

**Town of Annapolis Royal
 Council Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 March 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

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| 1. Call to Order | Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm |
| 2. Present | Mayor Amery Boyer, Councillor Adele MacDonald, Councillor Heather Sadkowski, Councillor Lynn Myers, CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell, and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning Member of the Public: Roger Lindala (joined at 6:01 pm) |
| 3. Regrets | Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Robertson |
| 4. Absents | None |
| 5. Additions to Agenda | In-camera New Business ii. Labour relations and contract negotiations |
| 6. Approval of Agenda | MOTION #C2026-03-18-01 The agenda was approved with the above addition by unanimous consent. |
| 7. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues | None |
| Edits to the Minutes | None |
| 8. Approval of Minutes | MOTION #C2026-03-18-02 The Council Minutes of February 18, 2026 were approved as presented by unanimous consent. |

9. Presentations
None

10. Public Input
None

11. New Business
 i. Appoint New Committee Member for Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee (PHAC)

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.**

12. Unfinished Business

None

13. Recommendations from Committees, Boards and Commissions

MOTION #C2026-03-18-04

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

MOTION #C2026-03-18-06

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

CAO Millett-Campbell will check to see if the letter has been sent out already.

ACTION: Confirm if letter has been sent out

NAME: CAO Millett-Campbell

DUE: March 20, 2026

MOTION #C2026-03-18-10

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council give heritage approval to the applicant at 62 Chapel Street 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.**

14. Reports from Committees, Boards and Commissions

i. Mayor's Report

Attached. Mayor Boyer stated that the Public Engagement session is from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Monday, March 23, 2026. She also noted that she attended a Valley Regional Services Board meeting today, and shared three concerns:

- No update on any strategic plan for Tidal Transit
- No update on any strategic plan for Valley Waste
- Operating without a Board approved procurement policy.

ii. Planning Services Report
Reviewed.

iii. Water Report
Reviewed.

- iv. Valley Regional Services Board of Directors Interim Board Reviewed.

15. Correspondence

- i. Letter to Premier Houston from Town of Annapolis Royal
For information only. The letter expressed the Town of Annapolis Royal's concerns about the impact of the 1% reduction in HST.
- ii. Kelly Cove Salmon Boundary Application
For information only. Shared with the County since the property is not located in the Town of Annapolis Royal.
- iii. The Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia (CFNS) Requesting Support
For information only. Requesting support for the 2026 provincial budget cuts to arts, culture and heritage.
- iv. Annapolis Heritage Society (AHS) Response to Proposed Budget Cuts
For information only. A letter was sent from AHS to Minister Ritcey regarding the cut to funding to the CMAP program and CCTH.
- v. Municipality of the County of Antigonish Letter of Support Coalition to End Poverty
For information only. Municipality of the County of Antigonish has shared a letter sent to Premier Houston regarding the need to increase social assistance and disability rates in Nova Scotia.
- vi. Concern From Resident re Live Streaming
For information only. This will be discussed at the Council Engagement Session on March 23, 2026.
- vii. Response from MLA Bowlby
For information only. MLA Bowlby has responded regarding the reductions to programs administered through the CCTH.

16. In-camera

Under Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act:

MOTION #C2026-03-18-11

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council move into camera to approve the in-camera minutes of February 18, 2026 and discuss personnel matters and labour relations and contract negotiations at 6:09 pm. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2026-03-18-13


It was regularly moved and seconded that Council move out of camera at 6:45 pm. **Motion carried.**

17. Next Meeting

April 15, 2026

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Mayor
Amery Boyer



Recording Secretary
Kim Dunning

Mayor's Report, March 11, 2026

- Feb 26, 2024 attended NSFM¹ Spring Conference Planning Meeting
virtually
- attended social soup night at Condo
- Mar 4, 2026 attended arts, culture and heritage rally and drafted letter of
support with input from members of Town Council
- Mar 5, 2026 attended Condo Board meeting to deal with single agenda
item
- March 6, 2026 attended regular meeting of the Condo Board: draft budget
presented
- Mar 12, 2026 plan to attend Dalhousie University Community Engagement
Day at NSCC². The focus will be economic development.
- Stanley Asah and Greg Trowse from Dalhousie University's
Ocean Frontier Institute (OFI) will be traveling to Greenwood
on March 12th to join Bill Crossman and I for a luncheon in
Greenwood to discuss the Community Small Scale Tidal
Project.
- plan to attend Condo Board meeting
- Mar 17, 2026 will not be in attendance for MP Chris D'Entremont's visit.
- Mar19, 2026 plan to attend Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board
public hearing on water rates
- Mar 23, 2026 plan to attend public engagement meeting at the Legion from
4:30 to 6:30 pm
- Mar 24, 2026 plan to attend Adaptive re-use meeting for Annapolis Wharf

¹ Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

² Nova Scotia Community College

Apr 6-14, 2026 planned vacation out of the country

Apr 29 to May 1 plan to attend NSFM Spring Conference in Yarmouth

Valley Regional Services Board

See separate VRSB Minute report. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Condominium Board

The next meeting of the Condo Board will be On Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 4:30 pm and the topic will be the budget. There will be a meeting with President Karen Gregor on March 12 regarding the new Condo procurement policy.

ACIMWG

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Amery Boyer

