

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Finally! Winter has ended and the snow has left us !We still have some cold, frosty days ahead, but at least there are signs of growth and bulbs are starting to come through.

Spring is always time for our Spring Cleanup, so make sure to take advantage of this. Also, be aware of changes this year: pickup will be the same WEEK as your normal garbage collection, not necessarily the same DAY. This means you have to have your spring cleanup waste outside your house on Sunday April 6th, as it could potentially be picked up any day thereafter. More info can be found on page 6.

In parallel with this, Valley Waste have changed the regular waste collection days for the Town. Starting April 1st, your last collection on Tuesday Week 2 will take place. After that, your collection will then move to Friday Week 1, with the first collection under the new schedule being Friday April 11th (and then bi-weekly after that).

April also sees the opening of the Town garden waste depot, so for those of you trimming branches and sweeping up the last of those pesky autumn leaves, remember you can now take these to the depot for disposal.

Please note that Town Hall will be closed from Friday, April 18, 2025 to Monday April 21, 2025 (inclusive) for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Members of Council

Mayor Amery Boyer
mayorboyer@annapolisroyal.com

Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Robertson
sskinnerrobertson@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Adele MacDonald
amacdonald@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Heather Sadkowski
hsadkowski@annapolisroyal.com

Councillor Lynn Myers
lmyers@annapolisroyal.com

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Town Hall
285 St. George Street, PO Box 310
Phone: 902 532 2043
Fax: 902 532 7443
Email: admin@annapolisroyal.com
www.annapolisroyal.com
Open Mon to Fri / 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Public access to Town Hall will be
available only during the hours
10:00 am to 3:00pm

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 2025 addition is
April 24, 2025.
Please contact
kdunning@annapolisroyal.com
or 902-532-2043 ext. 110
if you have any questions

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April 18 to Monday, April 21 (inclusive).

Budget

The 2025-2026 budget includes a 6 cent raise on the tax rate, bringing it to \$1.76 for residential and \$3.26 for commercial. The first phase of the Shoreline Restoration Projects is expected to go ahead this year at a cost of \$1.6 million over two years. The Town has secured \$900,000 in funding for the project so far and hopes to be able to cover the remainder through one or more grants. The budget also includes patch paving for seven priority areas in Town for a total of \$93,285. Council has also introduced a Town fire rate and approved additional funding towards the purchase of a Town fire truck. The new fire rate is \$.001042.

The 2025-2026 draft budget will be included in the next Committee of the Whole package and copies marked “draft” will be made available for pickup. Once it has been approved, it will be posted to the Town’s Budget Page.

Strategic Plan

The 2024-2025 strategic plan has been updated and members of Council are proposing a comprehensive plan for the next four years for your consideration. There will be an opportunity to view the plan before and on April 14, 2025 at a Meet and Greet event at the Legion from 4:15 to 6:15 pm. We are looking for your feedback.

Upcoming Public Meetings

There will be a public Meet and Greet event with members of Town Council on April 14, 4:15 to 6:15 pm at the Legion. The Board of Police Commissioners is hosting a community meeting on the subject of policing on May 20, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Music Room at the Hub

Video

The provincial Department of Environment and Climate Change will be in Town to make a video about the Town’s Shoreline Restoration Project on April 9, 2025.



Mayor Amery Boyer,

GET MOVIN'

Grant Potter Playground Revitalization Project

The Grant Potter Playground and Park is a beloved facility located on the waterfront of beautiful Annapolis Royal. In the fall of 2024, the facility was closed as the wooden features reached the end of their life span.

The Annapolis Royal Town Recreation Department partnered with Joy Elliott – Landscape Architect CSLA and conducted a community consultation regarding this facility and a plan was developed to rebuild and upgrade the playground. New features have been designed and purchased, and are planned to be installed ASAP in the spring of 2025. These include new swings, slides, a "boat wheelhouse" themed climbing structure and a spinning carousel. All these features have been designed in a way to ensure there are accessible and inclusive elements to each, and the playground surfacing, walkways, and seating will be refurbished with this in mind as well.

The estimated total cost for this project is \$142,000. The Town of Annapolis Royal has received 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 set a local fundraising contribution goal of \$10,000. A previous campaign received \$4050, so more help is needed. These donations will be directly applied to the installation and construction costs happening in the Spring. Should we exceed this amount, all funds will be directly applied to the project to make the playground an even more incredible space, and additional upgrades and amenities purchased.

Please consider supporting this this amazing all-ages facility and recreation activities in the Town! For more information go to:

[annapolis-royal | CharityProfile](https://annapolis-royal.com/CharityProfile) | [Donate Online](#)

or please contact alc@annapolisroyal.com or call Noah Scanlan at 902-955-1205.



REMINDER Sandwich Boards

Just a friendly reminder that Sandwich Board Permits for Businesses and Nonprofit organizations expire March 31st of each year.

Please contact dneath@annapolisroyal.com to renew your permit. It is \$25.00 for a one-year permit, and \$50.00 for a three-year permit.



FREE EVENT

**Public Service Employees
Pickleball
Open House**

Monday April 7th
6 pm - 8 pm
Ages 18+

Indoor-only sneakers required

Community Hub Gym
578 St. George Street
More info arpballclub@gmail.com

Sponsored by Annapolis Royal Pickleball Club and the Town of Annapolis Royal



FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

Please find below information on some fraud prevention awareness due to it being fraud prevention month it is in both English and French.



Chief Mark Kane

Got a call or text claiming to be from "Revenue Canada"? Not sure if it's a scam?

- [-] Check out @CanRevAgency's tips to spot scams:
- [-] Call **[902-532-2427]** if you think you've been the victim of a scam

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/fraud-scams.htm>

Vous avez reçu un appel ou un message texte qui prétend provenir de l'@AgenceRevCan?

- [-] Consultez ces conseils pour apprendre à reconnaître les arnaques.
- [-] Composez le **[902-532-2427]** si vous pensez avoir été victime d'une arnaque.

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/agence-revenu/campagnes/fraude-arnaques.html>



Canada.ca/be-scam-smart



Canada.ca/evitez-les-arnaques



Jan 1st to March 11th 2025	
Nature of the Call:	
Traffic collision Property damage report	2
Moving Traffic intersection	3
Motor vehicle act	1
Other Moving traffic violations	3
Other non-Moving traffic violations	9
Other provincial statues	4
Failure to comply with order	1
Forcible confinement	1
Assault	1
Suspicious Person	1
Animal Calls	1
False alarms	7
Information File	2
Assist general Public	11
Wellbeing checks	1
Assist To Canadian Provincial Dept agency	1
Total calls for service -:	52

72
HOURS

Nova Scotians are encouraged to be ready to cope on their own for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Being prepared means:

- knowing the risks,
- developing a plan, and
- preparing a kit.

For more information, visit novascotia.ca/EMO

Emergency Numbers to Remember

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- Emergency medical situation
- Poisoning

811 • for health information and advice when you have a health concern or question

511 • for information about provincial roads in Nova Scotia

311 • for Halifax Regional Municipality information and services

211 • for community and social services

Other important numbers

Power Outage
1-877-428-6004

Bell Aliant Outage
611 or 1-800-663-2600

Eastlink Outage
1-888-345-1111

Drinking Water Safety
1-877-936-8476

Food Safety
1-877-252-FOOD (3663)

Forest Fires
1-800-565-2224

Poaching
1-800-565-2224

Wildlife - Emergency Situations
1-800-565-2224

Environmental Emergencies (such as oil spills and gas leaks): **1-800-565-1633**

Emergency Management Office
1-866-424-5620





EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

April 2
No Other Land,
King's Theatre

April 5 - May 3
Exhibition - Speaking,
ARTSPLACE

April 5 - May 24
Exhibition - Embedded Histories,
ARTSPLACE
Exhibition - Honest Animals,
ARTSPLACE
Exhibition - The Masks I Wear,
ARTSPLACE

April 5
Auditions for King's Shorts,
King's Theatre
Casablanca
King's Theatre

April 6
The Best of Elton John
King's Theatre

April 7
Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

April 12
Annapolis LOLFest,
King's Theatre
Family Day - Create Like An
Artist,
ARTSPLACE

April 13
Speech for the Stage Workshop,
King's Theatre
Beethoven Fidelio,
King's Theatre

April 14
Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE
Meet and Greet Council
Legion Branch #21

April 16
Singing Back the Buffalo,
King's Theatre
Ballerina,
King's Theatre
Bergers (Shepherds),
King's Theatre
Margaret AtWood: A Word After
A Word,
King's Theatre,
Long Time Running,
King's Theatre
National Canadian Film Day,
ARTSPLACE

April 17
ZED: LED Zeppelin Tribute,
King's Theatre

April 19
Artist Talk: Life Through A
Mask,
ARTSPLACE

April 24
Panel Discussion - Estate
Planning For Artists,
ARTSPLACE

April 25
Black Bag,
King's Theatre

April 26
Workshop - Exploring the Mask I
Wear with James and Jamie Lee
Lightle,
ARTSPLACE

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Meet and Greet Council
April 14, 2025 at 4:15 pm Legion

Committee of the Whole
April 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
April 7, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Marketing and Economic
Development Committee
April 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Environment Advisory Committee
April 11, 2025 9:30 am

Council
April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Police Board Community
Engagement Session
May 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm Music Room
at the HUB

Board of Police
Commissioners (Quarterly)
June 11, 2025 at 9:00 am

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:
[https://annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/
events/upcoming](https://annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming).

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 are seeking volunteers

Contact : [Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department \(arvfd.com\)](http://Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department (arvfd.com))

and

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (DEA) are seeking volunteers

and the

Audit Advisory Committee is seeking a volunteer

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

The Yard Waste Drop-off Site at the end of Victoria Street will open on April 1st, 2025. Please, keep vehicles on the pathway and drive as far as safely possible to the rear of the site. Yard debris should be placed off the pathway. Yard debris means grass cuttings, leaves, or tree sections no larger than 15 cm or 6 inches in diameter AND length no longer than 1 metre or 3 feet, none of which may be from Elms. Also, no plastic bags may be left at the site. Thank you.



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

Valley Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is changing:

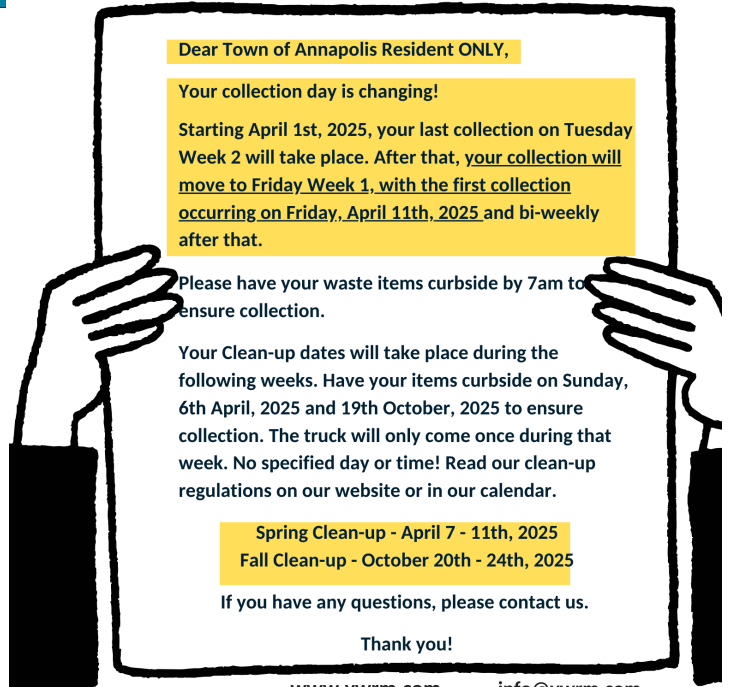
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025
- Friday, April 11, 2025
- Friday, April 25, 2025

Spring Clean-up April 7 - 11, 2025



ATTENTION

IMPORTANT COLLECTION NOTICE FOR TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL RESIDENTS ONLY!



Dear Town of Annapolis Resident ONLY,

Your collection day is changing!

Starting April 1st, 2025, your last collection on Tuesday Week 2 will take place. After that, your collection will move to Friday Week 1, with the first collection occurring on Friday, April 11th, 2025 and bi-weekly after that.

Please have your waste items curbside by 7am to ensure collection.

Your Clean-up dates will take place during the following weeks. Have your items curbside on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 and 19th October, 2025 to ensure collection. The truck will only come once during that week. No specified day or time! Read our clean-up regulations on our website or in our calendar.

Spring Clean-up - April 7 - 11th, 2025
Fall Clean-up - October 20th - 24th, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you!

902-679-1325

www.vvrm.com

info@vvrm.com

FIRE SERVICE AREA RATE

In July 2024 the Council approved a new policy to support the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department. The purpose of this Policy is to support the Fire Services that are being provided in the Town of Annapolis Royal substantially through the efforts of volunteers, both in the direct provision of the service, and in fund-raising activities undertaken to finance these endeavours. The demands of modern living have made it more difficult for volunteers to undertake all the work necessary to provide these services. Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act provides that area rates may be used to finance all or part of the cost of any municipal service or facility.

Therefore, your new 2025-2026 tax bills will look a different. There will be a new fire rate charge that was previously included in the overall tax rate. The fire service area rate will be shown as broken out on the tax bills.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call office at 902-532-2043 ext. 101,

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL AREA
VISITOR INFORMATION
CENTRE
AT THE
ROYAL HISTORIC GARDENS**

441 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal



Tel: 902-532-7018

Email:
AnnapolisVIC@historicgardens.com

**Nominations to the Order of Nova
Scotia may be made up until
Friday April 18, 2025**

You can download further information about the Order, along with electronic nomination forms via <https://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp>.

Should you require additional information or material, please do not hesitate to contact:

Ms. Julie Langille, Chief of Protocol at (902) 424-4194, or julie.langille@novascotia.ca.

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- **Stay informed**
- **Support local insights**

Contact Us Now to Add Your Listing!

Contact Daniela: EcDev@AnnapolisRoyal.com
902-532-2043 ext. 105



Though this may not have been a winter of discontent, it has been difficult. Before we can achieve our glorious summer, one obstacle remains. In fact, this year seems to be worse than any we have had in the last several years. The issue is of course, potholes. The freeze/thaw cycles of this winter have created many potholes throughout the Town. Public Works has gone out early to try and temporarily fill some of the worst areas, but much more work remains to be done.

Here is our plan; Public Works has identified the worst areas which are in need of milling and patching. Once approved, the contract will be awarded with a requirement to complete the work as soon as possible. For the other areas in Town, Public Works will be using cold patch to fill the holes. The cold patch should prove a durable solution which will last for the foreseeable future. This work will begin in early April (with the new fiscal year).

We understand that poor road conditions are frustrating and can damage your vehicle. Public Works are committed to addressing the problem as quickly as possible. We hope that no new potholes appear as we move further into Spring, but if they do, please report the issue to Ken at kknnox@annapolisroyal.com and the team will arrive, shovels in hand.

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

PLANNING AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Did you know???

The Nova Scotia government offers an HST rebate for heritage property owners to help with the cost of repairing, improving, or restoring the exterior of their buildings. This rebate covers the provincial portion of the HST on approved materials but does not include labour costs or expenses for metal or plastic cladding. Eligible applicants include owners of registered non-commercial heritage properties and non-profit organizations.

To apply, owners must complete an application form and submit it along with detailed receipts and proof of the completed work. The processing time for applications is typically between three to six weeks, and there is no fee to apply. This program is designed to encourage the preservation of heritage properties by making maintenance more affordable.

For more information and to access the application form, visit the <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-hst-rebate-materials-fix-exterior-heritage-property>.

COMMUNITY



Create & Connect

A BRING-YOUR-OWN CRAFT/ART/PROJECT EVENING
A TIME TO WORK ON YOUR PROJECTS WHILE SOCIALIZING WITH FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS.

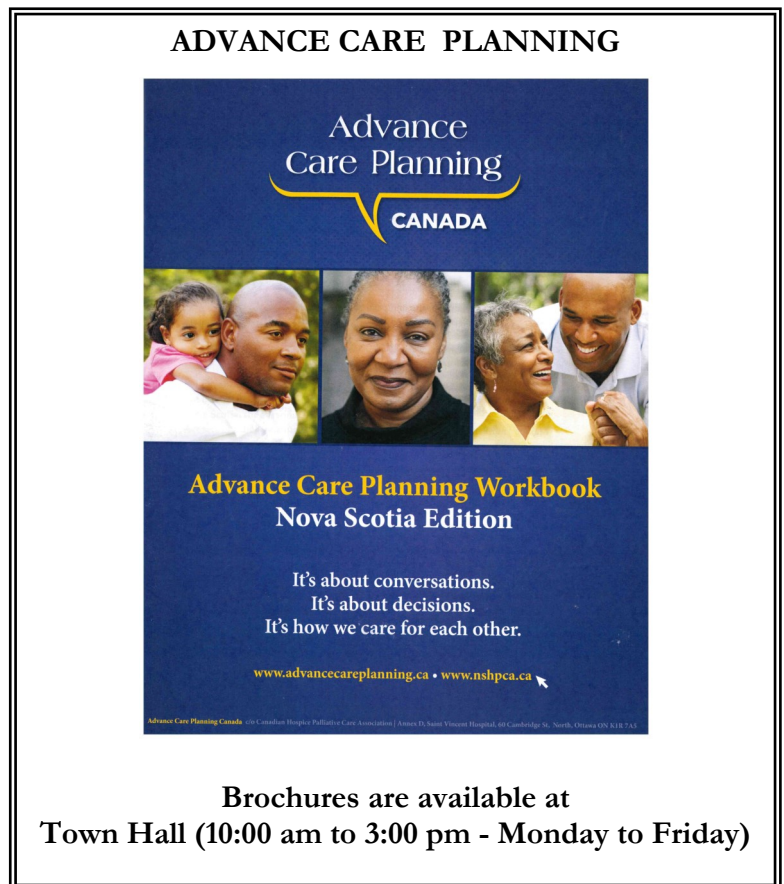
EVERY OTHER **TUESDAY NIGHT**
6PM-8PM

IN 2024:	IN 2025:
NOVEMBER 5 + 19	JANUARY 7 + 21
DECEMBER 3 + 17	FEBRUARY 4 + 18
	MARCH 4 + 18
	APRIL 8 + 22
	MAY 6 + 20

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1-866-424-5620



20th Century Icons

Saturday
April 12
2-3:30 pm

Speaker: Paul Kellogg

Interesting conversation with Paul about Canadian, American, and British 20th Century Icons

FREE IN PERSON PRESENTATION

Dugua Room at the Community Hub

143 Ritchie Street

For further information about future speakers and their presentations just email us at friendsofthelibrary@gmail.com or check out our website at arlibraryfriends.org

Intimate Partner Violence

Support is available across Nova Scotia for anyone experiencing or at risk of intimate partner violence and can be accessed 24/7 by calling the 211 Men's, Women's, or All-genders Helplines. You do not need to be experiencing a crisis to call, and someone is always available to listen or help refer you to the services and supports you need. Calls are always anonymous.

If it is an emergency, call 911 right away.

Resources and Supports

If you, a member of your team, or someone you know is struggling, here's where to get help for domestic violence resources and supports:

- [Domestic Violence Resource Centre](http://DomesticViolenceResourceCentre.ca)
- <https://ns.211.ca/> for a list of services and supports in your community.
- If you need to stay at a shelter or would like to talk to a counsellor about your situation, you can call or text the THANS provincial toll-free line at 1-855-225- 0220.
- Canada's [Suicide Crisis Helpline](http://SuicideCrisisHelpline.ca): Call or text 988.
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868. Text 686868. Live chat counselling on the website.

INK, PAPER, POSSIBILITY : an introduction to relief printmaking

With Artist in Residence Basma Kavangh

This workshop is suitable for beginners and those with some printmaking experience. In this four-week class participants will learn the basics—and move beyond them—as we explore the possibilities of linocut, a versatile and accessible relief printmaking medium. Learn how to carve expressively, work with a range of papers and inking techniques, and get comfortable with the etching press. The possibilities are endless!

Sundays, 1-3pm, April 6, 13, 20, 27

Elephant Grass Printmaking Studio, 240 St. George Street, 2nd floor, Annapolis Royal, NS
\$140 (members)* 165 (non-members) Suitable for 18yrs and up *Why not become an Associate Member now (\$50) and receive the discount?

Registration and payment can be made via e-transfer to elephantgrassprint@gmail.com, or by cash, cheque.

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COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION #C2025-03-19-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council award the insurance tender for the Town of Annapolis Royal to BrokerLink effective March 31, 2025 for a period of two years, with an option to renew, in the amount of \$64,469.60 including cyber insurance. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-04

It is regularly moved and seconded that council approve the Towns' share of the health and dental benefits from 60% effective April 1, 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council repeal the Policy on Meetings, Procedures and Presentations #2023-06 and replace with Meetings, Procedures and Presentation Policy #2025-05 dated March 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council appoint Gillian Kerr to the Environment Advisory Committee for a term of one year until December 31, 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council appoint Lachlan MacDonald to the Environment Advisory Committee for a term of one year until December 31, 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council appoint Geraldine Kenny to the Environment Advisory Committee for a term of two-years until December 31, 2026. **Motion carried.**

MOTION#C2025-03-19-10

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council repeal the Equipment Replacement Policy #2016-03 and replace with the Equipment Replacement Policy #2025-06 dated March 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-11

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council repeal the Accessibility Advisory Committee Policy #2019-06 dated December 16, 2019, as of March 20, 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-12

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the applicant at 154 St George Street be given heritage approval to make the changes as detailed in the application 25-04-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-03-19-13

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the applicant at 268 St George Street be given heritage approval to add a new window sign as detailed in the application 25-03-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**