

THE TOWN CRIER SEP 2024



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September, and Fall is almost upon us ! Where did the summer go ?

The Fall Cleanup for Annapolis Royal is week of September 22, and items should be on the curbside on September 22, so start thinking about clearing out all that junk you keep meaning to get rid of ! Fall is also a good time to prune shrubs and trees, so remember we have the town garden waste site on Victoria Street (near the old railway station). Get ready to sweep up all those Fall leaves and take them on down as well.

2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE

The next Municipal election is happening this Fall in October 2024, and this year will be a fully electronic election. More information is available on pages 6-8.

A reminder for all those feeling energetic and wanting to help raise valuable for funds for the battle against cancer, the annual Annapolis Royal Terry Fox Run is on September 15 at 12:30pm. Sign up at: <u>Annapolis Royal Terry Fox Run | Terry Fox Run</u>

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labour Day, and September 30, 2024 for Truth and Reconciliation Day.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Members of Council

Mayor Amery Boyer <u>mayorboyer@annapolisroyal.com</u>

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Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Town Hall 285 St. George Street, PO Box 310 Phone: 902 532 2043 Fax: 902 532 7443 Email: <u>admin@annapolisroyal.com</u> <u>www.annapolisroyal.com</u> 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 <u>admin@annapolisroyal.com</u> to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the October 2024 addition is September 23, 2024. Please contact <u>kdunning@annapolisroyal.com</u> or 902-532-2043 ext. 110 if you have any questions

Town Hall will be closed for Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labour Day, and September 30, 2024 for Truth and Reconciliation Day After a great though wet Natal Day weekend, the August16 weekend was another busy one with Paint the Town going on, the market, as well as two Acadian family reunions as part of the World Acadian Congress. The Municipality of the County of Annapolis also held its first Acadian event with the public unveiling of an interpretive panel On August 14, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, in cooperation with the Fédération Acadienne



Mayor Amery Boyer, B. Mus., MBA

de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FANE), unveiled an interpretive sign dedicated to Joseph- Broussard dit Beausoleil at the Hebb's Landing Park and Boat Launch at Upper Granville, NS. It is in this region that Joseph- Broussard dit Beausoleil was born in a place called Port-Royal, near the shores of the Annapolis River, once called the River Dauphine. This event was the County's first public event to mark Acadian history in our area. On August 28, a second sign dedicated to the Gaudet Village will be unveiled in Bridgetown which was formerly known as Village des Gaudet in the 17th and 18th centuries. And on August 27, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Mapannapolis,Parks Canada and the County of Annapolis will be featuring displays, music and story telling at Fort Anne on the vibrant history of Acadie. Thanks to all who displayed flags this August to help support the Acadian celebrations this year!

Mapannapolis, Parks Canada and the County of Annapolis celebrated Charles Fort on August 20, 2024 at Fort Anne where the Nova Scotia Charter of 1621 now resides. A group of about 70 Scottish settlers began a colony here in 1629, eight years after King James I granted 'Nova Scotia' to Sir William Alexander. Led by Alexander's son, the Scots built a small fort, the remains of which lie beneath Fort Anne. Despite many deaths during the first winter, the surviving colonists thrived on agriculture, fishing, and trade with the Mi'kmaq. Most returned to Great Britain in 1632 after France reacquired the region by treaty. Although the colonization attempt was short-lived, the Province of Nova Scotia owes its name, flag, and coat of arms to this early Scottish settlement.

As people prepare for municipal elections this fall, there is an old adage that "people who don't vote are destined to be governed by those who do". A good voter turnout is just one sign of a healthy community and the Town has made it very easy for you to vote. So please make plan about when and how you choose to vote.

On September 21, 2024, you are invited to join Parks Canada and the Acadian Odyssey Commission as they unveil the Acadian monument commemorating Fort Anne as a deportation site. The monument commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Deportation called Le grand dérangement (the Great Upheaval).

On behalf of Council and staff, we hope that you enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer!



GET MOVIN'



<u>Grant Potter Memorial Park and Playground Revitalization</u> <u>Update - Summer 2024</u>

Great news regarding the playground revitalization project. After a year and a half of fundraising and grant applications, the project is now moving forward based on the funds received with construction set to begin in mid September 2024! This will include the installation of a new hill slide, swing set, spiral climbing carousel, path excavation and repair, drainage, seating, and impact surfacing. All redesigned elements feature features and elements that consider accessibility, safety, and inclusion. The newly revitalized park will truly have something for everyone.

Along with the Federal Accessibility funding for \$59,000 received in the early spring of 2024, we have received an additional grant from the Province of Nova Scotia Dept. of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage for \$50,000! This total along with local fundraising, commitment from Town Council, and Public Works' time and talents gets us very close to our goal. We are still fundraising to complete an additional feature that is a small boat for younger kids that includes a fun play space with sensory activities, chalkboard, and games, as well as some miscellaneous fun features for the park like a kit of loose parts and a toddler/infantspecific swing.

To make a donation, please visit the link below. At the time of this writing, we have \$3075 donated which is AMAZING, but there's still a way to go so we can do this entire project this fall! All donations will be applied directly to this playground project. Thanks for your support for this all-ages facility and recreation activities in the Town!

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/annapolis-royal/ campaign/grant-potter-memorial-playground/https:// www.canadahelps.org/.../grant-potter-memorial.../





<u>September 2024 to January 2025 Adult Pickleball (Age</u> 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.

Public play times open to all skill levels will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM (\$85 for Sept->Feb), or Tuesdays 6-8PM (\$55).

Drop-in rate is \$5/session where available.

Registration opens September 10 and is first come first served. Registration starts at 9:00 AM for the 2-4 session. Registration starts at 10:00 AM for the Tuesday evening session. There are no in-person registrations. To register or for more information in advance, you must call 902-955-1205 or email <u>alc@annapolisroyal.com</u>

Walk of Hope to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer is September 7, 1:00 PM, at Market Plaza

Please consider joining or starting a team for this walk to raise funds to fight ovarian cancer. More information on this great afternoon walk is available at <u>https://secure.ovariancanada.org/site/TR?fr_id=2081&pg=entry</u> Reception to follow at 2:00 PM at the Annapolis Brewing Company!

September 15 – Terry Fox Run, 1:00 PM starting at Town Hall!

Join the Terry Fox Run or donate to this incredible organization! Annapolis Royal residents have already raised \$2300 for this year's run. Check out <u>https://</u> <u>run.terryfox.ca/55662</u> for more info, and stay tuned for some opportunities to win some really nice Terry Fox swag!



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CHIEF'S CORNER



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Reminder Crime statistics will appear here every quarter.

SEASONAL

Waterskiing and Boardsailing

Waterskiing

- All waterskiings must wear a personal flotation devices (PFDs)
- All boat passengers are also required to wear PFDs or approved life jackets
- Keep tow ropes, bridles and/or handles in good shape. Replace defective equipment promptly.
- In addition to the towboat driver, a competent person must be on board to act as an observer
- Always ensure that the towboat driver and all passengers are safely seated in the boat at all times. Sitting on gun wales (sides) or seat backrests is not permitted.
- Always maintain a safe distance from shore, stationary objects, narrow channels, swimmers, scuba divers, sailboats and fishermen
- It is an offence to tow a waterskiier a half-hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset
- If a fall is unavoidable, waterskiiers should attempt to fall backwards or sideways

After a fall, lift a ski at least half its length out of the water to improve visibility to other boat operators

Boardsailing

- Each person must wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) or life jacket. Note that wetsuits are not approved personal flotation devices.
- In warm weather:
 - o Wear a wetsuit/protective clothing, visor/hat and sunscreen
 - o In cold weather,
 - o Wear a wetsuit, waterproof boots or shoes, hat/toque and gloves
 - o Know your limits and do not overextend yourself. Always sail with a buddy.
 - o Always stay close to shore

Use an escort vessel on long-distance outings



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: Anne Crossman acrossman2@gmail.com







Town Hall would like to thank Sav McGrath (Summer Events and Recreation Student), for all they have done during their time here.

THANK YOU!!



Chief Mark Kane



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



September 20 Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-on-One Tech Help Annapolis Royal Library

September 21





September 21 Jason Cyrus - Live!, King's Theatre Acadian Odyssey Monument Unveiling Ceremony, Fort Anne

September 27 Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-on-One Tech Help Annapolis Royal Library

> September 28 Lucy MacNeil, King's Theatre

September 29 Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands, King's Theatre Upcoming Meetings Open to the public

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee September 3, 9:00 am

Accessibility Advisory Committee (Quarterly) September 4 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole September 4, 6:00 pm

Marketing and Economic Development Committee September 10, 6:00 pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee September 12, 1:00 pm

Environment Advisory Committee September 13, 9:30 am

> Board of Police Commissioners (Quarterly) September 18, 10:00 am

Audit Committee September 18, 12:00 pm

Public Meeting (By-law) September 18, 6:00 pm

Council September 18, 6:00 pm

MEDC Roundtable (at Legion) September 23, 6:00 pm

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: <u>https://</u> <u>annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/</u> <u>events/upcoming</u>.

> Historic Gardens events: www.historicgardens.com

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

September 1 - September 2 Family Weekend in the Gardens, Historic Gardens

September 1—September 24 Ruptured Landscapes, ARTSPLACE

> September 4 Sing Sing, King's Theatre

September 6 Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-on-One Tech Help Annapolis Royal Library

> September 7 Garrett Mason, King's Theatre

September 7 - October 26 In the Middle of the World, ARTSPLACE

September 8 Grandparents Day in the Gardens, Historic Gardens Harold and the Purple Crayon,

> September 11 It Ends With Us, King's Theatre

King's Theatre

September 13 Help! The Beatles Revisited, King's Theatre Intro to the Innovation Lab or One-on-One Tech Help Annapolis Royal Library

September 14 16th Annual Tournament of King's, King's Theatre

September 15

The Motive and the Cue, King's Theatre

> September 18 Sugar Cane, King's Theatre

Community Hub refers to the Library, Innovation Lab, and program rooms located at 143 Ritchie Street. The Community Hub Gym is located at 578 St.

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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 are seeking volunteers

Contact :<u>Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department</u> (arvfd.com)

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking a Volunteer

and the Board of Police Commissioners is seeking a volunteer

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at <u>cao@annapolisroyal.com</u> or 902-532-2043 ext. 104





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

- Week of September 1, 2024
- Week of September 15, 2024
- Week of September 29, 2024

Fall Clean-up is the week of September 22, 2024.

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



Information on Beech Leaf Mining Weevil

The Town is now dealing with a relatively new pest that is feeding on the leaves of beech trees. The

Town of Annapolis Royal is home to several large beech trees (these are European beech – fagus sylvatica).

Unfortunately, repeated damage of the foliage leads to severe weakening and probable death of the tree. There is an injection that will help the tree and is done in April. Some beech tree owners have opted for saving their trees and booked an injection. This can be done through Brian and Cathy Phelan scotiahorticulture@gmail.com . They are very knowledgeable and can answer all the questions and give



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https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/yarmouth-beech-leafmining-weevil-invasive-species-beech-trees-1.6901528

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/beech-trees-pesticide -weevil-larvae-1.4648819



Municipal and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Elections

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will accept nominations for the following offices in the Town of Annapolis Royal for which an election will be held on the 19th day of October 2024:

MAYOR FOUR COUNCILLORS For a term of four years FOR THE TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL And

One Member FOR THE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE ACADIEN PROVINCIAL To serve for the Provincial Electoral District of Greenwood comprising Annapolis County, Kings County, West Hants Regional Municipality, Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville.

AND TAKE NOTICE that a nomination for Mayor or councillor 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, September 10, 2024, or by appointment during office hours in the seven business days preceding nomination day.

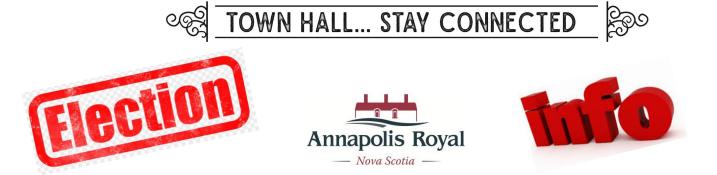
AND TAKE NOTICE that electors in the Provincial Electoral District of Greenwood comprising Annapolis County, Kings County, West Hants Regional Municipality, Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville will elect one person to be a *Momber of the Consell socialize acadien provincial* and a nomination for that office shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer, Al Kingsbury, Suite 3, 28 Aberdeen Street, Kentville.

The required \$200 deposit shall accompany nomination papers for the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial member

DATED at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, this 30th day of July 2024.

Melony Robinson Returning Officer





2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE

The next Municipal election is happening this Fall in October 2024.

This year will be a fully electronic election. We are providing this update to inform all residents of the Town of Annapolis Royal on how the election will operate.

The election will choose the Mayor and four Councillors for a term of four years to serve for the Town of Annapolis Royal. There will also be a vote for the for the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP) and the successful candidate will serve for the Provincial Electoral District of Greenwood comprising Annapolis County, Kings County, West Hants Regional Municipality, Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville.

HOW WILL THE 2024 ELECTION WORK?

Electronic Voting: We are very happy to offer electronic voting for the upcoming 2024 election. This means that eligible voters can vote from anywhere using:

- ➤ Landline
- > Cell Phone or Smart Phone
- > Desktop, Laptop, or Tablet

WHY ELECTRONIC VOTING?

Eligible voters can vote from anywhere! (i.e. home, work, etc.) We understand that the electronic voting might not be viable for some so we still have options available to vote in-person electronically.

Convenience: There will be several days to vote! The electronic phone or internet voting service will be available 24 hours a day from 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2024, until the closing of the election at 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2024.

Support: If you are voting from home and require assistance there will be staff available via telephone during regular business hours 10:00am-3:00pm and dates (excluding holidays) beginning October 10, 2024, to October 19, 2024.

<u>In-Person Voting</u>: There is still an option to vote in person if you choose to do so. You may come to Town Hall to vote starting at 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. on October 9, 2024, to October 18, 2024, and between 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the actual election day on Saturday, October 19, 2024. In-person voting will be via tablet voting kiosk. Election staff will be on hand and ready to assist you with any questions or needs. Any elector who has no other alternative but to vote in person at Town Hall must have their voters' letter with them.

AM I ELIGBLE TO VOTE?

You qualify to vote if you meet all the following conditions:

- You are 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day.
- You have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia for 6 months immediately before the first advance polling day.
- You are ordinarily resident in the Town of Annapolis Royal and have been so since immediately before the first advance polling day; and
- > You are not otherwise disqualified to vote in the Municipal elections.

S TOWN HALL ... STAY CONNECTED



Please email at <u>elections@annapolisroyal.com</u> or call 902-532-2043 ext. 102 to verify that you are on the voters' list.

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW TO VOTE?

Eligible voters will receive a personally addressed "Voter Letter" in late September.

The letter will provide you with the following information:

- 1. The toll-free phone number for electronic phone voting. When voting you will hear the recorded voice menus and make your voting selection by pressing numbers.
- 2. Internet URL for computer voting. When voting you will see a visual on-screen ballot. You will click to select your candidate choice.
- 3. The letter will include a personal pin number which you will use to access the electronic voting (Do not lose this number). You will have to supply your pin and your birthdate for verification before choosing candidates.
- 4. Toll-free number to call Town staff for help.
- 5. Location, dates, and times for voting. (Please bring your voter letter if you choose to vote in-person).

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 10, 2024 - Nomination Day – No appointment needed (Nominations can be filed by appointment with the Returning Officer in the seven business days preceding nomination day beginning Thursday, August 29, 2024).

September 11, 2024, at 4 p.m. - Last day for candidates to withdraw.

October 10, 2024, at 9 a.m. to October 19, 2024, at 7 p.m. - Electronic and telephone voting open.

October 19, 2024, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Election Day (unofficial results)

October 22, 2022- Official Addition of ballots by Returning Officer and last day to file affidavit (re: removal of posters and return of voters list for return of full or part of deposit).

October 29, 2024 - Last day to apply for a recount.

December 18, 2024 - Last day to file campaign contribution disclosure form.

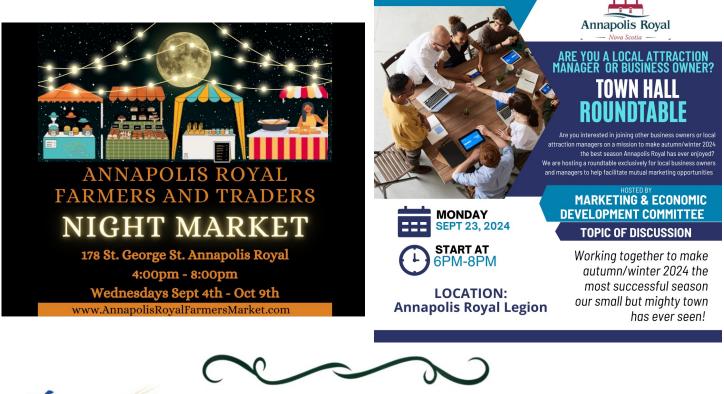
NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Watch for your official "Voter Letter" in the mail. These will be personally addressed to each eligible voter.
- Stay informed by checking the Town of Annapolis Royal website for updates and information: <u>https://annapolisroyal.com/municipal-elections/</u>
- 3. A video will also be circulating on social media for everyone to see how electronic voting is done closer to the election.
- 4. Contact us with any questions at elections@annapolisroyal.com.



COMMUNITY







National FASD Awareness Day

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnosis identifying a range of lifelong, neurodevelopmental and full-body health irregularities resulting from a fetus being exposed to alcohol during pregnancy. Fetal Alcohol Nova Scotia (FANS) is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting healthy pregnancies and advocating for best outcomes for those living with FASD in Nova Scotia.

September is National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month, with September 9 designated as National FASD) day. FANS is a network of individuals, families, caregivers living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and supporting professionals. We invite you to join us to raise awareness about FASD.

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction identified that 78% of Nova Scotians drink alcohol, often at rates often defined as either dangerous or hazardous. Further, drinking patterns put fetal and infant health at risk in terms of life-long brain injury, birth defects, behavioural problems, learning disabilities and other health problems including FASD. (Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, 2023). **Statistics indicate that 4% of Nova Scotians have FASD numbering approximately 40,000.** FASD is the leading cause of developmental disability in Canada. (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005). To provide some perspective on these numbers, this is more than Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Tourette Syndrome all combined, yet it is largely unrecognized in Nova Scotia. It is 2.5 times the prevalence of Autism alone.

Because of poor Executive Functioning, typical of people with FASD, they often become involved with Social Services, Judicial & Corrections institutions, and health services. These and education facilities often use outdated and inappropriate remedies for people with FASD causing frustration for the individual and professional. Due to life-long complex care issues, the cost of health services to this population is ongoing and expensive when compared to the rest of the population. (Lutke, 2017). These people make up a large segment of the population in principal's offices, courts, correctional facilities, homelessness encampments, hospitals, and social service agencies.

People with FASD can reach their full potential with life-long supports and a network of trained and caring professionals. Join the discussion. Visit our website at <u>fasdns.ca</u> or email us at <u>fetalalcoholnovascotia@gmail.com</u>



COMMUNITY





From the

MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

UPDATES

ANNOUNCING THE COLLABORATIVE MARKETING FUND

MEDC and the Town of Annapolis Royal are pleased to announce the launch of a new fund designed to incentivize collaboration between local businesses. The fund will accept submissions twice a year, with the next submission date falling in October. For the full details, see the town website or contact a member of MEDC. https://annapolisroyal.com/town-hall/council-and-committee/marketing-economic-development-committee/

AN UPDATE ON TWINNING

MEDC, on behalf of council, is reexamining the mandate for our Twinning Committee.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS ROUND TABLE

A round table will take place for local businesses to connect with MEDC on Monday September 23rd, 2024. The goal of this session is to share and connect, as well as plan for the fall winter 2024/2025 season. All are welcome, the event will take place at the legion 6:00-8:00 PM.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPATION!

MEDC is seeking participation in two important programs:

- We are exploring UNESCO World Heritage status for the town. If you're interested in helping us explore and apply for this designation, please reach out! Join us to help put our town on the UNESCO map.
- Natal Days is seeking volunteers, contact Holly Sandford

Please consider attending MEDC meetings! They are open to the public.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 10th @ 6:00 PM