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Hello Sunshine!

May is here, and with it longer days and sunshine. We start the month with just over 14 hours between sunrise and sunset, and finish with 15 hours and 19 minutes of daylight. After a long grey (yet mild) winter, the sunshine will be most welcome!

And speaking of Spring and all things vernal, this month sees Mother's Day on the 14th and Victoria Day on the 22nd- the official start to our "season". The Friday concerts will be back, the Farmers and Traders Market promises to be busy, the Historic Gardens will be in their glory, King's Theatre has a great schedule planned, and the first Dugua Day approaches! The season promises to be busy, and hopefully we will see a return to past levels of activity.

While ticks are never really out of season, the warm months present increased opportunity for the little nasties to find their way into our lives. Be sure to check carefully after outings, and if needed https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/ services/diseases/lvme-disease/removing-submitting-ticks-testing.html? fbclid=IwAR3VJsAZZkMn cAwABYnq2O94qJrZ5nuyK8sxOxh0BHkXqQHW8 NptvvGOPg will help in removal and disposal.

Be sure to check out the Community Calendar for upcoming events. However, if you prefer hearing about what's happening face to face, check out our Town Crier, Christine Igot, at the Market on Saturdays. She will be "crying" at 10am and noon, and will be sharing upcoming events for each week.

Some Sun Facts: Equator circumference: 4,379,000km, Average orbital speed around the Milky Way: 720,000km/b (200km/s), Temperature: 5,973 °C to 15,000,000 °C, contains 99.86% of the mass of the entire solar system!

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Councillor Paula Hafting phafting@annapolisroyal.com



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Mayor Boyer Office Hours Available by Appointment



The Town Crier is a publication of the Town of Annapolis Royal. Copies are available online at www.annapolisroyal.com and by email subscription. Contact <u>admin@annapolisroyal.com</u> to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the June edition on May 23, 2023. Please contact <u>kgrear@annapolisroyal.com</u> or 902-532-2043 ext. 110 if you have any questions.

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

Public Works Emergency: 902-824-5360



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



News and Updates

A warm thank you!

On behalf of Town Council and staff, thank you all for the kind words of support, messages, letters, and condolences received from members of the public, businesses, other municipal units, intermunicipal organizations, representatives from the Province, various government departments and non-profit agencies on the passing of Deputy Mayor Pat Power on March 31. Pat touched so many things in our municipal world and beyond and it was a wonderful thing to see all the representatives from the many groups she served come together to celebrate a life well lived.



Mayor Amery Boyer, B. Mus., MBA

Grant news

On March 31, 2023, the Town received notice of a grant of \$249,254 from the Province of Nova Scotia's Sustainability Services Growth Fund. The money will be used to install solar panels and a generator for the Town of Annapolis sewage lagoon which requires a continuous energy source to provide the Town with dependable water filtration. Annapolis Royal currently relies on Nova Scotia Power to provide all energy needs to the lagoon. This dependency results in high utility bills, increasing energy costs annually, supporting a carbon-heavy grid, and spending more when the system does not require the minimum energy rate. Annapolis Royal's goal is to transition off sole dependency on N.S Power and the solar photovoltaic (or PV) system installation project for Annapolis Royal is another step towards conversion to renewable energy to support the Town's energy needs. In 2019, CARP successfully applied for the Low Carbon Communities (LCC) fund to support the installation of a 10 KW public solar energy demonstration system on the roof of the Community Hub building. Solar panels and a generator will be installed near the facilities to offload the high amount of energy needed to run the sewage treatment plant.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the ABoT, AIRO, the Farmers' and Traders' Market Association and Town staff, Develop Nova Scotia has awarded the group \$60,000 from its Community-led Placemaking Program. The project will support a number of facilities improvements and new activities at the Farmers' Market and the wharf, as well as improvements in wayfinding signage.

And contributions from the public are starting to come in to support plans for a much-needed upgrade to the Town playground facilities. There is a button the Town website for CanadaHelps which provides tax receipts for contributions.

By-election coming up

Nomination Day for a new Councillor to fill the vacancy on Town Council has been set for May 16, 2023. The filling of this vacancy is of great importance to the Town since a recent Boundary Review completed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board confirmed that the Town would be best governed by a Council of at least 5 members. Given that the next general municipal elections will be held in November of 2024, this is a good opportunity for community-minded individuals to consider serving for a period of just over a year. If you are interested in finding more about what is involved, Town staff can direct you to the applicable sections of the Nova Scotia Elections Act. The Code of Conduct for Elected Officials may be found on the Town website.





Earth Worm Fundraiser!

Remember the CBC's Friendly Giant? The "giant" opened the TV show by inviting everyone to look up, look way up. If you are concerned about climate change and wish there was something you could do to help save the earth, the congregation of St. George and St. Andrew United Church is giving you a reason to look way up to see how you can help make the air in our little town a little cleaner and help save the earth - and it will only cost you \$1.00!

We are installing forty four solar panels on the roof of our church, at a cost of \$480 per panel. We are inviting you to join us in a project to sell 480 crocheted Earth Worms, at a cost of \$1 each, to cover the cost of one of the panels which will be designated as our Earth Worm panel. Everyone from the very young to the very old will be able to contribute and join with others in the community to make this project a success.



Buy one for yourself or to share with a special friend or family member. Or you could carry one in your pocket to give to someone you want to thank for being kind to you. Each Earth Worm will be packed in it's own little paper bag, hand made from old seed catalogues and magazines. We have a "worry worm" version which is meant to be a comfort object similar to a "worry stone" but more colourful and cuddly, a bookmark version, and a limited number of cat toys containing local home-grown catnip which will be sold for \$2 each. A selection of these items will be available at the Mad Hatter Books in Annapolis Royal and from members of the congregation. Other outlets may be available at a later date so please check our website for updates.

For further information, to check on availability of products, or any other inquiries please e-mail <u>SGandSAprojects@gmail.com</u>.



Mayor Boyer with International Physicians, April 1, 2023.

The Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee participated in a lobster roll dinner fundraiser held at the Legion in Annapolis Royal. The fundraiser was in support of the Port Royal Lighthouse Association. Our physicians, their family members and friends attended along with

three International Physicians currently training in the Mid Valley Region. The Nova Scotia lobster tolls were met with great enthusiasm by all.





What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator!



CHIEF'S CORNER



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





Chief Mark Kane

CHIEFS CORNER

Alarm Systems

An alarm system can be a positive addition to the security arsenal of any home. The lifestyles of some families make the installation of some kind of alarm necessary. If, for instance, a home is vacant during the daytime or on weekends, or the home is situated in an isolated location, it could be considered more vulnerable to a break-in than other homes.

The addition of an alarm system is an effective way to augment other physical security mechanisms such as auxiliary locks and window security. Alarm systems can also help ensure greater peace of mind for those who must leave their homes unattended for extensive periods of time.

Alarm systems are available in a variety of forms, ranging from basic self-contained units suitable for a simple door or window to more elaborate systems that can be wired to sound a bell

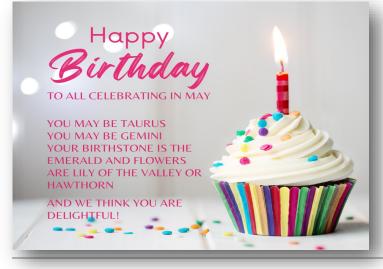
or horn at the residence or at a central monitoring location.

The decision to install any alarm system should be made after careful consideration of the lifestyle of the residents using the system. If, for example, there are several family members coming and going from a residence throughout the day, then a coded alarm system may be preferable to a keyed system.

If there are animals in the residence, for instance, a motion detector may not be advisable because it could be accidentally triggered by pets roaming about the house.

Make inquiries with several reputable alarm companies before deciding which type to purchase.

Please note that if have or are installing an alarm system it is the owner's responsibility to ensure it is in good working order. If an alarm that is not maintained properly gives cause for the police to attend on more than one occasion for a false alarm, the owner could be billed going forward for any further false activations that police are requested to attend.



Nature Of The Call	# Of Calls
Traffic collision Property damage report	2
Traffic collision Property damage non	1
report	
Failure to stop after accident	1
Speeding	2
Other non-Moving traffic	6
Moving traffic violations	4
Operation while impaired MV	1
Operation while impaired Vessel	1
Coroners act -Sudden Death	2
Mental health	3
911 act	1
Fire prevention act	1
Municipal Bylaws	2
Criminal Harassment	2
Assault	1
Theft under shoplifting	1
Mischief Damage to property	1
False alarms	4
Items Lost/found	3
false/abandoned 911 call	1
Information File	6
Assistance to general Public	12
Assistance to Canadian agency	2
wellbeing check	2
crime prevention	90
Assist to non-government agency	1
Total Calls for Service	153
Proactive Calls	102

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EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



Please forward June submissions by May 23, 2023 to: kgrear@annapolisroyal.com

ARCAC (ARTSPLACE)

May 4, 7-9 pm

Forest Birds at Risk and Ways We Can Help Free - registration is required

> May 6, 2 pm ArtTalk with Brandt Eisner Free, donations welcome

> Exhibition Apr 1–May 27 Brandt Eisner / Dogmatica

Exhibition May 2-Jun 24 For the Love of Lichens & Old Forests / curated by Susan Tooke

Exhibition May 2-26 Take a Break / Connie Lowe-Parker Reception May 6 (11am-2pm)

> Exhibition May 10-27 Ed Gnaedinger

Film / Let There Be Drums Mon May 15 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Workshop / Eco Printing with Kathleen Bunin May 26 10am- 2pm

DEADLINE: Annual ARCAC Scholarships Fri May 5th

Annapolis Brewing Company May 6, 7-10 pm Man in Plaid

PeopleWorx May 9, 11am-12pm Commercial Safety College- Information Session

King's Theatre

May 3, 7:30 pm Whiskey Jack: A Stompin' Tom Tribute 6, 7:00 pm Moonbase Alpha 7, 3:00 pm Moonbase Alpha 10, 7:30 pm Dance for All, Ballet Jorgen 12, 7:00 pm Renfield 13, 7:30 pm Rawlins Cross 14, 3:00 pm Mia Momma! Variety Show 20, 3:00 pm The Super Mario Bros. 21, 7:30 pm This is Elton 26, 7:30 pm Rhinestone Romeos 28, 9:30 am Stage Makeup with Steph Peaks

Annapolis Royal Legion, Br. #21

Happy Hour each Friday from 5:30-7:00pm and cocktail specials Friday and Saturday!

Friday Night Music 7-9 pm or later! May 5 Pat Walsh May 12 The Phil & Clarke Expedition

> *Blackfly Festival* May 20 1-10 pm

Annapolis Royal Community Centre Chase the Ace

Draws take place Fridays at 8pm sharp. Ticket sales at satellite locations will be cutoff at 5pm, with ticket sales at the Legion cut-off at 7:45pm.

Everyone welcome, members & guests

Champlain Garden Club May 11, 7:30 pm May Meeting in the lower level of St George and St Andrew United Church in

Annapolis Royal. All welcome.

May 27, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Annual Plant Sale Come out and choose from a variety of plants and shrubs which will be available at our plant sale occurring at 29 English Oaks Drive in Lequille

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Coronation Tea and Bake Sale May 6th 2.00 - 4.00 pm in church hall. Enjoy traditional English Cream Tea. There will also be a bake sale and raffle tickets. All monies from this project will go towards the Raise Our Roof Project



ONGOING

Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Market Winter Market May 6 & 13

9:00 am to noon at the Legion Opening Day May 20 at Market Square!

AA and Al-Anon

Wednesdays, 8:00 pm Annapolis Royal First United Baptist Church Address: 762 St. George St. **Upcoming Meetings** *Open to the public*

Committee of the Whole May 3/Jun 7, 6:00 pm

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee May1/Jun 5, 9:00 am

Board of Police Commissioners May 10/Jun 14, 10:00 am

Accessibility Committee Jun 14, 5:00 pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee May11/Jun 8, 1:00 pm

Marketing and Economic Development Committee May9/Jun 13, 6:00 pm

Council May17/Jun 21, 6:00 pm

Environment Advisory Committee May23/Jun 27, 10:00 am

TOWN HALL CLOSED MAY 22 Have a wonderful long weekend!

Legion events: see Facebook for details on their events.

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

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events: arcac.ca

All Community Hub events: www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar/

Historic Gardens events: www.historicgardens.com

For up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at <u>annapolisroyal.com</u>



TOWN HALL ... STAY CONNECTED

2 Pool

Notes, Notices and Updates from Town Hall

- → Council approved the \$2,614,489 Town Operating budget for 2023-2024 with tax rates remaining unchanged at \$1.70 and \$3.20
 respectively for Residential and Commercial.
 - → Council approved the 2023-2024 general capital budget of \$391,154
 - → Melony Robinson will be the Returning Officer for the upcoming by-election and Donna Neath will be the Assistant Returning Officer.

 \rightarrow Council approved a one-year membership in the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators

 \rightarrow The Town has initiated the process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy, as defined in the Municipal Government Act, in order to be compliant with Provincial Minimum Planning Regulations

- → Council adopted a new "Acceptance of Donations" policy which can be found at <u>annapolisroyal.com/acceptance-of-donations/</u>
- → Council adopted an amended "Policy on Meetings, Procedures and Presentations" which can be found at <u>annapolisroyal.com/meetings-procedures-and-presentations/</u>
- → Council adopted the "Grants for Encouraging New and Interesting Projects Policy" which can be found at <u>annapolisroyal.com/grants-for-</u><u>encouraging-new-and-interesting-events-genie-policy/</u>
- → Council adopted the "Projects to Improve Quality of Life Policy" which can be found at <u>annapolisroyal.com/projects-to-improve-quality-of-lifepiql-fund/</u>
- \rightarrow The Town has reposted a request for tenders for a generator that will be used at the gym during extreme weather events and power outages due to the need to switch to diesel as the fuel source
- → The Town received approval for a one Canada Summer Jobs student position to help with summer events..
- → Council has adopted the Live Streaming of Council Meeting policy. As of March 1 meetings will be live streamed on the Town's YouTube channel <u>HERE</u>
- \rightarrow Give your input at <u>annapolisroyal.com/engage</u>

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NOTICE NOMINATIONS OPEN Municipal By-election

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will accept nominations for the following office in the Town of Annapolis Royal for which a by-election will be held on the 10th day of June 2023:

ONE COUNCILLOR For a term ending October 31, 2024 FOR THE TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

AND TAKE NOTICE that a nomination shall be filed at the Town Hall, 285 St. George Street, between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on nomination day, which is Tuesday, May 16, 2023, or by appointment during office hours in the five business days preceding nomination day.

DATED at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, this 25th day of April 2023.

Melony Robinson, Returning Officer

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Notice of 2nd Reading and Passing of the Orderly and Peaceful Conduct and Outdoor Fire By-laws

TAKE NOTICE THAT Annapolis Town Council will hold 2nd reading and passing of the following By-laws at the May 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Council meeting:

> Orderly and Peaceful Conduct Outdoor Fire

Persons wishing to attend and/or make a presentation, verbally or in writing, may do so at the Council meeting on May 17, 2023 by registering at the email below.

Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at Town Hall, or by emailing admin@annapolisroyal.com.

Sandi Millett-Campbell Chief Administrative Officer P. O. Box 310 Annapolis, NS BOS 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 Audit Committee is seeking a citizen volunteer. Contact Director of Finance Melony Robinson at <u>finance@annapolisroyal.com</u>

Environment Advisory Committee is seeking a volunteer. Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at <u>cao@annapolisroyal.com</u> or 902-532-2043 ext. 104.

Did you know...

May is...

Brain Tumor Awareness month Celiac Disease Awareness month Hypertension month Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month Lupus Awareness month Cystic Fibrosis month Sexual Violence Prevention month

And in May there is...

National Physicians' Day - May 1 Mental Health Week - May 1 to 7 National Heart Failure Awareness Week - May 1 to 7 Int'l Day of the Midwife - May 5 National Child & Youth Mental Health Day - May 7 Check Your Skin Day - May 8 World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day -May 8 World Ovarian Cancer Day - May 8 National Nursing Week - May 10 to 16 Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day - May 11 Fibromyalgia Awareness Day - May 12 Naturopathic Medicine Week - May 15 to 21 Parademic Services Week - May 21 to 27 World Schizophrenia and Psychosis Day - May 24 National Reflexology Day - May 30 World No Tobacco Day - May 31 There's more to find at www.un.org/en/observances/list-days-

> <u>weeks</u> &

www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/ services/calendar-health-promotiondays.html#m05

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 8-12

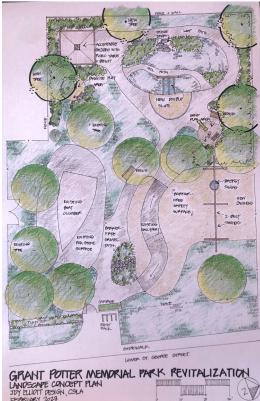


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GET MOVIN'





Grant Potter Memorial Playground Revitalization Project

The Grant Potter Memorial Park & Playground is now open for the 2023 season and has been prepared for an upgrade and revitalization project. The ongoing revitalization project plan is divided into two parts; addressing drainage to ensure accessible walkways, installing new inclusive swings, slides, climbing and balance features, and a gazebo/shaded seating area will be "Phase I". Upon completion of this work, the boat is to be replaced with an equally exciting but more accessible and inclusive new boat in Phase II.

The estimated cost for Phase I is \$142,000. The Town of Annapolis Royal has applied for both Federal and Provincial accessibility and facility funding to support this, but as part of the Town's contribution we still need your help! As part of the budgeting and grant application process we have set a local fundraising contribution goal of \$10,000. These cash donations will be directly applied to the purchase of new features such as a double slide, swing set, and shaded seating area, which will be purchased and installed as soon as these fundraising goals are reached. If you would be interested in having either you or your business fully sponsor any of these features, please contact Noah Scanlan, Active Communities & Recreation Coordinator at 902-955-1205 to discuss.

To make a donation, please visit the link below. Thanks for your support for this amazing all-ages facility and recreation activities in the Town! <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/annapolis-royal/campaign/grant-potter-memorial-playground/</u>

May 10 is Nova Scotia Walks Day!

To Celebrate NS Walks Day, there will be two opportunities to get outside and enjoy a walk around Annapolis royal. The Hike Nova Scotia walk group that meets every Wednesday at the Farmers Market at 10AM will do a special walk at this time to celebrate the day and their one-year group anniversary. To join this all-abilities group, go to www.hikenovascotia.ca and "Join a walking group". There will also be a 3km walk starting at Town Hall at noon. Come join members of Town Council, staff, and the ARPD for some lunchtime exercise! Nordic poles that can be borrowed from the Recreation Department will be available if you'd like to try them too.



CHAMPLAIN VOLUNTEER **GARDEN CLUB** Firefighters Are Needed Thursday, May II, 7:30 pm The May meeting will feature Ashlea Hegedus-Viola and Karen Achenbach, who will share their expertise in Planting Join Our Team ! of Native Gardens. Meetings take place in the lower level of St George and St Andrew United Church in Annapolis Royal. All welcome. Saturday, May 27 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Annual Plant Sale Come out and choose from a variety of plants and shrubs which will be available at our plant sale occurring at 29 English Oaks Drive in Lequille. For more information email: arvfdwd@gmail.com

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IN OTHER NEWS



New Legislation to Help Fix Healthcare

Nova Scotians want and deserve to get the care they need, faster. We need to use every tool at our disposal to create solutions to make that happen.

That's why we were pleased to recently pass the Patient Access to Care Act, a significant law that will improve access to healthcare in our province.

We know we need to recruit doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers. Nova Scotia is the best place in the world to live, but there is a national shortage and we're competing with other provinces and beyond.



Premier Tim Houston

This law makes it quicker and easier for healthcare providers to come here from other parts of Can-

ada. It requires their applications be processed within five business days and removes application fees. It also makes it easier for healthcare professionals licensed outside of Canada to come here.

We also need our healthcare professionals working to their full scope of practice. This law will allow them to use all of their skills to benefit their patients. For example, we've had great success working with pharmacists to expand their scope. They can now assess and prescribe for some illnesses, like strep throat.

We all want healthcare providers to spend their time caring for Nova Scotians, not filling out unnecessary paperwork.

With the new Act, employers can no longer ask for doctor's notes, except in specific situations. This has been a waste of valuable time for our doctors, time they can't afford to waste. This one change could free up to 50,000 hours of physician time. That's like getting another 25 doctors for Nova Scotians!

The Patient Access to Care Act means more healthcare providers coming to Nova Scotia, working to their full scope and spending more time with patients. It allows us to quickly adapt to changing needs of Nova Scotians.

Safety is our priority in any changes we make. We will ensure the act protects Nova Scotians while moving the system forward, faster. We would never lower the high standard of care in this province.

But we cannot continue to do things the way we used to and expect different results. This law makes changes that should have happened a long time ago.

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We said we would fix healthcare. That is exactly what we are doing, one solution at a time.

Premier Tim Houston

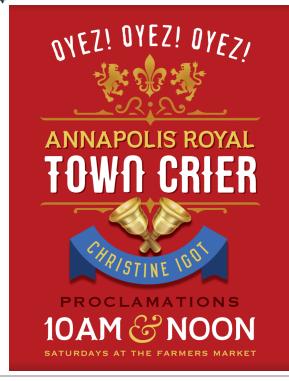
RECOGNIZING OUR FRANCOPHONE HISTORY!



The volunteer Annapolis Royal Twinning Committee would appreciate any financial support as we work to raise awareness of the contribution of Pierre Dugua, sieur de Mons to our Canadian History. Funding will enable us to improve and create bilingual signage and leaflets for our residents and visitors and help us host future public events such as conferences and presentations.

To donate visit:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/annapolisroyal/campaign/recognizing-our-francophonehistory/



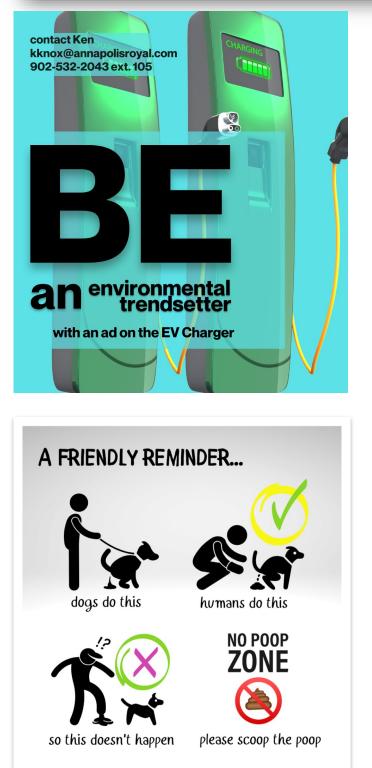
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MAY 20 WORLD BEE DAY

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