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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



"If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day it usually is."
– Catherine Pulsifier

Hello summer!

And just like that, we've made it halfway through 2021 already! What's not to love about June? The days are longer, the nights are warmer, and people just seem to be happier. In the summer we spend more time outside, whether in the pool, in our gardens, or engaging in a fun outdoor activities. The extra time in the sun creates more Vitamin D in our system, so not only is summertime nostalgic and fun, but it's good for us too! This summer is looking a little different for us, but let's make the most of it while still following public health guidelines.

To the Graduating Class of 2021, congratulations on your well-deserved success!! Council and staff are wishing you the best of luck on your next adventure. Way to go!

June is also Pride Month in Canada which means it's time to celebrate the LGBTQ2+ community! Thousands of individuals around the world will be using Pride month to celebrate the victories the LGBTQ2+ community has won and rally for the battles still being fought. Make sure to celebrate and show our individual and collective Pride in a safe and respectful manner.

Please note, due to provincial Covid-19 restrictions, Town Hall will remain 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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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

One of Council's top priorities identified through the strategic planning process is actively addressing climate change. A draft plan was presented to the Environment Advisory Committee in April and staff are working on a second draft. In the meantime, here are some of the initiatives currently underway.

The Town is actively seeking funding for a community small-scale tidal power project at the causeway. Soluna Energy Inc. has come up with a design for small turbines capable of operating in an array in shallow water. The company has completed two phases of testing at Memorial University and Dalhousie University and is ready to conduct a pilot project in Annapolis Royal. The Town is seeking 80% funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Funds and is pursuing other partners for the remaining 20%. If the pilot project is successful, the Town is poised to take advantage of the Nova Scotia Developmental Tidal Feed-in Tariff Program which would result in significant revenues for the Town in future years.



**Mayor Amery Boyer,
B. Mus., MBA**

In the short term, the Town is working with Clean Annapolis River Project on an application to secure technical expertise and to engage Town residents, businesses and organizations in discussions about realistic and practical range of options available to the Town to meet the challenges of sea level rise and flooding. It should be noted that any discussion will eventually have to expand to our neighbouring municipalities since climate change knows no borders.

And finally, the Town has recently confirmed funding for a 5 and 20-year management plan for all of its major assets (except for the water system which was completed in 2019). Climate adaptation and mitigation will be taken into consideration. The Town's share of the cost is \$5,500. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network (AIM) is covering 90% of the cost.

For more information on the Town's climate change plans and initiatives, please contact CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell.

It's not a secret that people of all age groups are struggling right now. Young children have to understand this strange world we are living in, while the elderly are more isolated than ever. The pandemic brings on higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression for everyone. It is important to remember to check in on those who may not have a support system at home. Make sure to give your friends and neighbors a call to check in!

Don't forget to book your appointment to get your vaccine! People ages 12 and up are now able to schedule their appointments. Additional ways to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 is to:

- Wear a mask when you interact with others.
- Limit your in-person interactions with other people as much as possible, particularly when indoors.
- Keep space between yourself and others (stay 6 feet away, which is about 2 arm lengths).
- Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Then wash your hands.
- Clean high-touch surfaces and objects regularly (for example, daily or after each use) and after you have visitors in your home.

Public health is strongly encouraging Nova Scotians to seek asymptomatic COVID-19 testing, particularly if they have had several social interactions, even with their own social circle. COVID-19 tests can be booked through the province's online self-assessment COVID-19 tool, or by calling 811.

Words cannot express how much gratitude we need to give to essential workers. They are out in the workforce keeping essential stores open and saving lives every day while risking theirs. Thank you so much for all of those on the frontline workers helping others... you are so appreciated!

June 21st is the first day of summer and it's the day with the most hours of daylight, so enjoy!



COMMUNITY



A Message from the Beyond Oqwa'titek Committee

In May, the Beyond Oqwa'titek Committee received notice that the event is seen as promoting community, multiculturalism, and anti-racism. As such, it was awarded a \$16,400 grant from Canadian Heritage! This funding secures our ability to hold the main events over September 10th to 12th. Stay tuned for more information about the big weekend.



That said, the first events are scheduled to begin this month! On June 26th at 6pm, an online dialogue will be held via Facebook Live. A distinguished panel of historians, both indigenous and non-indigenous, will explore the relationships between the Mi'kmaq and early Scottish settlers. The event will be interactive, and audience participation will be encouraged. Lastly, do not forget to visit our page at <https://annapolisroyal.com/beyond-oqwatitek/>. It is updated frequently with videos, news stories, and even music, all related to our inaugural event.



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)



MAPANNAPOLIS 2.0

Mapannapolis has launched a new revamped interactive website that was created by their volunteers - how exciting! They have created a lot more maps that capture the rich history of the area. These story maps are interactive, multi-layered explorations of Annapolis County's history, authentic stories, routes to explore, and local insights into landscape. All are created for anyone anywhere in the world to experience. The new website has been developed to be much more user-friendly and clearer to understand. To check out their new website, visit <https://www.mapannapolis.ca/>.

The group also offers a blog where every post goes into detail of a single story-map, with a convenient link to the rest of it. Additionally, there is a Mapannapolis newsletter that will keep you informed on their current and upcoming projects, and what's featured on their YouTube channel.

Mapannapolis will continue to create story maps that inspire discovery in Annapolis County and we couldn't be more grateful. Thank you to all their partners and volunteers!



GET MOVIN'



Seeking Walking Group Leaders

Did you know walking is the #1 way to stay active in Annapolis Royal? Annapolis Royal Recreation is looking for volunteers who would like to lead walking groups here in Town once restrictions are eased to help our community members keep movin' and have a great summer! If you are interested, please contact Noah at alc@annapolisroyal.com or 902-955-1205 to discuss and learn more about fun incentive programs and walk leader training materials that are available.

Equipment Loan Program

Annapolis Royal recreation has some equipment available for loan to help us all stay active while staying close to home and within your family bubble. We have a Disc Golf set with 3 baskets and 12 discs, basketballs, soccer balls, Spike Ball, electronic capture the flag, and various other fun stuff like skipping ropes and foam dodgeballs for loan. Equipment can be picked up at the auditorium entrance of the Community Hub for a used for few days on Mondays and Thursdays between 10AM-noon. Gear must be reserved to ensure availability. To learn more or reserve equipment, please contact 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

New Online Criminal Record Checks

On Friday May 14th at 8:00 a.m. the Annapolis Royal Police launched a new online criminal record check.

How does it work?

The answer is instead of completing a paper form, you complete an online application using the system hosted by Triton, complete the information and identity verification questions, you then pay, and the request is sent to the Annapolis Royal Police service.

Who completes my check?

The check is still completed by a member of the Annapolis Royal Police Service and once completed an email with your result is sent to you.

Can I still complete a paper copy?

You can still complete a paper copy only for a volunteer role within the Town of Annapolis Royal and if you are also a Town resident. All persons outside the Town must use the online system.

What checks can they do?

The Annapolis Royal Police offer two checks a criminal record check for anyone living anywhere in Nova Scotia and a Vulnerable sector check that can only be completed by the Annapolis Royal Police if you are a resident of the Town. For a vulnerable sector check for anyone outside of Town you must attend the Police Agency that is responsible for the area you reside in.

How long does it take to complete a check?

With the new online system any requests received during Monday to Friday the aim is to complete with 48 hours of receiving them (PLEASE NOTE THOUGH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE THIS TO TAKE LONGER i.e.: extreme weather events). Any requests received during the weekend will hopefully be completed within 72 to 96 hours.

How much does it cost?

The applicable fees that apply to both a Criminal Record Check or Vulnerable Sector Check are as follows:

- **Employment** **\$38.95 plus HST**
- **Volunteer** **\$38.95 plus HST**
- **Volunteer- Current Resident Of Annapolis Royal** **\$8.95 plus HST**
(If you are from outside Town and use this section your application can be rejected)
- **In Person- Current Residents Of Annapolis Royal** **No Fee**
(For Volunteer Only all other applications must be completed online)

The Town of Annapolis Royal Council has approved a fee exemption with respect to volunteer criminal record checks, for residents of the Town of Annapolis Royal. Online applications will NOT be covered under the fee exemption. All normal, applicable fees will still apply. The \$8.95 service fee online is from the service provider and cannot be covered by the Town.

More information on this online service can be found on www.annapolisroyal.com under the Police Section and from the dropdown menu click criminal record check from there you can either press click here to complete you check or obtain further information or how to contact us for more information.

Emergency Line: 911

General Police Line: 902-532-2427

Office Location: 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal
(right side of the Town Hall)

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

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

Police Facebook Page: @ARPoliceD

Town Facebook Page: @townofannapolisroyal

Social Media: Contact us on Facebook or on the
Town of Annapolis Royal web-page

Police Statistics for the month of April	
#	Nature of the Call
1	Traffic Collision
1	Intersection Related Violations
5	Speeding
5	Other Moving Traffic Violations
1	Other Non-Moving Traffic Violations
1	Driving While Disqualified
11	Check Stops
1	Municipal By-Laws (Traffic)
1	Mental Health
1	Off Road Vehicle
1	911 Activation Alarm
1	Trespassing
2	Health Act COVID-19
1	Trespassing at Night
3	Uttering Threats
1	Carrying Concealed Weapon
1	Possession of Weapon
1	Bullying
1	Canada Health Act
1	Criminal Harassment
1	Mischief
1	Break & Enter
3	Suspicious Persons
4	False Alarms
1	Lost & Found
3	Assistance to General Public
22	Property Checks
76	TOTAL

"If you are able to imagine it, it is not unrealistic." – Abraham-Hicks

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward July submissions by June 23, 2021 to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

***Please note that due to the provincial lockdown mandated until June 9, 2021, there are no public events scheduled for the month of June. Measures put in place to help contain the spread of COVID-19 are gradually changing. As restrictions change, you need to continue to follow public health directives for gathering and social distancing. Please stay up to date on information by regularly checking <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.**



Here is piece of crime prevention advice from Chief Mark Kane. This is for reference only and does not provide any guarantee that you do not become a victim of such crimes.

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 2 Apartment Buildings/Rental Units:

- When a stranger comes to your door, do not open the door. Simply talk through it.
- If someone knocks at your apartment door and tells you that your superintendent said work needs to be done in your home, keep in mind that you have the right to refuse that person entry.
- Confirm with your superintendent that work needs to be done prior to opening the door.
- Always keep your door(s) locked, even when you are at home.
- If you own your own home, be wary of unsolicited home repair offers.

Contracts:

Before signing any contract, read it over carefully. If you do not understand or if you have doubts about the conditions of the agreement, do not sign on the dotted line. For all you know, you could be signing away the deed to your home or committing yourself to a lifetime of payments at high interest rates.

Remember that any reputable company will allow you sufficient time to inspect a contract. Be wary of that "limited time offer" and salespeople who "explain away" contracts or shrug them off as a "standard" document that should not be a concern to you. A reputable salesperson will allow you time to consider what you are purchasing and the time to seek legal advice without conditions.

Phony Bank Inspector:

The elderly are often the victims of one of the cruelest swindles: phony bank inspector.

Here is how it works:

The fraud artist, either alone or with an accomplice, will claim to be a bank inspector or police officer trying to trap a dishonest employee of the bank where you have an account. The first approach is often made by telephone. You will be asked to withdraw money from your account and give it to the con artist for use as evidence against the employee under investigation. You will be cautioned to maintain utmost secrecy so that employees of the bank are not alerted, and you may even be offered a reward for your cooperation.

Predictably, the phony 'bank inspector' disappears and so does your money.

Remember: No bank employee or police officer will ever ask you to withdraw money from your account for any reason. If anyone asks you to, call your bank manager and the Police.

What do you call guys who love math? Algebras.

Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public via FACEBOOK
Agendas available online*

Environment Advisory Committee
June 2nd @ 2pm

Accessibility Advisory Committee
June 2nd @ 7pm

Committee of the Whole
June 3rd @ 5pm

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee
June 7th @ 9am

Marketing & Economic Development Committee
June 8th @ 6pm

Board of Police Commissioners
June 9th @ 10 am

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee
June 10th @ 9am

Public Hearing
June 21st @ 4pm

Council
June 21st @ 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:
www.historicgardens.com

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

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED



Updated Town Policies

Council and staff have been busy working on updating Town policies for better relevancy and use among residents, visitors, organizations, and business owners. The following are policies that have been updated and approved by Council in the month of May:

Policy #2021-02 Yard Debris Drop Off - This policy took place of the Yard Waste Drop-Off at the Leaf and Yard Drop Off Site. Please note the changes, such as operational times, size of accepted debris, the site being monitored by video, etc. The new policy went into effect on May 25, 2021. To review the policy, please visit <https://annapolisroyal.com/yard-waste-drop-off-leaf-yard-drop-off-site/>.

Policy #2021-03 Grants & Donations w/ Appendix A - This policy replaced the previous Grants & Donations policy. It was updated to streamline the process and to be only for the groups outside of the Town's projects. Changes include phrasing, and a score card is now included to allow the applicant to see how the Marketing & Economic Development Committee considers the request. This policy went into effect on May 25, 2021. To review this policy, please visit <https://annapolisroyal.com/donations-grants-policy/>.

Amendments to the Facilities Use & Agreements Policy Appendix A - The change to this policy is to charge \$10/hour for non-profit organizations for use of facilities. Council agreed that this will only be for a pilot term starting in October 2021 and reassessed in May 2022. With the fate of the Tidal Power Plant being unknown, the increase/addition of charging a Not-For Profit rate for space rental is essential to generate income from these spaces. Town ratepayers will be offered the opportunity to apply for a \$20 rebate after payment is received and processed. The amended policy can be reviewed at <https://annapolisroyal.com/facility-usage-agreement-for-town-owned-facilities/>.



Grants & Donations Put on Pause

At the May 17, 2021 Council meeting, it was decided that all grants and donations for the groups outside of the Town's projects will be put on hold for the 2022-23 fiscal year (MOTION #C2021-05-17-14). This decision was made as the Town is unsure of what financial position it will be in next year. It is Council's hope to resume the grants and donations in the coming years.



Public Hearing on June 21, 2021

Town Council will hold a virtual Public Hearing at 4:00pm on June 21, 2021 to amend the Town of Annapolis Royal Land Use By-law (Zoning Map, Schedule A). The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the Town's planner to go over re-zoning a portion of lands at 82 St. Anthony Street from Commercial Highway to Environmentally Sensitive Area 2, lands at 170 St. George Street from Residential Single Unit to Commercial General, and lands at 401 St. George Street from Residential Single Unit to Residential Two Unit. Any interested persons are welcome to make their opinions known to Council by submitting either a written submission by Friday, June 18th or by attending the online meeting via Zoom (link on www.annapolisroyal.com). Send your written submission to cao@annapolisroyal.com. For further information or questions contact Ken Knox at 902-532-2043 ext. 105 or kknox@annapolisroyal.com.

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

Marketing & Economic Development 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:

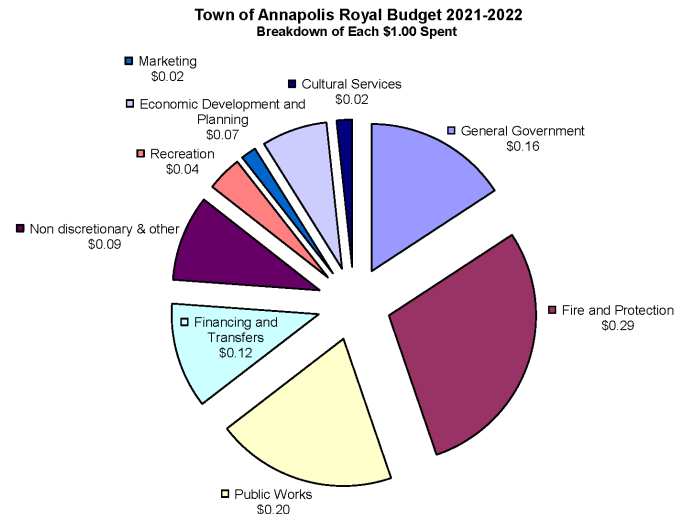
June 1st, 15th, & 29th

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

If you were born on or before June 20th then you're a Gemini. Gemini's are said to be passionate, adaptable, and smart. If you're born on or after the 21st of June, though, then you have the Cancer star sign. Cancer's are said to be loyal, intuitive, and caring.

2021-22 Budget

The Town's general operating and capital budgets for 2021-2022 has been approved by Council. The tax rates for the budget year 2021-2022 remains unchanged. This may be the final year the Town will receive the grant in lieu of taxes from the tidal power NSPI. With that in mind, our budget was crafted accordingly. The Town's only major capital project this year will be the pumping station realignment which is necessary in order for the Town to be able to expand its' services and provide for growth. The Town fully expects this to be funded from gas tax funds as much as possible. In addition, the Town also will be funding a climate change plan from these funds. This year's budget is very unassuming and many items will be holding the line following this budget year. Other items such as marketing grants to organizations will be paused until such time as we can regroup. With that in mind, no services levels have been impacted for any businesses or residents and for that the town council is very pleased. A copy of the approved budgets are available on the Town's website at <https://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/additional-information/>.



Update Natal Days 2021

The Natal Days Committee has not made a final decision yet regarding the celebrations for Natal Days weekend due to the uncertainties around COVID-19. However, they have decided to and continue on as if the Town is able to have a scaled down version of the event. The Committee is continuing to meet virtually to discuss possibilities and they are hopeful that the Town can have a small celebration this year depending on our provincial government guidelines. More information will be shared once decisions have been made.

Strategic Plan

Town Council and staff would like to thank everyone again who participated in the strategic planning process. The final draft of the plan will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd in hopes to be approved at the Council meeting on June 21st. It will be posted on the Town's website and staff will start working towards objectives that were set in the plan. As our vision statement states "To be where 550 people want to live, work and play by 2026", and we will start working towards achieving that goal!

Job Deadline Extended

Are you a student and are looking for a job for the upcoming summer? Well we have a Community Development Worker position available here at Town Hall. The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday, June 4th. The incumbent will have the important task to help the Town meet the needs of people who face barriers to accessibility. This position is scheduled to start on July 5th and is for a 8-week period. For more information, please visit our website <https://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/employment-opportunities/>.

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/>

Canada will be celebrating the cultural diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people on National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st.

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7:00pm – 8:00pm
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