



MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL AND AREA ANNAPOLISROYAL.COM



Photo credit Paul Kellogg—a look across the Annapolis River from our side, toward a breathtaking sunset over the North Mountain.

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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Hopefully, that is it for winter storms! Spare a thought for all those hardy individuals that are out there helping making our lives a little easier during the heavy snowfalls. Those keeping the roads and sidewalks clear and safe, the Canada Post letter carriers filling our mailboxes and the school bus drivers that safely get our kids to school on snowy roads. Thank you all !

With all the snow recently, the trails still offer plenty of opportunities. Don't forget: winter trail equipment is available for sign-out at the Gym. Contact Noah Scanlan, ALC on 902-955-1205 if you want to borrow snow shoes, kick sleds or Nordic walking poles to help get you out on those snowy trails !

With Easter not far off, and spring just a few weeks away (hopefully), now is the time to start planning those getaways and camping trips. The Valley is such a special place, you don't have to go far to find a fun weekend.

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on March 29 and April 1, 2024 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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Mayor Boyer Office Hours
Available by Appointment



The Town Crier is a publication of the Town of Annapolis Royal.
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Contact admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the April 2024 addition is March 25, 2024.
Please contact kdunning@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 110 if you have any questions.

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

Public Works Emergency:
902-526-2429

The Town has received a request from two tourism students from the BTS programme at the Community College in Royan (Lycée Cordouan Royan) asking about an internship in Annapolis Royal for the six weeks from May 6 to June 28.

The Town has a number of tourism-related projects that the students could work on, in partnership with other interested parties, including:

A survey of businesses in the Town and area to determine which businesses might be interested in direct trade opportunities with businesses in Royan, France and whether or not they might be interested in participating in a delegation to France planned for October 2025

Visiting all area businesses to carry information on the Port Royal of 1710 in preparation for the Congrès Mondial happening in Clare and Argyle this Year

Acadian costume animation on the street providing information to visitors to the area

Assistance with the setting up of a public information fair on Town projects including all large infrastructure projects on the horizon as well as other important projects such as our twinning initiative with Royan, France

But before we can invite the students here, we need to know if anyone would be interested in billeting them in their homes. If this is something that you feel you would like to do, please call me at 902 533-0556 or send an email to mayorboyer@annapolisroyal.com. Please note that the students do pay room and board for their stay and both students do speak English.

A project or projects descriptions will have to be sent to Royan soon for approval by the College, so anyone with specific project ideas or wishing to partner on one or more projects should contact the Town as soon as possible. While the Town can provide support in terms of office space, assistance with student orientation, mentorship and supervision would also be very much appreciated.

Last Mayor's Message

In the long list of community achievements of 2023, I neglected to include two very important awards: St. George and St. Andrew United Church received the international Gulf of Maine Council 2023 Sustainable Communities Award for its exemplary work in achieving sustainable outcomes related to the environment and economy in the Gulf of Maine. John Bottomley received the Gulf of Maine Council 2023 Visionary Award for his commitment and outstanding contributions toward improving natural resources in Annapolis Royal, and the broader Gulf of Maine watershed.

Support for our volunteer firefighters

Our firefighters have been in the news a lot lately. They train every week to fight fires. But medical calls are way up from the early days when some of them took training as first responders. And with the changes in the healthcare system and ambulance services in the last few years, more and more is being expected of our firefighters, despite the fact that they are volunteers and do not have the training that paramedics have. It's in all of our best interests to appreciate the problem and push for a solution.



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



Stormwater Resource Kit

With the support of Environment and Climate Change Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program, and our project partner Coastal Action, Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) has been working with municipalities and community leaders over the last 2 years to implement natural infrastructure projects across Southwest Nova Scotia to better manage stormwater runoff, promote climate change adaptation, mitigate flooding, and ultimately to improve the freshwater quality within the watershed.

Sustainable stormwater management is essential to ensuring our communities remain resilient and healthy. As part of this project, CARP has developed a Home Resource Kit for property owners to reference and use as a guide for Improving stormwater management on their properties.

This kit includes information on natural infrastructure, low impact development, water conservation techniques and much more!

The resource kit is free for download and can be found in the blue section of our Project's Webpage:

<https://www.annapolisriver.ca/natural-infrastructure>



De-Stash Sale April 27 - Paradise Community Hall 10300 Hwy 1; 10AM – 3PM

Hosted by the Paradise Village Quilters and the Annapolis Valley Quilt Guild.

Looking to reduce your surplus craft supplies? Book a very reasonably priced table to sell your extras! Looking for more craft supplies or to try something new? Come shop our event and get a great deal!

Quilting fabric and supplies, buttons, card making, scrapbooking, rug hooking, yarn, knitting and crochet, stamping, cricut, and more!

Tea lunch: Sandwiches & sweets plate with tea/coffee/water for \$10 or tea/coffee/water only, \$2.

Please note: This is a cash event and intended for supplies, not finished items. Tables for selling must be reserved and paid in advance and are first come first served.

For table rental & more information, email Carrie at paradisevillagequilters@gmail.com

Please respect others by attending scent free



News from Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library

The Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library is a not-for-profit organization whose aim is to support the Annapolis Royal Library. 2023 was a busy year for the Friends.

You may have noticed the new sign outside the library entrance. This was undertaken by our society and supported with a small grant from the Town. A small garden has been planted around the sign in honour of our long-time board member Pat Power, who passed away in 2023.

In honour of Wayne Melanson, we helped acquire a collection of books on Acadian and Indigenous themes. We also regularly purchase items that help support the library and Hub: in 2023 this included a new wall clock, items requested by the staff, and a waste/recycling system.

We sponsored two free babysitting courses and two free Holiday Jars events in preparation for the Parade of Lights. We regularly run a free winter speaker series, bringing people into our library. Hundreds of people participated in this year's book sales at the Farmers' Market and the GIANT Used Book Sale in November. Some of the proceeds were used to pay for the new sign.

We are always on the hunt for storage for leftover books, so if you have such a space, please email at friendsofhearlibrary@gmail.com

Please note that the Annual General Meeting is coming up on March 6th, at 7pm in the Hub. Cake provided!

FELT FOX MUG COZY



This craft is powered by the Library's Innovation Labs.

These public maker spaces offer cutting-edge digital technologies and free instruction to help you realize your creative ideas.

Drop into your local branch to learn more.

Friday, March 22 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm

This event is for ages **16+**

Registration required.
No experience necessary.

Annapolis Royal Library
143 Ritchie Street
902-532-2226
www.valleylibrary.ca



2024

CHIEF'S CORNER

Responsible Pet ownership

This is just a reminder that the following town bylaws are in place and that all pet owners are responsible for their pets in all public places and neighbourhoods.



Chief Mark Kane

Schedule M-36 Town of Annapolis Royal By-laws

Offence	Section	Out of Court Settlement
Dog By-law		
1 Owning unregistered dog	4	\$312.25
2 Owning dog that is not wearing tag	9	\$312.25
3 Owner of dog neglecting or refusing (specify) to provide written statement of number of dogs owned, harbored or kept on owner's premises (specify)	10, 14(e)	\$312.25
4 Owning dog that runs at large	14(a)	\$312.25
5 Owning dog that persistently disturbs quiet of neighbourhood	14(d)	\$312.25
6 Owner harboring, keeping or having care or control of (specify) dangerous dog	14(f)	\$312.25
7 Owner failing to remove dog's feces from property other than owner's property	14(g)	\$312.25

Theft Prevention (Vehicles Part 1)

Motor vehicles are key components of our culture and lifestyle. As such, they are often the target of crime.

Why Vehicles Are Stolen:

- To sell them in their entirety or in parts. **Note:** *Thieves may take stolen vehicles out of the province or even the country*
- For transportation before they are abandoned
- For use in other crimes such as robberies or break and enters
- For sale under a false identification number to unsuspecting persons
- As part of an insurance fraud. In these instances, the owners have the vehicle stolen and sold and take a portion of the sale money while filing a false claim with their insurance company

While there is no absolute guarantee against becoming a victim of vehicle theft, the Annapolis Royal Police Service offers the following series of precautions.

Parking:

- Park in a well-lit and attended area, if possible, for your own safety as well as your car's
- Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running, even for a few seconds. Turn off the ignition and take the keys with you
- Always lock all of your vehicle's doors and windows after entering and exiting it
- Never leave personal identification or valuables in your vehicle. Lock all valuables in the trunk. Don't tempt thieves by leaving packages, cameras, or purses in plain view or on the seat
- Remove GPS navigation and cell phone devices from view when not in your vehicle
- Turn the front wheels to one side to make it more difficult to tow

At Home:

- If you have a garage, use it, and lock your car
- If you have a front-wheel drive model, park it front end first
- If you have a rear-wheel drive model, back it in
- Always set the emergency brake
- Never leave the original vehicle ownership or driver's licence documents in the car
- Drop a business card or address label down the panel doors to assist police with identifying the vehicle's registered owner
- Never hide a spare key in your car. Thieves know where to look
- Never leave an identification tag or address label on your key ring. Thieves may use it to locate your home or car
- Be aware of your surroundings while driving and keep all doors locked
- When buying a vehicle privately, ensure the seller has the "Used Vehicle Information Package"



Recurring:

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

March 1

The 3 of THeM performing,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Guy Davis, King's Theatre

March 1 - 26

Exhibition / Arachnophilia: A Love
Story, ARTSPLACE

March 2

Workshop / The Art of the Mobile,
ARTSPLACE
We Have Overcome (Youth Dance
Show), King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-
on-One Tech Help, Annapolis
Valley Regional Library

March 3

Andrew Scott Vanya, King's
Theatre

March 4

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Valley Regional Library

March 6

The Promised Land, King's Theatre

March 7

After School Pilot Program / Mixed
Medium Art - Ages 7-10,
ARTSPLACE
Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Valley Regional Library

March 8

Amir Amiri Ensemble, King's
Theatre
Permanent Resonance, Annapolis
Royal Legion #21

March 9

Kitchen Party with Theresa Porter,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Rumour Has It: The Songbook of
Adele, King's Theatre
Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Valley Regional Library

March 10

Harry Potter & The Philosopher's
Stone, King's Theatre

March 11

March Break ART CAMP,
ARTSPLACE
Winter 2024—Monday Life Draw-
ing Sessions, ARTSPLACE
Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-
on-One Tech Help, Annapolis
Valley Regional Library

March 14

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Valley Regional Library

March 15

The Soulmates Music Due,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

March 16

Monthly Cribbage Doubles
Tournament, Annapolis Royal
Legion #21
The Amazing Raven, King's
Theatre

Learn to Love Linocut Workshop
with Basma Kavanagh, Elephant
Grass Printmakers Society
Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Valley Regional Library

March 17

Learn to Love Linocut Workshop
with Basma Kavanagh, Elephant
Grass Printmakers Society

March 18

Winter 2024—Monday Life, Drawing
Sessions, ARTSPLACE
Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-on-
One Tech Help, Annapolis
Valley Regional Library

Upcoming Meetings

Open to the public

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
March 4, 9:00 am

Budget Meeting
March 4, 5:00 pm

Committee of the Whole
March 6, 6:00 pm

Environment Advisory
Committee
March 8, 9:30 am

Marketing and Economic
Development Committee
March 12, 6:00 pm

Board of Police
Commissioners
March 13, 10:00 am

Traffic Flow Advisory
Committee
March 14, 1:00 pm

Council
March 20, 6:00 pm

Legion events: Facebook for details on
their events.

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

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events:
arcac-artsplace.weebly.com

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

Historic Gardens events:
[historicgardens.wordpress.com/
activities-events/](http://historicgardens.wordpress.com/activities-events/)

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



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

March 19

**Youth Improv Workshop Series,
King's Theatre**

March 22

**Pat O'Brien & Paul Ryan,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21**

March 23

**Kitchen Party with Theresa
Porter, Annapolis Royal Legion
#21**

**March Madness Cabaret,
King's
Theatre**

March 24

**Annual General Meeting,
Elephant Grass Printmakers
Society**

March 25

**Winter 2024—Monday Life
Drawing Sessions, ARTS-
PLACE**

**Intro to the Innovation Lab or
One-on-One Tech Help, An-
napolis
Valley Regional Library**

March 30

**The Big Hunt Easter
Eggstravaganza
Easter Craft & Collectibles Sale,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Exhibition / Broken Windows,
ARTSPLACE**

**Brave, King's Theatre
Kim Doolittle & The
Doctors, King's Theatre**



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



Volunteer Opportunities

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

The Board of Police Commissioners

For more information contact
CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell
at cao@annapolisroyal.com or
902-532-2043 ext. 104.

Planning and Heritage Advisory
Committee

For more information contact
CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell
at cao@annapolisroyal.com or
902-532-2043 ext. 104.

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:

Week of March 3, 2024

Week of March 17, 2024

Week of March 31, 2024

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

www.vwrm.com

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

PART II

How is information about the program going to be provided to consumers? Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) are responsible for education about the new recycling procedures. They will need to advertise, develop promotional materials, and ensure that residents are aware of the changes. Valley Waste will also be sharing information with the community as more details come forward. The more people recycle, the less financial burden there is for the municipality.

Does the program require Valley Waste to acquire new equipment, landfills, vehicles, etc.? If so, how will this cost be passed on to consumers? Valley Waste does not anticipate the need to purchase new equipment or increase capital costs. Brand owners will be responsible for the full costs of the new program. Valley Waste contracts out curb side collection to a private contractor; it's possible that Valley Waste will be compensated for the collection of recycling which reduces financial cost to the municipality, or they may choose to opt-out of collection and have the PRO contract that out separately.

What will be the role of individual consumers? No significant changes are expected for consumers. They will need to continue rinsing and sorting items to ensure that packaging can be recycled. As always, waste reduction and reuse are preferred to recycling, so we ask that consumers continue to be conscious of what they purchase.

Is there other relevant information? The regulations are specific to residential packaging and printed paper. They do not include recycling from businesses, so there will still be costs to manage business related recycling.

Why is the current program not including businesses? Are there discussions/ plans to do so? All brand owners, regardless of origin, that distribute products/packaging in NS are obligated to participate. They have to register and report how much plastic and paper packaging is being sold/distributed in NS. This would include companies such as Amazon, for example.

Including business recycling was something municipalities wanted but it is not in any other jurisdiction in Canada. Perhaps in the future. Recycling generated by most businesses is not from consumer packaging as they often purchase through wholesalers or through their own internal suppliers.

If you are interested in how it looks in other provinces, visit the websites of:

Circular Materials (PRO for Ontario and New Brunswick), and Recycle BC.





ARE YOU A LOCAL ATTRACTION MANAGER OR BUSINESS OWNER?

TOWN HALL ROUNDTABLE

Are you interested in joining other business owners or local attraction managers on a mission to make 2024 the best season Annapolis Royal has ever enjoyed? We are hosting a roundtable exclusively for local business owners and managers to help facilitate mutual marketing opportunities

HOSTED BY
MARKETING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

TUESDAY
19 March, 2024

START AT 6PM

TENTATIVE LOCATION: TOWN HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGISTER NOW HSanford@annapolisroyal.com

Tax Reduction for Non-Profit Organizations



A reminder to non-profit organizations wanting to apply for a tax reduction; in order to apply for the next fiscal year beginning April 1st, the deadline to submit a request is March 31, 2024.

For details on the by-law and eligibility, please see [Non-profit Organization Property Tax Reduction - Town of Annapolis Royal](#)

COUNCIL MOTIONS

Motion #C2024-02-21-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the second reading of the Board of Police Commissioners By-law and to send to Minister of Justice for final approval. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-04

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the updated Appendix B of the Capital Equipment replacement policy for the fiscal year 2024-2025. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Valley Waste Resource Management Operating Budget of \$6,859,565 with the Annapolis Royal portion of \$89,638 for the fiscal year 2024-2025. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council send the letter to Minister MacMaster supporting the Annapolis Regional Library to assist in their department's deliberations when considering funding for regional libraries. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council agree to send the updated letter to the Executive Director, Sustainability and Applied Science on Glyphosate Spray. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council enter into a Development Agreement with King's Theatre Society to permit the development of a "marquee" on the canopy entry, accessible front doors, and a rear addition to the existing "King's Theatre" building lands of the Town of Annapolis Royal at 209 St. George Street (PID 05003777, 05311634, 05004221) pursuant to the application, site plan and details contained in the application dated December 23, 2023.

Motion carried.

Motion #C2024-02-21-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council give the applicant at 644 St. George Street heritage approval to install 2 banks of 3 windows (total of 6 windows) at upper level on sides of building below the existing window and replace dormer door with window. Also, to repair/replace carriage house single doors on front and side of building, and to replace existing double garage door with double carriage door as detailed in application 24-04-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-law are met. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-10

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve a task team for the Francophone file with a member of the Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) on the task team. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-12

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approves an initiative by the Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) to start a subcommittee to investigate a UNESCO Heritage Designation Application for the Town of Annapolis Royal. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-15

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the removal of paid advertisements from the Town Crier Newsletter effective March 2024. **Motion carried.**

Motion #C2024-02-21-16

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve that 25% of the net revenue from the Triton Program be placed into the Capital Reserve but allocated to the Police Department. In case of funding emergencies, it can be used by the Town as needed. **Motion carried.**