



MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS  
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Photo Credit Paul Kellogg—the view toward Fort Ann during the winter (subtle but warm) holiday lights. It simply takes one back to simpler times!

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## WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Well, what a winter we are having ! From a not-so-white Christmas and plus 8 on Christmas Day, to the freezing snowy New Year. Seeing fresh snow on the frozen French Basin helps us remember what a beautiful part of the province we are so fortunate to live in.

For those that do enjoy the snow, why not strap on those cross-country skis, and try out the Harvest Moon rail trail: perfect for getting into shape and blowing out the cobwebs with some Nordic exercise !

January sees the birthday of our first prime minister, John A Macdonald, on January 11. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland on this day in 1815.

January is also National Blood Donor month, so for those that are eligible, please consider donating blood sometime this month. More details can be found at: [Canadian Blood Services](http://CanadianBloodServices.ca) | [Canada's Lifeline](http://Canada'sLifeline.ca)

Remember that many of our local businesses and attractions remain open, so please take the opportunity to support them. A hot coffee and treat is always welcome after a brisk walk in the cold, or perhaps to freshly prepared fish and chips ! Check out the many tempting highlights on some of the local Facebook pages.

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on February 19, 2024 for Nova Scotia Heritage Day.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## 2023 in Review



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

As we welcome 2024 and all that it will bring, here are some of the highlights from 2023:

- The Town and the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department successfully negotiated an agreement to clarify mutually agreed objectives, roles, and responsibilities and who pays for what.
- Town staff brought in just over \$215,000 in grants since April 1, 2023. Thanks to the work of the BoT, AIRO, the Farmers' and Traders' Association and Town staff, another \$75,000 came in from ACOA for the *Annapolis Refresh!* Project that resulted in the artwork by Lorne Julien at the end of the wharf, the tables and chairs and extra storage space at Market Square, among other things.
- The Twinning Committee delivered the very successful inaugural Pierre Dugua Day to honour the man who financed the establishment of Port Royal over 400 years ago. It also welcomed an 11-person delegation from France last summer which included the Mayor and two Deputy Mayors. The highly successful visit was predominantly funded through volunteer effort which included grant writing and sponsorships, and involved the City of Royan, the Municipality of the District of Clare, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis as well as the Town.
- The Town, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and the Town of Middleton formed an inter-municipal working group in an effort to better collaborate and cooperate on a whole range of municipal services. Meanwhile, a single board (the Interim IMSA Pilot Project Board), which includes representation from the seven municipal units in Kings and Annapolis counties continues to successfully operate Valley Waste and Kings Transit.
- The installation of a solar garden at the sewage treatment plant is well underway.
- Three members of Town staff received Queen Jubilee Medals: former Superintendent of Public Works Kevin McLean, Police Chief Mark Kane, and CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell.
- The Town's strategic plan developed in 2021 received its second annual update in 2023 and continues to guide us.
- The Town partnered with the YMCA for a summer day camp.
- After the sad loss of Deputy Mayor Pat Power, we held a by-election and welcomed Paul Wear as a Town Councillor.
- The Police Department continued to pursue alternate source of revenue by providing criminal records checks for Triton Canada. It also launched a very successful first "mitten tree" during the holiday season in partnership with St Luke's Anglican Church.
- It was great to see major events like Pride and Natal Day celebrations back after the years of COVID restrictions, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers.
- With winter upon us, it was also good news that the Town qualified for a generator that will be installed at the Hub. This will provide a third option for a comfort centre in Town in addition to the Fire Hall and the Legion.

While the Town faces many challenges, it is always good to look back and acknowledge what has been accomplished in community by and with others as well as the many things that remain to be done.





## Don't forget to prepare or replenish your 72-hour emergency kit!



### Emergency Kits

In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

You may have some of the items already, such as food, water and a battery operated or wind-up flashlight. The key is to make sure they are organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark? Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front-hall closet. If you have many people in your household, your emergency kit could get heavy.

It's a good idea to separate some of these supplies in backpacks. That way, your kit will be more portable and each person can personalize his or her own grab-and-go emergency kit.

## IMPORTANT STORM RESOURCES & NUMBERS

**911**

**Emergencies**  
Call this number if your health, safety, or property is threatened and you need help right away.

**811**

**Telecare**  
Call this number for health advice.

**511**

**Road conditions**  
Call this number for information about provincial roads.

**211**

**Non-emergency inquiries about government, non-profit and local community group programs, including food and shelter.**

**311**

**HRM & CBRM municipal services and to report infrastructure damage.**



**1-877-428-6004**  
Nova Scotia Power Outages

**EHS**  
Emergency Health Services

## 2024 SPEAKER SERIES

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**Bill Monk**  
**Saturday February 17th**

Adventurer, hiker & survivor Bill Monk shares tales from his 4000 km trek along the rugged west coast's famed Pacific Crest Trail.



**Ken Maher**  
**Saturday March 16th**

Come spend the afternoon with Ken and discover the quirks and queries of the Annapolis Royal Sinclair Inn.



**Claire Jimmison**  
**Saturday April 20th**

An opportunity to learn about dementia and how to reduce your risk of vascular dementia by reducing your risk of stroke.

**Dugua Room - 143 Ritchie St - All Sessions 2 - 3:30**



All sessions are free!  
Free-will offerings are gratefully accepted.  
**Annapolis Royal Library**  
143 Ritchie Street  
902-532-2226  
[www.valleylibrary.ca](http://www.valleylibrary.ca)

## Volunteers Needed

**Annapolis Community Health Centre**  
**Walkabout-Friendly Visitor Program**

- Would you like to volunteer in your community?
- Would you like to support patient care?

As a Walkabout-Friendly Visitor Volunteer, you will have:

- An opportunity to make a positive difference
- Hands on experience in a clinical health care setting
- Support patient socialization and rehabilitation
- Orientation and training
- Opportunities to give feedback
- An incredible experience

Make a difference in someone's life today - become a volunteer!

For more information on becoming a volunteer, please contact:

**Ruth Dugle**  
Volunteer Resources Consultant - Western Zone  
(office) 902.365.1706  
[ruth.dugle@nshealth.ca](mailto:ruth.dugle@nshealth.ca)  
OR APPLY ONLINE:



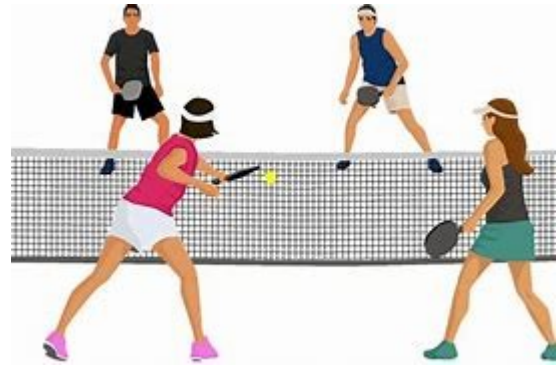
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# GET MOVIN'

## WINTER 2023 Adult Pickleball

(Age 18+) @ The Community Hub Gym, Annapolis Royal

**Pickleball** is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two to four players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net.



### Groups

Winter session - Start date: February 2, 2023 and End date: June 21, 2024.

| groups   | days          | times          | cost                |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Advanced<br>(3.6 & above) <b>(No Drop Ins)</b> | sun, wed, fri | 10 am to 12 pm | \$80 + \$5 ball fee |
| Recreational<br>(<3)                           | mon, wed, fri | 12 pm to 2 pm  | \$80 + \$5 ball fee |
| Competitive<br>(3 to 3.5) <b>(No Drop Ins)</b> | mon, wed, fri | 2 pm to 4 pm   | \$80 + \$5 ball fee |
| Afternoon Open Play<br>(all skills)            | mon, wed      | 4 pm to 6 pm   | \$60 + \$5 ball fee |
| Evening Open Play<br>(all skills)              | tues          | 6 pm to 8 pm   | \$50 + \$5 ball fee |

Registration opens **on January 22nd**. Registration times will be as follows:

- Recreational 9 AM
- Competitive 9:30 AM
- Afternoon Open 10 AM
- Evening Open 10:30 AM

Please call 902-955-1205 or email [alc@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:alc@annapolisroyal.com) to register

**Additional info on which group you should register for and rates for more than one registration per player can be found at <https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/>**

### Equipment loan at the Community Hub Gym

Annapolis Royal Recreation offer FREE equipment loan programs based out of the Community Hub Gym. We can provide snowshoes, Nordic walking poles, kids party games, Disc Golf, Tennis equipment, balls for outdoor sports, and Kicksleds that can be borrowed free of charge. For more information, please call 902-955-1205 or email [alc@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:alc@annapolisroyal.com)

## Winter Driving.



This is just a reminder to check your vehicle lights are on when driving in the winter, we are seeing an increase in drivers thinking all lights are functioning because of running lights. For safety and visibility ensure you check your lights.



Chief Mark Kane

Also, with the potential for weather bringing snowstorms at this time of year, this is just a reminder to ensure all town roads are clear during the winter months for snow removal after such storms. It ensures snow removal can be completed safely.

## Neighbourhood Safety

Crime is not randomly distributed. It results from the convergence in time and space of the potential criminal with a suitable target, in a location and situation that favours the offender.

Crime prevention is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk, and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED):

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a proactive crime prevention strategy predicated on the belief that proper design and management of a built environment, including parking lots, parks, schools and just about anything in a community can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and improvement in the quality of life.

### Benefits of CPTED:

- Reduces crime
- Reduces fear (perception of crime)
- Reduces liability
- Cost savings (initial development)
- Promotes partnerships
- Enhances problem solving
- Improves the quality of life for all

### Territorial Reinforcement:

Territorial reinforcement creates clear borders of controlled space from public to semi-private so that community members develop a sense of proprietorship over them, thereby discouraging potential offenders.

### Surveillance and Access Control:

Surveillance is an idea designed to keep potential intruders or attackers under the threat of surveillance, or being watched, so as to deter them from offending. Access Control increases the perceived risk to potential offenders which denies them access to potential crime targets.

The three types of surveillance/access control are:

- Natural
- Mechanical
- Organized





# EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



## Events at Annapolis Royal Legion, Br. #21

**January 20th**

Cribbage Tournament – Doubles

**January 26th**

The Eclectic Brothers performing

**February 2nd**

Andrew Elliott performing

**February 9th**

Pat O'Brien and Paul Ryan performing

**February 11th**

Super Bowl Party

## Events at King's Theatre

**January 24th**

The Boy and the Heron

**February 3rd**

Old Man Luedecke

**February 11th**

Due Cordelia Debut Atlantic

**February 15th**

Bboyizm

**February 18th**

The Royal Takeover Drag Show

**February 20th**

Jeremy Dutcher

## Recurring

**Chase the Ace is Back! at  
Annapolis Royal Legion, Br. #21**

## Events at ARTSPLACE

**From January 20th**

Member in Residence / Fabric of Community / Coleen Davidson

**January 27th**

Workshop / Creating Joy with Coleen Davidson

**From February 1st**

Exhibition / From My Mind

**From February 1st**

Exhibition / Sentient Beings

**From February 3rd**

Exhibition / Wrought

## Events at Annapolis Valley Regional Library

**January 17th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 27th, 31st, February 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 28th and 29th**

Intro To Innovation Lab OR One-on-One Tech Help

**January 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 12th, and 26th,**

Monday Morning Storytime

**January 24th**

Mandala Dot Painting



## Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public*

**Council**

**January 24, 6:00 pm**

**Planning and Heritage  
Advisory Committee  
February 5, 9:00 am**

**Committee of the Whole  
February 7, 6:00 pm**

**Environment Advisory  
Committee  
February 9, 9:30 am**

**Marketing and Economic  
Development Committee  
February 13, 6:00 pm**

**Board of Police  
Commissioners  
February 14, 10:00 am**

**Traffic Flow Advisory  
Committee  
February 15, 1:00 pm**

**Council  
February 21, 6:00 pm**

Legion events: see Facebook for details on their events.

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

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) 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



## Volunteer Opportunities

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

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Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking a Volunteer

and the

Board of Police Commissioners is seeking a volunteer.

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



Valley Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is Week 2:

- Week of January 21, 2024
- Week of February 4, 2024
- Week of February 18, 2024 (closed February 19, 2024)

Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm



## 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.



## Friendliest Communities (And Towns) in Canada

*By Expedia Team, on October 26, 2017*

Canada is famous for being a friendly place—which we're more than proud about! The more friends, the better, we say. And if you're looking to make new friends, you can find them in these top Canadian communities. Based on 2015 verified Expedia user reviews, we found the top towns, cities, and communities based on friendly hotel staff with welcoming attitudes and an amiable air. Ranked from highest to lowest on our 5-star rating system, here are the nicest places in Canada.



### #7. Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

With a historic past and a modern day boardwalk, Annapolis Royal is a friendly place for travelers. Meet some of the townspeople when you check out ARTsPlace, King's Theatre, Historic Gardens, and local favourite Leo's Place.

## COUNCIL MOTIONS

### MOTION #C2023-12-20-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council change the January 2024 Council meeting on January 17, 2024, to January 24, 2024, at 6pm. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council agree to proceed with the Fire Rate 2024/25 Budget process in principal. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council submit a letter to demonstrate municipal support for our Community Climate Capacity application. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the updated Snow and Ice Control Policy #2023-09. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the installation of boulders in front of the wooden curbs that have rotten due to age. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-10

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council appoint Ken Knox for the Position of Director of Municipal Operations and Development as of December 30, 2023. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-11

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council change the Environment Advisory Committee Policy #2018-1 from five committee members to a maximum of seven. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-13

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the change to quarterly meetings for the Board of Police Commissioners By-law with the understanding that the By-law requires updating and Ministerial approval. **Motion carried.**

### MOTION C#2023-12-20-14

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Minister of Justice on behalf of addition officer program funding. **Motion carried.**

## Clearing of Snow and Salting of Sidewalks on St. George Street

*Town of Annapolis Royal*



## We Need to Work Together

Regarding the clearing of snow and salting of sidewalks on St. George Street from 324 St. George to Drury Lane, Public Works will make every effort to assist Businesses/Property Owners/Managers in accordance with our "Snow and Ice Control Policy" and our "Streets and Sidewalks" By-Law. However, Businesses/Property Owners/Managers bear the primary responsibility to keep the sidewalk in front of their properties clear and passable after any weather event.

This requirement is not new and has been in effect for several years. This letter is being sent now because many Businesses/Property Owners/Managers (with a few notable exceptions) are making no effort to keep the sidewalks clear and passable in front of their properties.

Public Works is happy to assist as a courtesy, but this must be a team effort.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Town of Annapolis Royal,

Ken Knox  
Director of Municipal Operations and Development

285 St George Street, PO Box 310, Annapolis Royal NS B0S 1A0 Canada  
www.annapolisroyal.com phone (902) 532-2043 fax (902) 532-7443



### Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) By-law

Public Meeting on February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Requesting to change the monthly BoPC meetings to quarterly meetings



## What's New in 2024? Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

### PART I

Canada is one of the 20 founding members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and is therefore implementing an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy. This environmental policy places responsibility for a product's post-consumer stage on the producer. For now, the policy refers to plastic and paper packaging.

An EPR policy is characterized by:

1. the shifting of responsibility (physically and/or economically; fully or partially) upstream toward the producer and away from municipalities; and
2. the provision of incentives to producers to take into account environmental considerations when designing their products.

Dr. Starr Caldwell, a member of the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee, talked to Andrew Garrett of Valley Waste to learn more about EPR and how it will affect us in the future. This is the first of a two-part Q&A that will be featured in this newsletter.

How does Valley Waste see these impacting customers? New regulations will see brand owners become responsible for managing the collection, processing, and marketing of household recycling. That is essentially what we currently place at the curb, in blue bags, there are still a number of unknowns that will become more clear over the next year. Organizations representing brand owners (a Producer Responsibility Organization or 'PRO', (will be consulting with solid waste authorities on how they plan to meet the regulations.

The recycling sorting list will likely be expanded for all of the Province to include more packaging. It's still unknown how recycling will be collected; it could stay the same as it is now or may be collected with a separate truck. Other provinces have moved to carts/boxes for collection and some areas have more drop-offs for harder to handle items like glass. Collection limits or tipping fees may also be eliminated for residential recycling as the consumer has already paid for the management of packaging during the purchase of goods.

Will there be less packaging from producers? The concept is that producers will be responsible for the costs and operational management of packaging so there may be less, however we still encourage consumers to make informed choices to reduce unnecessary packaging.

I note that only large producers are required to participate—what portion of waste in the Town of Annapolis Royal and the County of Annapolis is created by these large companies? Businesses that have less than a million dollars in gross revenue or use less than 1 tonne of packaging/paper per year are exempt. While some smaller producers may still be affected, the vast majority of packaging and printed paper is generated by large producers.

What happens if a producer refuses to comply with the new program? Divert NS has been designated as an oversight organization in NS to ensure individual producers comply with the regulations and that brand owners are meeting the required targets. To date it is unclear what the consequences will be for producers that are not compliant. In general, large brand owners have been supportive of these regulations.

What are the estimated cost increases to producers that are likely to be passed on to customers? Will producers have to retool their production and packaging? Brand owners have already included costs of post-consumer recycling in the price of consumer products since this regulation is already in place across Canada and has been implemented in many provinces for a number of years. Nova Scotians have been paying for recycling programs in other provinces in the purchase price of consumer goods, and then a second time through municipal property taxes.

When is the program expected to be implemented? The changes come into effect in December 2025.

*Part II will be included in the March issue of the Town Crier Newsletter.*