



MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS  
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## WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



### Wishing Everyone Peace, Health and Happiness

It has been another year of uncertainties. The pandemic continues to linger, new viruses and variants lurk and loom, war continues in the Ukraine, inflation keeps rising, food and gas prices go up, earth's climate and housing are in crisis, healthcare is struggling and a living wage seems just out of reach.

But when we slow down and take a moment to look around we find plenty of examples of personal and community resilience, caremongering, social action, love, generosity, innovation, collaboration - evidence that people want change and can make it happen.

Even still, sometimes we need a little extra help. Here's a few that might be right for you [Annapolis Royal Food Bank](#) / [Heating Assistance Rebate Program](#) [Caregivers Nova Scotia](#) / [Seniors Care Grant Property Tax Rebate for Seniors](#) [Financial Assistance and Grant Programs for Homeowners](#) / [Mental Health Virtual Care NS](#) / [Need a Family Practice Registry](#)

Cold weather and long nights in December give us opportunity to reflect, to plan for the future and to celebrate with family and friends. It is a time of peace, of kindness that we strive to carry with us throughout the coming year. May your celebrations of the Season, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Yule, and Christmas be joyful and may the New Year be filled with opportunity, happiness and balance.

*On December 10, 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.*



## Members of Council

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902-532-2427

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902-532-8347

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Season's Greetings

This holiday season, Council and staff at Town Hall are once again asking for your support for local businesses as you go about your holiday shopping, as well as for our community groups and the many events they have planned. You will find information on the various events within these pages as well as on the Town website (see Town Crier Newsletter Tab and the Community Calendar), and of course in the Bridgetown Reader.



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



On November 30, Andrew Tolson will be talking about the challenges in producing the must-see documentary "Rural Renaissance, How Canada's Oldest Town Reinvented Itself" at the Community Hub. The Annual Christmas Market at the Annapolis Royal Legion, Fire Department and Community Hub on December 3 provides another option for shopping local. And the Gardens Shop at the Historic Gardens is also open year-round. If you are interested in concerts, A Royal Consort and Annapolis Voices perform on December 4 and 11 respectively at 3:00 pm. And, of course, Kings Theatre has a variety of holiday movies on offer.

We can also show our support for businesses and community groups by considering our exterior holiday décor

and by upping our game this year to give some of our best-known decorators some competition.

Whatever you decide to do this season, and however you choose to celebrate, we wish you to be safe, healthy and happy!



### Notable Canadian Born in December include:

Dec 1	Louis Slotin
Dec 2	Nelly Furtado
Dec 13	Emily Carr
Dec 13	Christopher Plummer
Dec 17	Eugene Levy
Dec 21	Kiefer Sutherland
Dec 31	Burton Cummings



## News from Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library

### Giant Book Sale a Giant Success

Once again, this year, the annual book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Annapolis Library was a huge success. This major fundraiser of the Friends raised over \$5,000, our best total thus far. 100% of the proceeds goes towards programming and equipment for the Annapolis Royal Branch of the regional library. Well done everyone!

The Friends would like to give special thanks to the many people and organisations that made this event such an outstanding success: The Town of Annapolis Royal, the Junior Boys Basketball Team, and their coach Ryan Scranton, Ashlea Hegedus-Viola, who headed the book sale committee, the volunteers who sorted the books, set up the tables, looked after the advertising, the raffle, planned and supervised the several months of work leading up to the sale, those who donated the raffle and special auction items, Noah Scanlan for his support and understanding, all those who so generously donated the thousands of books that were for sale, and last but not least, the hundreds of customers who bought and bought and bought! We thank each and every one of you. You are the ones who made the sale such an outstanding success. Thank you all.

Note: it's not too early to start saving books for the 2023 version of the Giant Used Book Sale!



### Need a resume or cover letter? Require job search assistance? Starting a new business?

Interested in information on programs which you may be eligible for? 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

By appointment only





The Annapolis Royal Lions will once again be selling Christmas trees from the Home Hardware lot

**Monday to Saturdays ONLY**

Beginning Saturday  
Nov. 26th

\*while supplies last



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

## Holiday Donation Drive

### ANNAPOLIS COMMUNITY POOL

Are you looking for a local charity to support with your year-end donation?

Please consider supporting Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society this holiday season.

**Help give the gift of swimming to your community.**

**Donate by e-transfer**  
annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com

**Donate by mail**  
Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society  
PO BOX 703, Annapolis Royal, NS,  
B0S 1A0

**Donate by website**  
annapolispool.org

**Charitable tax receipts will be provided.**

Charity #853885614RP0001



### Winter Parking Regulations

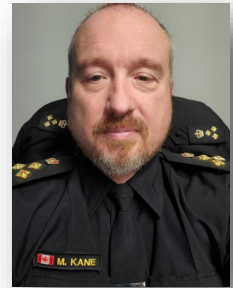
Under the authority of Section 202 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act:

- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street between the hours of 1am and 7am of the same day.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street that will hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal of snow or ice from such highway or street.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street during the period from one hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two hours after such snowstorm has stopped.

These regulations will be in full force and effective annually from December 1 to March 31 inclusive.

*I saw a microbiologist today. He was much bigger than I expected.*

Emergency Line: 911  
General Police Line: 902-532-2427  
Office Location: 285 St. George Street  
Police Facebook: @ARPoliceD  
Town Facebook: @townofannapolisroyal  
CRIMESTOPPERS: 902-422-8477 OR [crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://crimestoppers.ns.ca)



Chief Mark Kane

## Home & Business

*Recently we have been made aware of several suspicious activities in and around businesses in town. This is not to make people worry, but more to bring awareness to the community. We are encouraging all business owners and residents to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police. We also ask you to ensure all doors and windows are secure and locked when leaving your home or business. Working together we can keep our community safe.*

### Locks

Securing all doors is the first logical step in protecting your home and/or business against burglary. Therefore, the installation of auxiliary locks is a necessary requirement. It must be understood that no lock, no matter how good, can make a house, store or office burglar-proof. Good locks, however, can be an effective deterrent against break-ins. The more difficult the lock, the less likely a culprit is to attempt or to succeed in breaking into a premises.

#### Deadbolts:

Deadbolt locks get their name from the fact that they only move with a key or thumb turn. They cannot be slipped with a card or shim tool because no springs are attached. You must use a key to lock deadbolts from the outside.

The following points should be considered when selecting a deadbolt:

- The bolt should be no less than one (1) inch long when fully extended, and should retain part of the bolt within the mechanism itself. This ensures some degree of strength where the bolt and mechanism meet.
- The outside collar surrounding the cylinder should be of substantial construction - not a thin metal that can be easily crushed or ripped open. A slip ring is a feature of some deadbolts that allows the collar to rotate freely and prevents the cylinder from being twisted off with the force of vice grips or a pipe wrench.
- It is important that a suitable strike plate be attached to the frame to ensure a strong anchor point for the bolt.
- A deadbolt lock is available with a double cylinder and requires a key to lock it from both the inside and outside. This is a useful feature where the inside thumb turn can be reached from a broken or forced window near the lock. A wrap-around door guard is a feature that protects the lock and reinforces the door around the lock. It is available from any locksmith.

#### Interlocking Bolt Rim Locks:

Auxiliary locks, such as interlocking bolt rim locks, are commonly referred to as "jimmy-proof" locks. Instead of the normal horizontal bolt, there are two vertically moving deadbolts that lock into a frame-mounted striker so that the lock and striker are firmly interlocked. If it is not necessary to unlock the door from the outside (i.e. the back door of a retail outlet), then the lock can be installed with an inside cylinder only. Because the striker is mounted on a minimum amount of wood, these locks are ideally suited to wooden frames or in places where there are side lights.

#### Exposed Hinges:

If your door opens outward, you must ensure that your exposed hinges are secured. If exposed hinge pins can be removed, then an intruder can gain entry by swinging the door on the lock after prying open the single hinge.

Ensure that your door is equipped with non-removable hinge pins.

Drill a matching hole in each hinge leaf or remove a matching screw from each. In one hole, insert a screw that is 1/2" longer than the hole is deep. Cut off the screwhead with a hacksaw so that the headless screws will fit into the hole on the opposite leaf when the door closes and will hold the door to the frame even with the hinge pins removed.

Prevent the removal of the hinge pins by drilling a small hole into the hinge and inserting a small steel pin or screw to hold the pin in place.

#### Fire Emergency Warning:

It is important to consider the safety of all occupants of your home and/or business when installing any double cylinder door lock. Always ensure that an exit is available by leaving the key in the lock when the home or business is occupied.



# EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Please forward Jan-Feb submissions by Jan 3, 2023 to: [kgrear@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kgrear@annapolisroyal.com)

## Annapolis Royal Library

### Monday Morning Storytime

Monday, December 5 & 12, 10-10:45 am  
Preschool children and their caregivers are invited to our Monday Morning Storytimes. We'll have stories, crafts, sometimes music, and always a good time! Registration not required.

### Gingerbread House Tree Ornament

Wednesday, December 14 from 7:00- 8:00 pm

Get into the holiday spirit and create your own one-of-a-kind gingerbread house tree ornament. Ages 16+. Registration is required.

Register at [valleylibrary.ca](http://valleylibrary.ca)

## Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Market

Winter Market Oct 15 - May 13

9:00 am to noon

Saturdays at the Legion

AA and Al-anon

Wednesdays, 8:00 pm

Annapolis Royal First United Baptist Church Address: 762 St. George St.

## ARCAC (ART's PLACE)

### Exhibition Nov. 12 to Dec. 17

Face to Face / Shela Breau & Explorations Past / Julia Redgrave

Member's Exhibition & Sale

Society of Fibre Artists of the Annapolis River / The Art of Fibre, 2022 Members' Show

Dec 5, 1-4 pm Life Drawing Sessions

## Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21

**Ugly Sweater Karaoke** - Dec. 16, 9pm-12am or later for another year of great Karaoke and really ugly sweaters! Theresa Porter will run the show as always and we will have prizes for "best" dressed! Bring your friends for this fun event with drink and cocktail specials all night long. \$7 admission at the door.

**Annual Christmas Craft Fair** Sat. Dec. 3, 9am-3pm. 65+ vendors selling jewelry, crafts, baked goods, sweets, leather, hand crafted metal, stained glass, paintings, collectables, soap, chainsaw carvings and so much more! Breakfast and lunch canteen available. \$1 admission

Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre held each week at 8pm. Please check the Annapolis Royal Legion Facebook site for updated info at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139854335073>

## Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public*

**Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee**  
Dec 5/Jan 3, 9:00 am

**Committee of the Whole**  
Dec 7/Jan 4, 6:00 pm

**Traffic Flow Advisory Committee**  
Jan 12, 1:00 pm

**Marketing and Economic Development Committee**  
Dec 13/Jan 10, 6:00 pm

**Board of Police Commissioners**  
Dec 14/Jan 11, 10:00 am

**Accessibility Committee**  
Dec 14/Jan 11, 5:00 pm

**Council**  
Dec 21/Jan 18, 6:00 pm

**Environment Advisory Committee**  
Jan 25, 2:00 pm

**TOWN HALL CLOSED**  
Dec 23 to Jan 2 inclusive



## Friday Night Music Series

All Acts are 7pm-9pm or later  
Chase the Ace draw each night at 8pm  
Happy Hour from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Fog

December 9<sup>th</sup> - Michael Robertson & Jeff Barteaux

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Ugly Sweater Karaoke 9pm - 12pm

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lewis Hodgson

December 30<sup>th</sup> - Mojo Men

## You're Invited!

**Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 & The Town of Annapolis Royal**

Cordially invite you to our Annual  
New Years Day Levee at the Legion  
January 1st, 2023  
12pm - 4pm

All your Christmas shopping could be done on December 31!



Over 180 vendors at three great locations.  
Map on page 7

Legion events: see Facebook for details on their events.

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

ARCAC (ART'sPLACE) events:  
[arcac.ca](http://arcac.ca)

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

Historic Gardens events:  
[www.historicgardens.com](http://www.historicgardens.com)

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

# EVENTS CONT'D

## King's Theatre

### December

- 2, 7:00 pm **Black Adam, Movie**  
 3, 10:30 am **Elf, Free Xmas Movie**  
 8, 7:00 pm **TÁR, Movie**  
 9, 7:30 pm **Bob's Your Elf**  
 10, 7:30 pm **Bob's Your Elf**  
 11, 2:00 pm **Bob's Your Elf**  
 14, 7:30 pm **Barra MacNeils**  
 16, 7:00 pm **Triangle of Sadness, Movie**  
 17, 7:30 pm **Black Umfolosi 5**  
 18, 10:00 am **Physical Comedy Workshops for Kids with Happenstance Theatre Ages 6-10**  
 18, 4-5:30 pm **Physical Comedy Workshops for Kids with Happenstance Theatre Ages 11-17**  
 18, 2:00 pm **Happenstance Theatre's Pinot & Augustine**  
 21, 7:00 pm **A Christmas Carol, Movie**  
 22, 7:30 pm **Barra MacNeils**  
 27-29, 10-4 **Theatrical Movement Camp with Wendy. Ages 8-14**  
 30, 1:00 pm **Dufflebag Theatre's Robin Hood**



**Annapolis Voices Presents**

## 'Tis the Season

A Christmas Concert Directed by and Featuring Augusto Enriquez  
 Beth Cranston, Accompanist

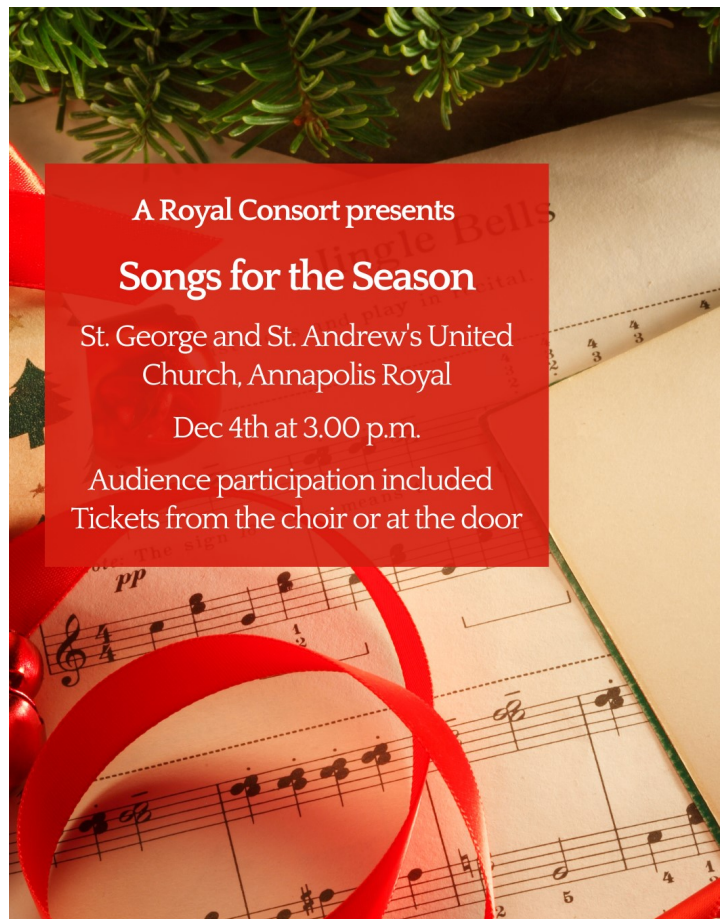
Sunday, December 11, 2022 \* 3 PM  
 St. George and St. Andrew United Church 393 St. George Street,  
 Annapolis Royal Adults \$18.00 \*  
 Students \$5.00

Tickets from choir members or at door. To reserve tickets please call:  
 902-340-0005




**Christmas Carol sing-along**  
 at St. Luke's Church on Sat. Dec 10th at 4.00 p.m. Free will offering

**Christmas service of Lessons and Carols**  
 at St. Luke's Church on Friday, Dec 16th at 6.30 p.m.



**A Royal Consort presents**

## Songs for the Season

St. George and St. Andrew's United Church, Annapolis Royal

Dec 4th at 3.00 p.m.

Audience participation included  
 Tickets from the choir or at the door



# Giving made easy



**DID YOU KNOW THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LIONS CLUB COLLECTS:**

used eyeglasses,  
hearing aids,  
ink cartridges,  
C-Pap machines,  
refundable  
bottles/cans and  
metal can tabs!

We also have an  
account at Decades  
Past Collectibles for  
donations of gently  
used clothing.



**donate today**

For more info contact:  
annapolisroyallionsclub@gmail.com  
Thank you for your support!

## CHRISTMAS MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

Annapolis Royal, Saturday, December 3rd, 2022  
Over 180 Vendors at 3 Great Locations!!

**KING'S THEATRE**  
209 St. George St.  
Free Childrens Christmas Movie!!  
*Elf*  
Starts at 10:30am  
Santa will visit after the movie.  
Sponsored by:  
Kings Theatre

**ARVFD CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Annapolis Royal Fire Hall  
5 St. Anthony St.  
9:00am-3:00pm \$2.00 admission  
Come join in the spirit of the season!  
Over 50 vendors, Great holiday shopping!  
For more info: Vicki Smith at 638-8718.

**OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21  
66 Victoria St.  
9:00am-3:00pm  
Breakfast & Lunch Served.  
Get your picture taken with Santa Claus.  
Mrs. Claus will be serving hot chocolate and treats.  
Folk art, knitted goods, baked goods, jewellery, toys,  
rugs, hand made chocolates, carvings and lots of crafts!  
**65+ VENDORS \$1 ADMISSION, FREE PARKING**  
For info call the Legion at 532-5196

**WINTER MARKET AT THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LEGION (Outside)**  
441 St. George St. 9:00AM-2:00PM (Extended Hours)  
Free Admission - Join us for our winter version of the Farmer's Market,  
at the Annapolis Legion every Saturday until mid May!  
Lots of vendors will be on hand, with locally roasted coffee, baked goods,  
preserves, produce, fish, meat, eggs, cheese, hot foods and lots more!  
Call John at 532-7018 for details.

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL FARMERS & TRADERS HOLIDAY MARKET**  
The Academy - The Community Hub Auditorium  
590 St. George St. 9:00am-2:00pm.  
50+ Fabulous N' Festive Vendors!  
Unique and seasonal home decor. Warm Winter Wears. Sweets, Treats  
and Yummy Delights! Bangles, Dangles, Jingle Bells and all that's Merry  
and Bright!  
Admission - \$2.00  
Contact: support@annapolisroyalfarmersmarket.com

Channel your inner Clark  
Griswold this holiday  
season and win!

Decorate your home or  
business for a chance to  
win a weekly prize.



### Community Holiday Spirit Decorating Challenge

Decorate your home, business or both Town Staff will circulate through Town between Monday-Thursday each week and the weekly winner(s) will be announced each the Friday. Challenge begins the week of November 21 and runs until December 23. Five Fridays = Five Chances to Win!

# TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

## Notes, Notices and Updates from Town Hall



- Councillor Pat Power was reappointed as Deputy Mayor for the two-year term ending Dec 2024
- Council approved four heritage requests for building alterations, renovations, and/or signage installation and one request for rezoning from single residence to double residence.
- Council approved a \$250 donation to the Red Cross Hurricane Fiona relief from the Councillors expense fund
- Repairs to the ladder rungs on the wharf were approved and the investigation into future needs of the wharf is ongoing
- Special thanks to all the folks that helped to organize this year's Parade of Lights and the One and Only Fall Music Fest
- Beginning Jan 1, 2023 a new Water Service Contract will be implemented, ensuring that Town Hall will have the correct billing information for tenants and property owners - watch for it in your next water bill!
- Over 500 surveys were completed for the proposed Parking Permit Pilot Project with over half indicating they lived or worked in Town. Due to the responses the project will be tabled.
- Water saddles were replaced along upper St. George St.
- Council approved designating the Community Hub Gym a Comfort Centre
- After receiving confirmation that the Town can install a crosswalk on Prince Albert Rd. (Hwy 1), Council approved bringing the cost of a lighted and audible crosswalk on between the French Basin Trail and the railbed trail into Town to next year's budget development.
- Daniel Wade joined the Town of Annapolis Royal and Town of Middleton as the Regional Director of Public Works. Daniel will alternate days between the communities.
- Council and Staff are reviewing and updating the Town's strategic plan
- Town staff have been fervently writing grant proposals for accessibility projects, a comfort centre generator, playground consultations and hurricane related trail repairs.

### JOIN, LEARN, CONTRIBUTE

There are openings on the Audit Committee, Board of Police Commissioners, the Marketing and Economic Development Committee and the Pool Committee. Send letter of interest to [cao@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:cao@annapolisroyal.com) or drop it off at Town Hall



### Notice of Adoption By-law

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Annapolis Royal Town Council approved 2nd reading and passing of the following By-laws at the November 16, 2022 Town Council meeting:

#### Building, Renovations and Alterations Planning Heritage Advisory Committee

These by-laws become law as of November 24, 2022.

Copies of the by-laws are available at the Town office.

Sandi Millett-Campbell  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Annapolis Royal  
P. O. Box 310  
Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0  
Phone (902) 532-2043 Ext. 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

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at [cao@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:cao@annapolisroyal.com) or 902-532-2043 ext. 104.

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

Marketing and Economic Development Committee is seeking a volunteer.

Contact Ken Knox, Community Development Coordinator at [kknox@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kknox@annapolisroyal.com)

## Did you know...

Dec 6, 1917 - Halifax Explosion French munitions ship Mont Blanc collided with the Belgian relief ship Imo. The resulting explosion, the largest before the advent of the atomic bomb, killed more than 1,600 people and injured 9,000

Dec 11, 1931 - Statute of Westminster passed establishing complete legislative equality between the parliaments of Britain and Canada, the closest Canada has come to a declaration of independence

Dec 12, 1938 - First mosque opens in Edmonton Alberta, the Al Rashid Mosque. In 1982 a new, larger Al Rashid Mosque opened and in 1992 the former mosque was preserved as an historical building and moved to Fort Edmonton Park

Dec 15, 1964 - The red and white maple leaf flag adopted after much debate, received Senate approval on Dec 17, Queen Elizabeth signed royal proclamation on Jan 28, 1965 and it flew for the first time on Feb 15, 1965

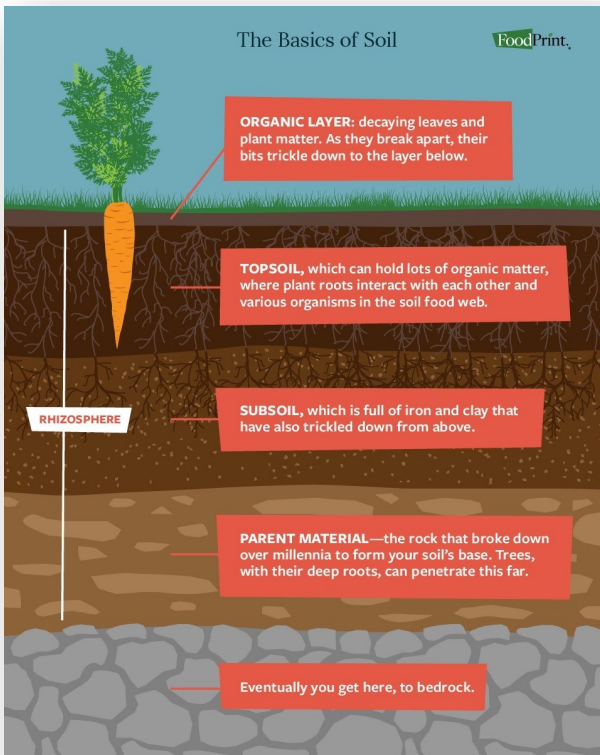
Dec 31, 1775 American forces laying siege to Québec launched a night attack. American general Richard Montgomery was killed. Canada remained British.



## What's all the fuss about dirt?

Soil, also known as dirt, is a critical life support system for everything on earth. A mixture of minerals, living organisms such as worms, organic matter such as leaves, and water create the brown world beneath. Without soil providing the primary ingredient for life, plants, food production, microorganism colonies, and even artificial infrastructures such as highways and buildings would not be viable, and the planet would no longer be stable.

Productive and healthy soils are essential for healthy plant growth, nutrition, water filtration, combating climate change, etc. The ground is the anchor for plant roots and holds the necessary nutrients for plants to thrive, including plants grown in crops or plantations for human and animal consumption and acts as a



groundwater

quality. Healthy soil regulates the discharge of excess rainwater that can cause flooding and supports resilient landscapes from human degradation and natural disasters such as forest fires. To store large amounts of organic carbon, healthy soil creates a highly efficient carbon sink and stores roughly 15 gigatons of carbon, three times more carbon storage than all terrestrial plants on earth combined.

Soil is considered a natural resource that can appear endless in supply. However, the soil is a fragile product produced from thousands of years of decomposition of organic matter on earth. Due to climate change and other factors such as human development, the soil is eroding quicker than it is being formed, sparking the discussion on whether soil is a renewable resource. Below a layer of organic matter that will eventually break down into topsoil, topsoil is the second closest layer to the land's surface and contains much of the nutrients required for healthy growth in plants. This level is subjected to erosion from wind and water, decreasing soil fertility and stunting crops and plant growth. The pressures of population growth, food insecurity and agricultural intensification will further widespread soil degradation, and these challenges will only intensify. Productive, healthy soil is key to environmental sustainability and combating

climate change. However, the planet's soil is rapidly deteriorating around the globe, and rebuilding degraded soils is crucial in maintaining world and human health.

### WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TREE AFTER CHRISTMAS

- CUT THE TREE INTO 4FT LENGTHS, BUNDLE IT AND SET IT OUT AS BRUSH FOR REGULAR COLLECTION
- DONATE IT TO A GOAT FARMER
- DROP YOUR TREE OFF, FREE OF CHARGE, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY AT THE LAWRENCETOWN OR KENTVILLE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRES
- GET CRAFTY WITH IT
- STORE IT OUTSIDE AND PUT IT OUT FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP
- CHOP IT UP AND ADD IT TO YOUR COMPOST PILE OR TURN IT INTO GARDEN MULCH

*What does the Gingerbread Man put on his bed? A cookie sheet!*

# GET MOVIN'

Getting Active this Winter is Easy When it's this FUN!



## Join the Annapolis Royal Rink Squad!

Annapolis Royal Recreation will be installing and filling the outdoor skating rink at the Farmer's Market Plaza as soon as conditions are suitable for it to freeze properly. The rink will be free for all to use with special times allocated for recreational hockey. The Town is looking for volunteers to sign up for our "Rink Squad" who can help out with basic ice maintenance, monitoring of ice conditions and closing the rink if necessary, and shovelling after snowfalls. If you would be willing to lend a hand to this great project, please email Noah Scanlan at [alc@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:alc@annapolisroyal.com), or call 902-955-1205.



## Latin Dance Workshop at the Community Hub Gym - December 10, 2-4PM

A beginner Latin Dance Workshop is being offered at the Community Hub Gym on Saturday, Dec 10, from 2-4PM. Learn Salsa, Bachata, Merengue & more! No experience or partners are necessary. Tickets are \$30, to register please visit

[www.annapolisvalleydance.com](http://www.annapolisvalleydance.com)

The rec schedule is posted at <https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/>. New programs will continue to be added throughout the winter, please visit this page for more info, follow "Annapolis Royal Recreation" on Facebook, or call 902-955-1205 for details.



**Town Hall will be closed Dec 23 to Jan 2 inclusive**  
**Enjoy the holidays everyone!**

Join us as we

*Welcome*  
**DANIEL WADE**

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Regional Director of Public Works for the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton.

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Join us as we bid a fond

*Farewell*  
**KAYLA WINSOR**

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Climate Change Intern extraordinaire! Kayla was instrumental in researching and developing the Town's Climate Change Plan. Best of luck in all your future endeavours.

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