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Even though I am not a Resident of Annapolis Royal, I believe that continuing to livestream council meetings in Annapolis Royal improves transparency, making it easier for residents to trust and understand local decisions. It increases accessibility for those unable to attend in person, encourages greater civic engagement, and creates a valuable public record. It also helps seasonal residents stay connected, offers a cost-effective way to communicate, and demonstrates modern, responsive governance.

At the same time, councillors' privacy can be protected through clear guidelines—ensuring only official proceedings are recorded, limiting personal information shared, and maintaining boundaries outside formal meetings—so transparency does not come at the expense of personal privacy.

Canada is striving to be fully accessible by 2030, not live-streaming is definitely a step in the wrong direction.

I hope that this email will be put in the record of today's meeting (April 15th, 2026) and read to the attendees.

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