the first Province in Canada to enact amendments to the Provincial Motor vehicle Act to create the one meter rule. Bill 93, June 2011.

Frauds and Scams

Regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, race and/or marital status, confidence ('con') artists share a few things in common. They all offer deals to help you out, get you something you need for 'half price' or even make you rich. All are linked by a common knowledge of human nature and are adept at exploiting it to their advantage.

Part 1 Home Improvement:

One of the most prolific schemes is the door-to-door renovating company. These salespeople claim that they "just happen to be in the neighborhood" and offer a good deal for improvements you might want done.

Don't feel pressured. Ask questions and only commit to the business when you are satisfied that he/she is legitimately representing a reputable company and that you actually need the work done. Always be skeptical of salespeople who offer to inspect your roof, chimney, or furnace at no cost. You can be sure they will recommend work that is required immediately, whether or not it actually is.

The safest way to ensure satisfaction is to get estimates from established companies in your community. Because these firms have reputations and businesses to protect and will be around after the work is done, you can expect a higher quality of workmanship and a better price.

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

Town of Annapolis Royal Web-Page: annapolisroyal.com/police/

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

Police Facebook Page: [@ARPoliceD](https://www.facebook.com/ARPoliceD)

Town Facebook Page: [@townofannapolisroyal](https://www.facebook.com/townofannapolisroyal)

Police Statistics for the months March to April	
#	Nature of the Call
2	Intersection Related Violations
1	Speeding
1	Other Moving Traffic Violations
3	Non-Moving Traffic Violations
2	Fail to Stop or Remain at Scene at Accident
1	Failure to Comply with Appearance Notice or Summons
2	Liquor Act
33	Property Checks
1	Disturbing the Peace
1	Prisoners Held
3	Lost & Found
3	Assistance to the Public
21	Property Checks
44	TOTAL

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." - Leo Tolstoy, & Anna Karenina

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward June submissions by May 24, 2021 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

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

Events

May 1st & 2nd

Workshop: Introduction to Botanical Art w/ Margaret Best / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / ARTs-PLACE / \$185 per person (register online) / COVID protocols in place (masks are mandatory). Bring a bagged lunch and water/drink and/or to-go cup.

May 6th

"Inspired by Her" Virtual Event / 7:30 pm / Online via / \$25 per ticket / Buy tickets online at <https://app.simplyk.io/en/ticketing/6dc590e2-ff93-4f41-8ee3-6c602f32bc72>

May 10th

3D Printing Workshop / 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm / Annapolis Innovation Lab / Pre-registration is required and numbers are limited in order to work within COVID guidelines.

May 12th - 18th

ONLINE Film Screening: Teen Instagram Film Festival / ARTs-PLACE / Talented students from the local high-school in Annapolis Royal, Annapolis West Education Centre, create 60 second Instagram films. Prizes and Student's choice awards. Online in 2021.

May 15th & 16th

Workshop: Sashiko Masterclass with Kate Ward / 10:30 am - 4:00 pm / ARTsPLACE / \$230 per person (register online) / COVID protocols in place (masks are mandatory). Bring a bagged lunch and water/drink and/or to-go cup.

May 19th

Public Virtual Meeting for Strategic Plan / 6:00 pm / Email admin@annapolisroyal.com for Zoom link

May 21st

Half-Day Workshop: Shadowbox w/ Lynda Shalagan / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm / ARTsPLACE / \$50 per person (register online) / COVID protocols in place (masks are mandatory). No lunch break, bring a snack and water/drink

May 25th

Annapolis West Health Foundation Online Annual General Meeting / 7:00 pm / Email foundation-awhf@nshealth.ca for Zoom link

Recurring

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



Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public via FACEBOOK
Agendas available online*

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee
May 3rd @ 9am

Environment Advisory Committee
May 5th @ 2pm

Committee of the Whole
May 6th @ 5pm

Marketing & Economic Development Committee
May 11th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners
May 12th @ 10 am

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee
May 13th @ 9am

Council
May 17th @ 5 pm

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 makes the calendar seem so popular? Because it has a lot of dates!

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 May 24, 2021 for Victoria Day.

Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be flushing Town fire hydrants on May 11th, 12th, and 13th. This may cause discoloration of water. If you have any questions or concerns call Superintendent of Public Works, Kevin McLean at 902-532-8347.

Updated Invasive Species Policy

The Environment Advisory Committee has been diligently working on an amended Invasive Species Policy to reflect new procedures and resources. Council approved the updated policy on April 19, 2021 (MOTION #C2021-04-19-08) and the policy came in effect on April 22, 2021. To view this policy, please visit the Town's website at <https://annapolisroyal.com/invasive-alien-species/>.

Triton Criminal Record Checks

The new Triton online criminal record checks are aimed at providing those who are required to complete one the ease of doing so at home or at work without the need to complete a paper form.

This service can be completed using any computer, tablet, or smartphone.

The check is completed by clicking on the link provided by our police agency or on the town website:

1. Complete the type of check you want employment or volunteer.
2. Fill out the required fields as requested.
3. Verify your identity by answering questions that will appear on the screen that are personal to you.
4. If you answer everything correctly, you will be asked to pay and your request will be sent to be completed by the Police Service.
5. Once completed by the Police Service, you will receive an email with your criminal record check.

Please note if you require a vulnerable sector check, only those who live in the Town of Annapolis Royal can have this service completed online. Anyone outside the town must go to the Police agency of their jurisdiction for this.

The aim for this service is to hopefully complete the request within 24 to 48 hours upon submission. (Please note during statutory holidays or weekends this may take longer.)

The cost for a criminal record check with this new service will be \$38.95. The price also includes a service fee by the third party platform provider which covers the use of the online system. Volunteers who are residents of Town of Annapolis Royal can get a criminal record check for only a \$8.95 fee. This service is anticipated to start within the next few weeks, stay tuned to hear more!

Downtown Parking

With the busy summer season upon us, this is just a friendly reminder that there is 4 hour parking limit. Signs are posted along both sides of St. George Street. There are the following designated parking lots for Unlimited Day Parking: Town Hall - 285 St. George Street, Sinclair Inn Museum - 230 St. George Street, The Farmers' Market - 194 St. George Street, Port Royal Legion - 66 Victoria Street, and French Basin Trail - 112 Prince Albert Road.

"Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are." – Theodore Roosevelt

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.

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:

May 4th & 18th

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

Virtual Public Meeting for Strategic Plan

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the survey for the second draft of the strategic plan - we received an impressive 46 responses! Council is currently reviewing all the feedback to include into the plan. The Town has scheduled a public meeting on May 19th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom where you will be able to ask questions. Council understands that this strategic plan is important to all, and wants everyone to feel comfortable with the plan for the forthcoming years. This strategic plan will allow the Town to forecast the future and to prepare accordingly.

If you would like to be a part of this public meeting, join the Zoom meeting by computer by this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995333550> or by telephone dial 1-204-272-7920 (Webinar ID: 849 9533 3550). Please email admin@annapolisroyal.com for any additional questions.

Visitor Information Centre in the Comfort Station

As you may know, the Visitor Information Centre will be located inside the Comfort Station for the 2021 season. Due to Covid-19 we unfortunately do not know what this year's tourism numbers will look like but we are hopeful that it will be a busy and safe summer here in Annapolis Royal! So if you have any visitors asking you for information about our lovely Town and surrounding area, please direct them to the Visitor Information Centre at 24 Drury Lane.

Student Employment Opportunities

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking to hire an Events Coordinator and Community Development Worker for an 8-week period, commencing July 5, 2021. Applicants must currently be enrolled in a post-secondary institution. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until Friday, May 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. To see the full job descriptions, please visit our website at <https://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/employment-opportunities/>.

2021-22 Budget

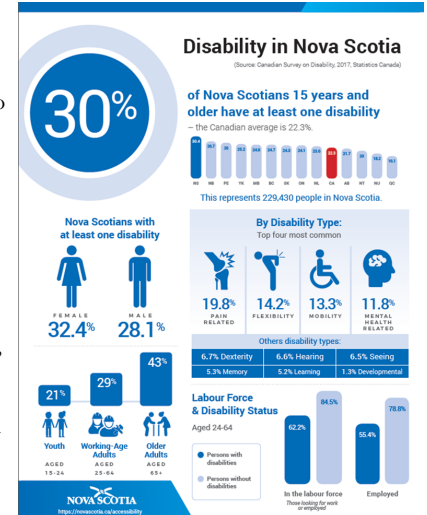
Council has been meticulously working on the 2021-22 budget over the past few months and it is now time to present to the public! It is available to review on our website at <https://annapolisroyal.com/proposed-draft-budgets-2021-22/>. Council and staff will be going over the 2021-22 budget at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 6, 2021. If you would like to join this meeting, it will be available via Facebook live or Zoom. Please email admin@annapolisroyal.com by 10:00 a.m. on May 6th to be sent the Zoom link.

Accessibility in Annapolis Royal

"In 2017 Nova Scotia passed the Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia. The Accessibility Act aims to make Nova Scotia inclusive and barrier-free by 2030" - www.accessibilitycanada.ca

Did you know that 30% of Nova Scotians aged 15 and older have at least one disability? Accessibility is a human right and includes access to goods and services, information and communication, transportation, employment, education, built environment. The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act was put in place to guarantee these rights and establish a process for helping ensure our communities become open to all.

As a first step, the Town has established its Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee will draft a plan for the Town to reach its accessibility goals. Beginning with municipal services, policies, and buildings, the committee will assess how inclusive we are currently, and how best to meet the established targets. On May 31st, the Committee will start by looking at the accessibility of our municipal buildings, sidewalks, crosswalks. A historic Town such as Annapolis Royal presents some unique challenges but does not lessen our responsibility. The Committee will spend the next year drafting our community plan, which will then be shared, improved, and ultimately adopted, providing a path forward.



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/>

Those born between May 1 and 20, are a Taurus and said to be smart, ambitious and trustworthy. May babies born after May 21 are Geminis, who are said to be passionate and dynamic.

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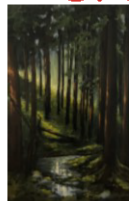
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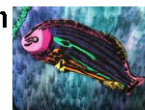
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Starting May 21st

Open Daily Wed to Sunday

Wed-Sat 10-4pm Sun 12-4pm



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