

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS



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## WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Well, the first green shoots are tentatively telling us Spring is here and we are all thoroughly fed up with winter !

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on April 4 from 10:00 am. More information is available on Facebook. This is a wonderful event for children, so please encourage them to join in and search for the eggs !

*Happy Easter!*



Don't forget that the Spring and Fall Clean ups are stopping from April 1, and residents can now put an additional two large items out on each collection. No need to hold everything for months any more, so hopefully the new plan will work better for everyone.

The revitalized Grant Potter Playground will be opening on April 1. Once the warmer weather arrives, this will be a great activity area for younger children. Also opening April 1 is the yard waste disposal site by the old railway station, so residents can drop off there spring garden cuttings, prunings and leaf waste. Please try and drop items responsibly to help our Public Works team keep the area tidy, safe and accessible for all.

Finally, local businesses are slowly reopening, so please make sure you get out there and support them.

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6, 2026 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Open Monday to Friday /  
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

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addition is  
April 23, 2026

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Please contact:  
[kdunning@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kdunning@annapolisroyal.com) or  
902-532-2043 ext. 110  
if you have any questions

## Public Hearing on Water Rates

On March 18, the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB) held a public hearing regarding the Town's application for water rate adjustments (Matter 12643). The hearing has now concluded, and the Town is awaiting the Board's decision, which is expected within the next 6–8 weeks.

The application reflects updated financial information and outlines the following:

- **Operational Cost Pressures:** The proposed rate adjustments include approximately \$61,500 to address increased costs, primarily due to higher water supply rates from the County's Granville Ferry well field and general inflation. This portion of the application remains unchanged.
- **Future Water Supply Costs:** While the original application included approximately \$70,000 for projected increases in water supply payments over the next three fiscal years, the Town has revised this approach. There will be no increase in the water supply cost passed on to the County of Annapolis for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The Town will defer any future adjustments until the County completes its own water rate study and receives a decision from the NSRAB. This ensures alignment and fairness in regional water pricing.
- **Inflationary Adjustments:** Projected increases related to general operating expenses over the next three years remain unchanged.

Residents interested in following this matter can access public documents through the NSRAB's online registry by searching Matter 12643.

## Public Engagement Session

On March 19, the Town held another Public Engagement session at the Legion. Eleven people including 4 members of Council were in attendance. The results of a recent communications survey were reviewed and discussed. Here are a few highlights:

- Of 67 respondents, 70% were somewhat to very informed of Town news, programs and decisions, with 16.7% very informed and 32.9% generally informed.
- 84.8% used the Town Crier newsletters while 45.5% used both the website and Facebook.
- Out of 10, the Town newsletter rated the highest in terms of effectiveness, the Town website 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4.15, and Facebook 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.77.
- 68.3% wanted more frequent information on Council decisions.

Statistics from livestreaming of Town Council and Committee of the Whole meetings were also presented and discussed. On average, these meetings combined get from 37 to 43 views per meeting, with the average view time between 9 and 10 minutes. The pros and cons of livestreaming were also discussed.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentations that were made at the session are available from Town Hall on request. The information from the survey and stats well as the comments made by those in attendance will be used to help the Town to begin the process of updating the communications policy.



Mayor Amery Boyer

## Grant Potter Playground Open for the Season April 1 (Weather Permitting!)

The Grant Potter Memorial Playground will reopen for the season on April 1, provided it's clear of snow and ice. In the event of any late season storms or minor repairs, we may need to close for a short time to ensure safety, updates will be posted on the Town Facebook page. Look for a few fun new features arriving at the playground in the coming months too!

## Walk on Wednesdays with the Annapolis Royal Walk Group!

Looking to get out and walk more this spring? Join a fun walking group that meets every Wednesday at 10AM at the Farmer's Market parking lot. This group is free, gentle, friendly, and open to all abilities, taking various 30-60 minute walks throughout Annapolis Royal. Additional walks are also scheduled for most Fridays. For more information, and to register, please go to [www.nswalks.ca](http://www.nswalks.ca), or call or email [hawboldtstephen@gmail.com](mailto:hawboldtstephen@gmail.com) / 902-932-6902 with any questions.

This group is supported by Hike Nova Scotia and the Town of Annapolis Royal.

### Property Taxes

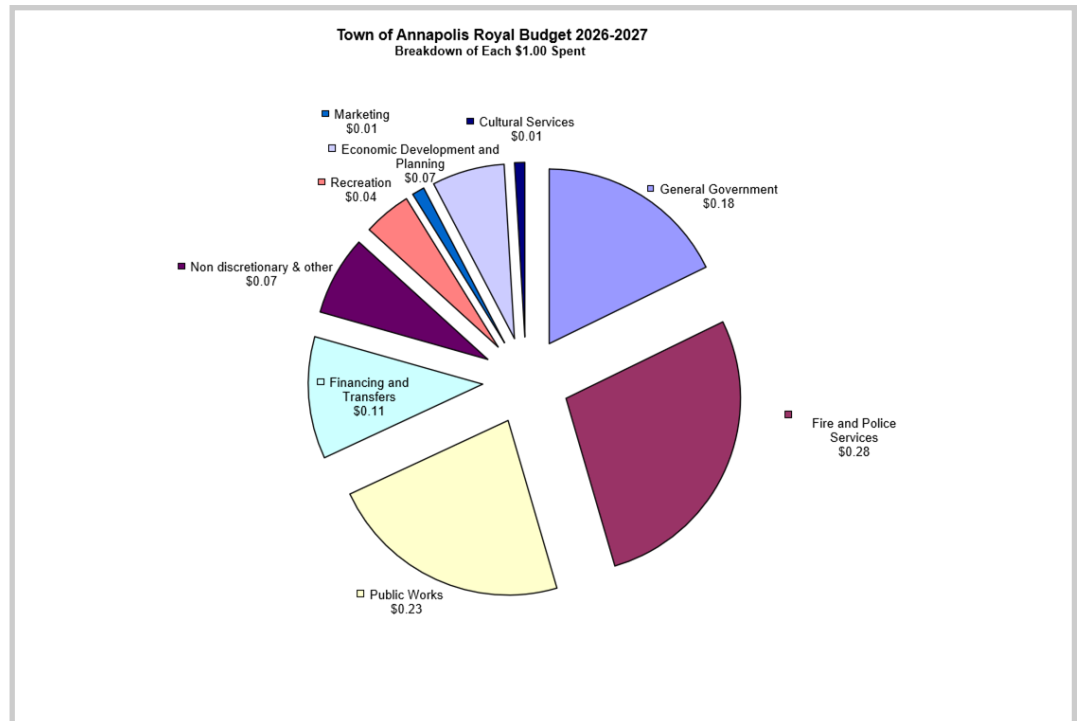
Tax bills are issued bi-yearly; April 30<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

### Water Bills

All properties are charged a flat fee water charge plus a usage fee. Vacant properties with water turned off are still charged the flat fee for service. Bills are issued quarterly; March 30<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

### Bill payment methods:

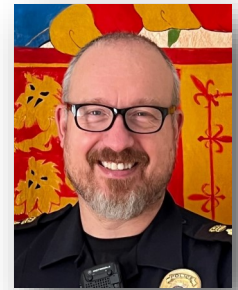
- cash at the Town office
- between 10 am- 3 pm
- Monday to Friday (closed on Stat holidays)
- mail a cheque to PO Box 310, Annapolis Royal NS B0S 1A0
- bring a cheque to the Town office, there is a drop box at the front door if office is closed
- online banking by adding the Annapolis Royal (taxes) or (water) as payee
- credit card through the Town's website



## Privacy Protection

### Identification, Credit and Credit Cards:

- Photocopy the contents of your wallet
- Don't carry your birth certificate or a photocopy of it in your wallet
- Carry only the credit cards and identification you actually need
- Never leave personal identification and/or credit cards in your vehicle
- Cancel credit cards you no longer use and keep a list of ones you use regularly
- Lower the limits on your credit cards so that thieves can't get away with large amounts of cash
- If you lose your credit card(s), notify your creditors immediately and request that a fraud alert be placed on your file
- Never keep a record of your passwords or Social Insurance Number (SIN) in your wallet or handbag
- Disclose your SIN only when necessary
- Never give credit card or banking information over the phone, unless you initiated the call or know who you are dealing with
- Beware of phone solicitations asking for personal details
- Periodically check your credit report



Chief Mark Kane



### Passwords:

- When creating passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs), avoid using your birth date, a series of consecutive numbers, or other dates others may know are important to you
- Choose difficult passwords and change them periodically
- Ask that your accounts require passwords before any inquiries and/or changes can be made



### Miscellaneous:

- Arrange to have cheques picked up at your bank branch
- Don't have your full name printed on your cheques. Use your first initial to prevent a would-be thief from knowing your full name.

## Sewer Blockage

On the morning of March 18th, some of you may have noticed a not-so-great smell near the corner of Grange and Ritchie Streets. It turned out there was a sewer blockage that caused an overflow from a manhole in the area. A local company came out right away and cleared it, and the cause was a buildup of grease, oil, and wipes. Since this line only serves homes (not businesses), it's a good reminder for all of us to be careful about what goes down our drains. Pouring cooking grease or oil down the sink, or flushing wipes (even the ones labeled "flushable"), can lead to blockages like this.

The cleanup cost \$1,400—and it could have been quite a bit more if it happened after hours - so it's something we can all help prevent.

Just a quick reminder to all residents:

- \* Let cooking grease cool and put it in the garbage instead of the sink
- \* Please don't flush wipes of any kind

Thanks everyone for helping keep things running smoothly!

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# EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



**April 1**

Still Life Studio,  
ARTSPLACE

**April 2**

Tilt,  
King's Theatre

**April 4**

Easter Eggstravaganza,  
Fort Anne National Historic Site  
Luca,  
King's Theatre

**April 8**

Sirat,  
King's Theatre

**April 9 & 11**

Auditions: King's Shorts Festival  
Of 10-minute Plays,  
King's Theatre

**April 10 & 24**

Intro to the Innovation lab OR  
One-on-One Tech Help,  
Annapolis Royal Library

**April 11**

Hoppers,  
King's Theatre

**April 13, 20 & 27**

Monday Morning Storytime,  
Annapolis Royal Library

**April 12**

Othello,  
King's Theatre

**April 14**

The Definitive Eagles Tribute,  
King's Theatre

**April 15**

The Furies,  
Pachamama,  
Wrong Husband,  
Force of Nature,  
Nirvana The Band The Show The  
Movie,  
King's Theatre

**April 17**

Joyride,  
King's Theatre

**April 18 - May 3**

Magnificent Magnolias,  
Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

**April 18 - May 9**

Exhibition / Frank Forrestall,  
ARTSPLACE

**April 18 - May 30**

Exhibition / Wandering Through  
Trees: Nature & Culture,  
ARTSPLACE

**April 20 - 24**

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens  
Spring Cleanup Volunteer Day  
(Tentative)

**April 24, 25 & 26**

The Phoenix Showcase,  
King's Theatre

**April 29**

Workshop / Tree lines: Ekphrastic  
Poetry Workshop,  
ARTSPLACE

## Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public*

Board of Police  
Commissioners (Quarterly)  
April 1, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Committee of the Whole  
April 7, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Environment Advisory  
Committee  
April 8, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Planning and Heritage  
Advisory Committee  
April 13, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

Council  
April 15, 2026 @ 6:00 pm



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. George Street.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

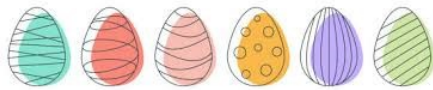
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**Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)**  
(1 position)

and the

**Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA)** are seeking volunteers  
(2 positions)

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell  
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THE BIG HUNT

Annapolis Royal

APRIL 4TH 2026

  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

10:00 AM	<b>FREE EASTER MOVIE - LUCA</b> King's Theatre
11:30-1:45	<b>BBQ FUNDRAISER</b> The Big Hunt Volunteers
	<b>PHOTO BOOTH</b> By Drew Johnston Photography
	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> By Aurora the Cowgirl & Billy Boots
	*All taking place at The Fire Hall
2:00 PM	<b>THE BIG HUNT !</b> Fort Anne Grounds



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## Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - Change to Bulky Waste Collection

Valley Waste has made an important change to the way bulky waste is collected in the Annapolis Valley.

Previously, residents had designated Spring and Fall Clean-Up weeks where multiple large items could be placed at the curb for collection. This program has now been replaced with a year-round bulky waste collection system.

### What's Changing

- Residents may now place **up to two bulky waste items per household unit** at the curb. (These are usually items that cannot fit in a regular garbage bag).
- These items can be set out **with their regular scheduled garbage collection**.

This replaces the former **Spring and Fall Clean-Up** events.

### Private Roads

If residents live on a private road and get collection from the smaller cottage truck, they will need to contact their road association or call us for more information on their clean-up collection and dates.

### Examples of Bulky Waste Items

Common items include furniture such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs, and similar large household items.

### Important Reminders

- The limit is **two bulky items per unit at one time**.
- Items must be placed **curbside on regular collection day**.
- Regular garbage bag limits and sorting rules still apply.

Please visit Valley Waste website to see what is accepted.

### Why the Change

Moving to a year-round bulky waste system allows residents to dispose of large items **when they need to**, rather than waiting for seasonal clean-up weeks. It also helps reduce illegal dumping, reduces costs, and improves



**ACCEPTED**

## BULKY WASTE ITEMS

X

**NOT ACCEPTED**

\*Limit of two items per bi-weekly collection.

**HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**  
Such as a washer, dryer, or stove.

**NOTE:** Cooling devices such as fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, and dehumidifiers must be brought to our sites for CFC removal or display a certified CFC removal sticker.

**FURNITURE ITEMS**  
Such as a sofa, mattress, shelving. **Any one furniture or appliance item can weigh up to 91kg (200lb): other items must weigh no more than 34kg (75lb) each.** Carpet should be rolled in 4ft lengths.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
Such as a water tank, boiler (which must all be drained).

**CONSTRUCTION WASTE**  
Lumber or loose items must be bagged or tied securely in bundles **no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft).** Nails should be bent over or removed.

**SMALL AUTO PARTS**  
No fuel or fluids

**Items not collected curbside!**

**COOLING DEVICES**  
Fridges, freezers, air conditioners, ice makers, water coolers, and dehumidifiers **without a CFC sticker can be brought to our sites for a small fee to remove the CFCs.**

**ELECTRONICS\*NEW\***  
Similar to televisions, you can bring kettles, computers, monitors, stereos, printers, telephones, hairdryers, countertop microwaves, air fryers, toasters, and more into our sites or participating EPRA locations for FREE. Visit <https://epra.ca/> for info.

**AUTOMOTIVE TIRES**  
Up to four rimless tires a day can be returned to any tire dealership, free of charge.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)**  
Visit [vwrwm.com](http://vwrwm.com) for information on disposal.

**HOUSEHOLD AND LITHIUM BATTERIES**  
Bring to our sites or participating locations for FREE!

**LARGE AUTO PARTS**  
Call your local auto salvage yard for more information.

**NEW!** As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, bulky waste will be collected on the same day as regular curbside collection on public roads. Residents on private roads should contact their cottage association for details.

**RULES FOR BULKY WASTE COLLECTION**

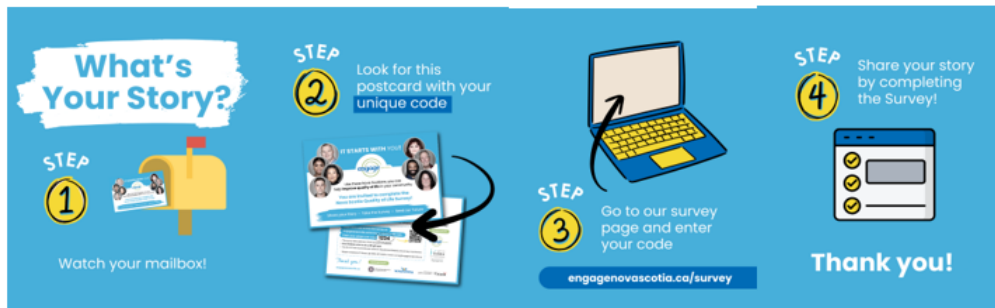
- A maximum of 2 bulky items will be collected per stop, with each item defined as a single object or securely tied bundle up to 4ft in length.
- Remove batteries from items; they can be dropped off at participating locations or our sites for free. This includes items with encased batteries.
- Do NOT leave items at the end of your driveway that you do not want collected, or mark them clearly with a sign that says **Do Not Collect**.
- Residents must remove any uncollected items from roadside after collection.

Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is:

Friday, April 10, 2026  
Friday, April 24, 2026

# COMMUNITY

## Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey



### Your Story?

Think about how much has changed in your life and in your community since 2019. It's been seven years since the last Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey – the largest of its kind in Canada – and so much has shifted in our lives since then.

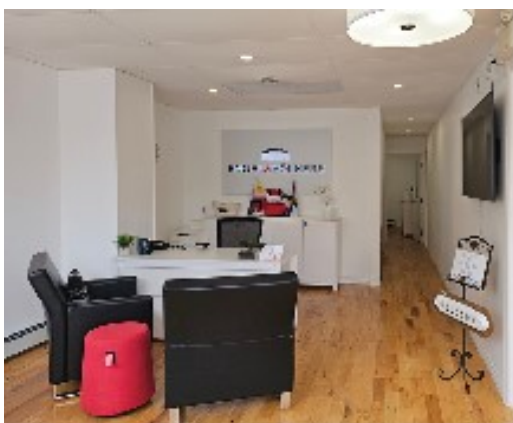
Invitations to participate in the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey will arrive in your mailbox starting February 23rd.

This is an opportunity to have your story heard on the issues and things you care about most – because when we choose to tell our stories, our experiences can shape decisions that make life better for us all.

Learn more at <https://www.engagenovascotia.ca/our-survey>

**Share your Story  
Take the Survey  
Seed our Future**

Closes on April 19, 2026



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As part of our commitment to supporting local businesses, committees, and non-profit organizations, we would like to offer you the use of our conference room at our Annapolis Royal location, 241 St George St, free of charge.

Our space is ideal for meetings, events, and collaborative gatherings. It comes equipped with the following amenities:

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We believe in fostering community connections and would be delighted to offer this resource to you and your organization at no cost. Whether you need a place for a small meeting or a larger gathering, our space is available whenever you need it.

Please feel free to reach out to us to reserve a time or if you have any questions. We also would be happy to give you a tour of the space. Contact [novascotia@evrealstate.com](mailto:novascotia@evrealstate.com) for more info!



### MareGold Spring Auction Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Hall

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**Everything sells. No reserves.**  
(And yes — there are always surprises.)



## Friends of the Library *An afternoon with Friends* SPEAKER SERIES

Saturday  
April 18  
2-3:30 pm

### Fort Anne History

*Speaker: Paul Wear*

Learn about the establishment of Fort Anne as a National Historic Park. Lots of never before seen historic photos and interesting information presented by a local historian.

Saturday  
April 25  
10:30-noon

### iNaturalist Workshop

*Speaker: Karen Achenbach and Lisa Proulx*

Join these Citizen Scientists to learn how to use the iNaturalist app. Start with the basics and find out how to navigate and get tips. Please download the app on your smartphone or tablet BEFORE coming or plan to arrive early to receive help to do this. Link for Apple or Android at <https://inaturalist.ca>.

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Saturday  
May 23  
2-3:30 pm

### Final Choices

*Speaker: Valerie Wilson*

Find out about burial options that include traditional to transformative alternatives, and why some are more eco-friendly than others.

FREE IN PERSON PRESENTATION

### Music Room *at the Community Hub*

143 Ritchie Street

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## Caregiver Education Series

### Annapolis Royal

Thursdays from April 2 - May 7, 2026  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Annapolis Royal Health Centre

A series for family members and care partners of people recently diagnosed with dementia.

Participants learn about the symptoms of dementia, coping strategies, future planning issues, and available community resources.

Registration is required.  
Please call 1-800-611-6345

[www.alzheimer.ca/ns/ces](http://www.alzheimer.ca/ns/ces)



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APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
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Rain or Shine!)

# COUNCIL MOTIONS

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-03**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council appoint Kevin Nettle to the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of two years until December 31, 2027. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-04**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to repeal the Human Resources Procedures and Policy #2025-13 and its replacement with Human Resources Procedures and Policy #2026-02 dated March 2026. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-05**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to repeal the Police Agreement dated July 2025 and its replacement with Police Agreement dated March 2026. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-06**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the approval of the \$3,112,019.05 Town Operating Budget for 2026-2027 with tax rates at \$1.76 and \$3.26 respectively for Residential and Commercial. The fire rate for 2026-2027 is .001066 and is included in the overall tax rate. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-07**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the approval of the 2026-2027 General Capital Budget of \$2,144,498. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-08**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to appoint Kathy Brooks to the Environment Advisory Committee for a term of two years until December 31, 2027. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-09**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to provide a support letter requested by Kings Theatre for a funding application for a grant. **Motion carried.**

## **MOTION #C2026-03-18-10**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council gives approval to the applicant at 62 Chapel Street be given heritage approval to add a wooden fence and storm gutters as detailed in application 25-27-HER, providing all conditions of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**

