

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



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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



We are now officially in Spring, so let's get out there and enjoy everything our area has to offer !

The trails are in great condition now, so there are plenty of opportunities to get out into the valley and explore. Many of our seasonal business are reopening, so help them get back in to the season with a meal, snack, coffee or baked goods.

Do check the events page to see all what's happening for the month of April, you don't want to miss any of it. For those who enjoy great movies, April 17 is National Film Day, and you can catch a free screening of 'All My Puny Sorrows' at the town Library, (registration is required) along with a free celebration of the day at ARTSPLACE.

Remember, provincial campsite reservations open on April 3, so for those planning camping trips, get in there quickly to make your plans for the summer.



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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Members of Council

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Councillor Paula Hafting
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Open Mon to Fri / 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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 admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the May 2024 addition is April 24, 2024.
Please contact kdunning@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 110 if you have any questions.

Budget 2024-2025

After three budget deliberation sessions and a little over 8 hours of meeting time, Council hopes to pass its 2024-2025 budget at the April 17 Council meeting (6:30 pm).

Public Information Sessions

The Town is also planning public information sessions in May to go over a number of important infrastructure projects. More information to follow. Please stay tuned for dates, times and location.

Electronic copies of relevant reports will be made available in advance on the Town's website with paper copies available in advance, by request, and on the day of the events.

Royan Tourism Students

We are still looking for a supervisor for two tourism students who will be with us in May and June for a period of eight weeks. You do not need to speak French for this assignment (but it would of course help!). Language support is readily available. We are very appreciative of the two families who have agreed to host the students in our community, thank you!

Annapolis Community Pool

Just a reminder that Friends of the Annapolis Community Pool Society (<https://www.annapolispool.org/>) are working hard to raise the funds they need to re-open the Annapolis Community Pool in 2025. If you haven't done so already, they would appreciate hearing from you about how you might be able to help.

Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department

If you look at the ARVFD's website (<https://arvfd.com/>), you will find this message: "A nonprofit is as strong as the community that holds it up. Together, we can do more than we can do alone, let's bring our abilities and passions together to affect real change.

There are many ways to join us and support our mission. Contact us to find out more about volunteer opportunities, fundraising events, and ways that you can help!"



Message from our Town Crier - Christine Igot



A few weeks ago, I sent a note to the Guardian for their column: A new start after 60 about becoming Town Crier. They were interested and here is the result.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2024/mar/25/a-new-start-after-60-i-was-terribly-sad-after-losing-my-mother-then-i-started-spreading-good-news>

Enjoy!



Mayor Amery Boyer,
B. Mus., MBA



STUDENT PROJECT—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL ANS HISTORY

Grade 8 students at AWEC completed a project that combined math skill with the [African Nova Scotian History Challenge](#). Students had to select a historic African Nova Scotian community and replicate the landmarks in the town using their knowledge of surface area and volume. Here are replicas of Fort Anne, De Gannes-Cosby House, and the Annapolis Royal Lighthouse made by **Caleigh Wear**



Health Care Task Team - need volunteers. For more information contact:

Councillor Paula Hafting
phafting@annapolisroyal.com



Annapolis Hub Comfort Centre - need volunteers to help with the Comfort Centre at the gym when it is open for an emergency. It could be for a couple of hours or longer, but will never be overnight., maybe the option to put a pot of coffee on. This is to ensure everyone is ok in an emergency.

Contact: Kim Dunning
kdunning@annapolisroyal.com



UNESCO Heritage Application - Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) need volunteers for a subcommittee to investigate the UNESCO Heritage Designation Application for the Town of Annapolis Royal.

Contact:
Councillor Holly Sanford
hsanford@annapolisroyal.com

VOLUNTEER



NSWalks
Join our free, gentle and friendly
WALK GROUP
Annapolis Royal



Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM
Farmers Market Parking Lot
178 St George Street

Info & register: nswalks.ca
or scan the QR code
Local contact: 902-250-0429





Nova Scotia Wildfire Season
March 15 – October 15

The risk of wildfires is highest during the dry season (March 15 to October 15) when the earth and forests lack moisture. Although you may not be able to eliminate the risk of wildfire you can take measures to protect your home and property.

Check before you burn

During the wildfire risk season (March 15 to October 15) all domestic brush burning and campfires must adhere to daily Nova Scotia burning restrictions. Each day at 2:00PM the burning restrictions are posted on novascotia.ca/burnsafe/

WILDFIRE RISK SEASON - MARCH 15 - OCTOBER 15

Domestic brush burning and campfires
Restrictions apply March 15 to October 15

Map is updated daily to show where burning is:

ALLOWED between 2pm and 8am (GREEN areas)	ALLOWED only at certain times (YELLOW areas)	NOT ALLOWED (campfires and brush burning) for your safety (RED areas)
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Please note: Check municipal bylaws first.

No burning between 8am and 2pm
Restrictions are set at 2pm daily

Check the online
BURNING RESTRICTIONS MAP
at novascotia.ca/burnsafe

Save your brush over summer to burn in winter when wildfire risk is low.

Burning restrictions apply to: domestic brush and campfires. A PERMIT IS STILL REQUIRED if burning is for:
industrial land clearing, agriculture, building construction, blueberry crops. See local DNR office.



When can I burn? Check novascotia.ca/BurnSafe or 1- 855-564-2876 (BURN) for daily burning restrictions

CHIEF'S CORNER

Calls for service Feb 1st to Feb 29 2024—Nature of the Call:



Chief Mark Kane

Traffic collision Property damage report	3
Traffic collision Property damage no report	1
Speeding	1
Moving traffic violations intersection	1
Family Law Act	2
False alarms	4
Items Lost/found	2
Animal calls	1
Assistance to general Public wellbeing check	7
crime prevention	3
	35

Total calls for service - : 60

Theft Prevention (Vehicles Part 1)

Invest in Vehicle Protection:

As an added deterrent to would-be auto thieves, you may wish to consider purchasing an anti-theft device(s) such as:

- Ignition Kill Switch:** Toggle switch spliced into a vehicle's ignition that disables it. Only the key enables the vehicle to start.
- Fuel Kill Switch:** Switch spliced into a vehicle's fuel system wiring that stops fuel supply to the engine
- Steering Wheel Lock:** Prevents a steering wheel from turning
- Gearshift Lock:** Disables shifting transmission
- Hood Lock:** Stops anyone from opening a vehicle's hood
- Steering Column Collar:** Protects a vehicle's steering column from ignition entry
- Electronic Alarm:** Those with "kill" switches are most effective
- Vehicle Tracking System:** Transmitter located in a vehicle that enables its location to be traced electronically

Record The Following In A Safe Place:

- Year, make, model and colour of your vehicle
 - Licence and vehicle identification numbers
 - Serial numbers of any special equipment
- Any dents or scratches that distinguish your vehicle from others

If Your Vehicle Is Stolen:

[Report it immediately](#) to the police
Provide police with identification or specific information about the vehicle and any valuables contained therein



Annapolis REMO - Emergency News and Updates

Interested in staying updated on emergencies impacting Annapolis County and nearby regions, along with receiving valuable emergency preparedness tips?

Sign up today for "Annapolis REMO Emergency Emails" to receive advance notice of emergencies and important updates that can benefit you and your family.

Rest assured, your contact information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with others.

Stay connected and prepared with Annapolis REMO!

*****Coming in MAY 2024...**Annapolis REMO will be using "**Alertable**" to send out Emergency Alerts and Information to residents across Annapolis County!Stay tuned!



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



April 1

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

April 2

Annual General Meeting,
King's Theatre

April 2 - 26

Exhibition / Canopy,
ARTSPLACE
Exhibition / A Beer Tent for Girls,
ARTSPLACE

April 3

500 Days in the Wild,
King's Theatre

April 5

The Definitive Eagles Tribute,
King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab
or One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Music Series - The Fog,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

April 7

Learn to Love Letterpress Printing,
Elephant Grass Printmakers

April 8

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

April 9

Auditions,
King's Theatre

April 11

DIY Comedy Tour,
Annapolis Brewing Company

April 12

A Play by Santiago Guzman,
King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab
or One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Music Series - Lewis Hodgson,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

April 13

Auditions,
King's Theatre

April 13 - May 25

Exhibition / The B-Sides,
ARTSPLACED
Darts Newfie Shoot Open Triples,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

August 14

Kung Fu Panda 4,
King's Theatre

April 15

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

April 17

National Canada Film Day 2024,
ARTSPLACE

April 19

Celebrating Celine,
King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab
or One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Music Series - Andrew Elliot,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

April 20

Acting Workshop with
Jeremy Watkins,
King's Theatre
Doubles Cribbage Tournament,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

April 22

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

April 26

Intro to the Innovation Lab
or One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Music Series - The Res-O-Matics,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

April 27

Rum Ragged,
King's Theatre

April 29

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Committee of the Whole
April 3, 6:30 pm

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
April 8, 9:00 am

Marketing and Economic
Development Committee
April 9, 6:00 pm

Board of Police
Commissioners
April 10, 10:00 am

Traffic Flow Advisory
Committee
April 11, 1:00 pm

Environment Advisory
Committee
April 12, 9:30 am

Public Meeting
April 17, 5:30 pm

Council
April 17, 6:30 pm

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March 29 and April 1, 2024
for Good Friday and
Easter Monday.

Legion events: see Facebook for details
on their events.

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

ARCAC (ART'sPLACE) 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
annapolisroyal.com

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department is seeking volunteers
Contact :Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department (arvfd.com)

Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers (50% of the members need to be first voice members or representing an organization)

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 or
902-532-2043 ext. 104



Price Increase for Credit Card Payments

Please be advised that Paymentus Corporation who provides the Town of Annapolis Credit Card payment services for town residents have increased their payment fee from 1.75% to 2.50%.

This will be in effect from April 15, 2024.



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

- Week of March 31, 2024
• Week of April 14, 2024
• Week of April 28, 2024

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

Clean-up items should be on the Curbside by Sunday, May 5



COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION #C2024-03-20-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to send a letter from the Town of Annapolis Royal and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to the Honourable Timothy Halman regarding the Town's concerns not to proceed with the Coastal Protection Act. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-04

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council preapprove the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Police vehicle in the amount of \$68,343.35 plus HST from the 2024/25 General Capital Budget. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Annapolis Hub Comfort Centre Policy #2024-04 dated March 20, 2024. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council pre-approve and award the contract to Intelivote systems in electronic format for the 2024 Municipal Election. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council agree to send the letter to Minister MacMaster requesting consideration of incentives for businesses to stay open in addition to the current tax reduction for certain qualifying businesses that close for four months of the year. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) Marketing Plan 2024 excluding page 9 (proposed budget). **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council gives first reading for the Development Agreement between the Town of Annapolis Royal and King's Theatre Society for improvements at 209 St George Street (PIDs 05003777, 05311634, 05004221 and 05004213) as detailed in the Development Agreement. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-03-20-10

It was regularly move and seconded that Council set the public hearing date of April 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm. **Motion carried.**



We Don't want to be Grouches, but Please Respect Our Garbage Cans



Photo courtesy of
Sesame Street

Throughout the Town you will find municipal garbage cans, many with free dog waste dispensers. These cans are intended for the use of passers-by so that small items can be deposited, with the intent of keeping our Town cleaner. Spring through Fall, Public Works empties these cans as needed so that that a handy receptacle is always available for use.

Increasingly, we are finding household waste in the municipal cans. Occasionally, whole bags of garbage are placed on top of the cans (because the bags will not fit through the small holes), but generally we find multiple household items (laundry detergent containers, full vacuum bags, even vacuum cleaners) quickly filling these cans, leaving them unavailable for others. This leads to garbage ending up on the ground around these cans.

Please limit your use of these cans to appropriate items. We are not asking anyone to be garbage police. If Public Works finds identifying household waste (we have even found bills) it is reported to by-law enforcement so that a citation may be issued. We are simply asking everyone to simply limit their use of the garbage cans to necessary items so that the cans remain available to all.

Thank you for your help.