



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



It was only a matter of time before we saw the dreaded white stuff ! At least it has all gone for the time being (well, having snow for Christmas Eve would be fine...).

This week sees our ever-popular Parade of Lights: a wonderful evening celebrating our town and the people in it. Please join us for a communal parade down St George Street, singing carols all the way. The parade starts at the Court House at 6:00 pm on this Friday, and finishes at the Market Square, where there will be hot chocolate and a very special guest for the children. The evening wraps up with some epic fireworks from the wharf, so be sure to make the most of the festivities !

The Christmas celebrations continue next week as well, with our Annual Craft Fair (Saturday, December 6) at multiple locations across the town. Locations include the Fire Hall, Legion and several others, so check out the map included in the newsletter. We have arranged a free shuttle bus to transport people between the locations if desired.

Town Hall will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025 to Thursday, January 1, 2026.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you !





MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Members of Council

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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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February 2026
addition is
December 19, 2025.

Contact:
admin@annapolisroyal.com to be
added to the email list.

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

On Monday, November 24, the Town held a public engagement session covering two subjects. One was to consult the public on existing communications tools used by the Town to get information out. The other was about the Living Shoreline Project.

Communications Plan

As a preliminary step, members of the public were asked to identify which of the existing communications tools they used and to identify any others that they might prefer. The results of this unofficial survey were as follows:



Mayor Amery Boyer

	Media	No.	
1	Facebook	10	11%
2	Town Crier newsletter	12	13%
3	Mailchimp	0	0%
4	Mailing inserts included in water and tax bills	9	10%
5	Website - Engagement Page and other pages	5	5%
6	Bridgetown Reader	12	13%
7	Saltwire newspaper	2	2%
8	Public meetings	16	18%
9	Town Crier Events	8	9%
10	Market Square Board (at the Hub)	3	3%
11	Email	12	13%
12	Telephone	0	0%
13	Inter-municipal meetings	2	2%
	All responses	91	100%

Members of Town Council will be reviewing comments received and determine next steps as it works on a draft communications plan for the Town.

Living Shoreline Project

Project staff were also present to answer questions about the living Shoreline Project. Comments from attendees indicated that they had come with questions that were answered. Any questions, please contact town staff.

On behalf of Town Council and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best this holiday season, whether you celebrate the various holidays or not. For the members of our community who have suffered loss this year or in years past, we wish you peace in the weeks and months ahead.

Safe indoor Walking for Adults - Tuesdays and Thursdays 11AM-Noon

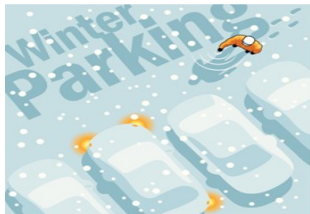
For those adults seeking the safety and stability of an indoor walking facility, please come to the Community Hub Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM-noon. \$2 suggested drop-in fee, come join the fun that features great music, walking, and a welcoming and inclusive social environment. Walking aids such as poles and rolling walkers are available for those who would like to utilize them, please contact Noah at 902-955-1205 to discuss any assistance that is needed.

Equipment Loan at the Community Hub Gym

Annapolis Royal Recreation offers FREE equipment loan programs based out of the Community Hub Gym. We provide snowshoes, Nordic walking poles, yoga equipment, Kicksleds and kids party games for a free weekly loan. For more information, please call 902-955-1205 or email alc@annapolisroyal.com

Holiday Schedule at Community Hub Gym

Staff assistance for the Hub Gym will not be available from December 24, 2025 to January 3, 2026. All equipment loans and rentals should be arranged in advance of this time period. All programs will continue as scheduled, with the exception of Indoor Walking which will be paused during this time.



Winter Parking Regulations

Under the authority of Section 202 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act:

- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am of the same day.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street that will hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal of snow or ice from such highway or street.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street during the period from one (1) hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two (2) hours after such snowstorm has stopped.

These regulations will be in full force and effectively annually from December 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 inclusive.



Winter is Coming

Beginning on Monday December 1st (and ending March 31st), the Town's winter street parking rules come into effect. This means no street parking (on any Town Street) between 1am and 7am. It also means that street parking is prohibited if Public Works is actively plowing or salting. Alternative parking is available at the "lower" town hall parking lot by the amphitheatre (not the upper lot on St George), at the "Irving" lot (please try to park closer to the water), at Market Square, and at the Skate Park.

We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience, however it is the only way that our equipment can safely operate to keep the streets safe and passable.

Thank you for your assistance!



CHIEF'S CORNER

Winter Driving.

This is just a reminder to check your vehicle lights are on when driving in the winter, we are seeing an increase in drivers thinking all lights are functioning because of running lights. For safety and visibility ensure you check your lights.



Chief Mark Kane

Also, with the potential for weather bringing snowstorms at this time of year, this is just a reminder to ensure all town roads are clear during the winter months for snow removal after such storms. It ensures snow removal can be completed safely. There is a bylaw for this and as such vehicles obstructing operations can be issued a fine.

Winter in Nova Scotia means snow-covered roads and vehicles. Before hitting the road, it's not just good practice but a legal requirement to remove snow and ice from your vehicle. The **Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act** mandates that drivers clear their vehicles of any obstruction that could block visibility or pose a danger to others.

The Risks of Unsecured Snow and Ice

Failing to properly clear your vehicle isn't just hazardous—it can cost you. Here's what you need to know:

- **Fines:** Driving with snow or ice obstructing your windows or windshield can lead to a **\$180 fine**.
- **Liability:** If snow or ice from your vehicle damages another car, you could be financially responsible through insurance or direct compensation.
- **Legal Consequences:** In the event of an accident, you may face additional penalties for driving with an unsecured load or dangerous driving.



Insurance Implications

If snow or ice from your vehicle damages another car, the affected driver can file a claim. If found at fault, your **liability coverage** should cover the costs but expect a potential **increase in insurance premiums**.

Stay Safe, Stay Legal

Beyond fines and liability, clearing your vehicle is essential for safety. Before driving, remove all snow and ice from the **roof, hood, windows, mirrors, lights, and license plate**. A few extra minutes can prevent accidents, fines, and unnecessary costs—keeping Nova Scotia's roads safer for everyone.

Courtesy of mdlam.ca



Yard Waste Drop Off Site Seasonal Closure

The Yard Waste Drop Off site will close for the season on Monday December 15, 2025. It will re-open on April 1, 2026. The site is quite full now, so if you are dropping off debris, please try to take it as far back as possible. Prior to April 1, 2026, we will bulldoze the debris to the rear of the site and spread the mounded material to make the site easier to navigate. As always, no plastic bags, no construction debris, and no elms. Thank you



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



November 28 - December 20

CTRL ART DEL / Group
Exhibition, Community
Pastures / Susan Sweet,
Dusk to Dawn / Virginia
Bergmann,
From My Land, From My
Hands / Shauna MacLeod,
ARTSPLACE

November 28

It's a Wonderful Life,
King's Theatre

November 29

Holiday Season Kick-off,
Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens
Short Films / Anything Goes: An
Introduction to Artist's Books,
ARTSPLACE

December 1, 8, 15 & 22

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

December 5, 12, & 19

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

December 5, 6 & 7

Charlotte's Web,
King's Theatre

December 6

It's a Very Merry Christmas
Movie,
King's Theatre
Holiday Shopping Party,
AR Historic Gardens
Christmas Craft Fair,
Various locations

December 9

ArtChat with Art21: Pride
Unveiled,
ARTSPLACE

December 10

Springsteen: Deliver Me
From Nowhere,
King's Theatre

December 11

Baby It's Cold Outside,
King's Theatre

December 12

Jenn Grant,
King's Theatre

December 14

Andre Rieu's Merry
Christmas 2025,
King's Theatre

December 19

Now You See Me: Now
You Don't,
King's Theatre

December 20

Ashley Macisaac,
King's Theatre

December 21

The Royal Ballet: The
Nutcracker 2025,
King's Theatre

December 30

Dufflebag Theatre's Cinderella,
King's Theatre

December 31

New Year's Eve Courtyard
Bonfire,
AR Historic Gardens

Upcoming Meetings

Open to the public

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
December 1, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole
December 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board of Police
Commissioners (Quarterly)
December 10 @ 12:00 pm

Environment Advisory
Committee
December 10, 2025 3:00 pm

Council
December 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

January 1

New Year's Day Levee
Annapolis Royal Legion



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.

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)
(2 positions)

and the

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

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



Help us light up the town of Annapolis Royal
Friday, Nov. 28th 2025 6:00

PARADE OF LIGHTS



Meet at the Courthouse at 6:00
(corner of St. George and Highway 1) for a
festive tree-lighting walk to Market Square.
Free hot chocolate, cookies, Santa, and live music!

Like us on Facebook for details & updates.

Bring your lanterns,
your lights, or your
glow sticks to help
light the night.



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THE LAWRIE GROUP
OF HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES


THE RED ONION
MARKET


Aroma Mocha
Coffee

Join us at the Annapolis Royal
Legion on

January 1st from 12:00 - 4:00 pm for our Annual New Year's Levee

Hosted in conjunction with the Town of Annapolis Royal. Ring in the New Year with friends both new and old, and enjoy some great buffet, prepared by our awesome Legion volunteers!

Everyone is welcome.



Olde Fashioned Christmas Craft Fair

December 6th, 2025
9am - 3pm

**Annapolis Royal Legion
Branch #21**

Breakfast & Lunch Served

Muffins
Grilled Cheese &
Grilled Panini Sandwiches
Chili and Pea Soup
with Homemade Rolls

 Live Christmas Entertainment

 Fun For Young And Old Alike

Santa & His Elves Will Visit With Treats!

Over 65 Vendors!

\$1 Admission



Santa's Getting Ready!

Join us December 6th
at Annapolis Royal Legion
Branch #21

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

441 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal

Tel: 902-532-7018

Email:
AnnapolisVIC@historicgardens.com



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, December 5, 2025
- Friday, December 19, 2025
- Friday, January 2, 2025



Get ready, Nova Scotia

Starting December 1, 2025, you'll be able to recycle
the same materials no matter where you live.

Now accepted in your recycling bags:



Now accepted at participating drop-off locations:



Learn more about Nova Scotia's
enhanced recycling system:
circularmaterials.ca/NS





Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program for Packaging and Paper

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

"Companies take care of their packaging—even after you're done with it."

- ✓ Less waste
- ✓ Better recycling
- ✓ Materials reused in new products



Think: Old bottles → New bottles!



Nova Scotia is transitioning to a new recycling model that shifts responsibility from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products. This change is part of the province's extended producer responsibility (EPR) initiative, starting on December 1, 2025.

Circular Materials is a national not-for-profit producer responsibility organization (PRO) that manages where materials are collected, recycled and returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging. For more information, visit [Circular Materials](https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/nova-scotia/) at <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/nova-scotia/>

What is EPR?

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) means that companies who make things like packaging and paper are also in charge of what happens to these items after we're done using them. Instead of just throwing things away, this system encourages businesses to find better ways to recycle and reuse materials. For example, a soda company might design bottles that are easier to recycle. This helps create a "circular economy," where old products become new ones instead of ending up in the trash.

What's Changing in the Annapolis Valley region?

Valley Region Solid Waste Resource Management has joined the EPR program. This means we can keep collecting recycling from homes while saving money and helping the environment. The goal is to send less waste to landfills and cut down on garbage right from the start.

How does this affect residents in Kings and Annapolis Counties?

For residents in Kings and Annapolis Counties, this change brings more recycling options. You'll still use your blue bags and follow sorting rules, but you'll be able to recycle more items like disposable cups, pet food bags, toothpaste tubes, and frozen juice containers. Sorting guides are available in several different languages on the Circular Materials website.

Are My Taxes Paying for This?

The cost of recycling will now be covered by the companies that produce packaging and paper. This shift encourages businesses to design packaging that's easier to recycle and helps reduce waste. Your taxes, which are on average \$200 annually per unit, cover the cost of curbside collection, bulky waste clean-up, and solid waste operations.

Unlimited Blue Bags and Cardboard for Residential Collection

Valley Waste Resource Management will continue to collect your recyclables curbside on behalf of Circular Materials, and there's no limit to the number of blue bags you can put out or cardboard bundles. Just make sure everything is sorted properly — unsorted bags may be left behind.

Recycling Limits for the ICI/Business Sectors

Small business units who receive curbside collection will be allowed a maximum of 6 bags of recyclables (which includes bundled cardboard).

Same Sorting Rules Across Nova Scotia

One of the biggest benefits of this new system is consistency. No matter where you live in the province, the recycling rules will be the same. This makes it easier for everyone to recycle correctly.

How will collection work?

As of April 1st you will see two trucks traveling your road on collection day. One will pick up garbage and compost, and the other will collect recycling and cardboard. This helps keep materials separate and ensures better recycling.

What is recyclable?

To find out what else has been added to our recycling bags, see our sorting page or download the Recycle Coach app for free from Apple or Google Stores and access their What Goes Where section.

Moving Forward

Let's work together to make recycling easier and better for everyone!

For more information, call 902 679 1325 or visit www.vwrm.com



CHRISTMAS MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

Annapolis Royal, Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Over 180 Vendors at 5 Great Locations!!

KING'S THEATRE
209 St. George St.
Free Childrens Christmas Movie!!
A Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie
Starts at 10:30am
Santa will visit after the movie.
Sponsored by: Kings Theatre

ARVFD CHRISTMAS MARKET
Annapolis Royal Fire Hall
5 St. Anthony St.
9:00am-3:00pm \$2.00 admission

Come join in the spirit of the season!
Over 50 vendors, Great holiday shopping!

Lions Christmas Trees for Sale (Home Hardware)

COMFORT STATION

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS MARKET
Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21
66 Victoria St.
9:00am-3:00pm
Breakfast & Lunch Served.

Get your picture taken with Santa Claus.
Mrs. Claus will be serving hot chocolate and treats.

Folk art, knitted goods, baked goods, jewellery, toys, rugs, hand made chocolates, carvings and lots of crafts!

65+ VENDORS \$1 ADMISSION, FREE PARKING

Photos with Father Christmas Sinclair Museum
230 St. George St.
12-3pm

NEW VENUE!!

TOWN HALL

Visit the **HISTORIC GARDENS** for a walk, or to enjoy a hot cider by the Courtyard Bonfire.
Open 9am-5pm.
Gardens Shop Open.

WINTER MARKET AT ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL
340 St. George St. 9:00am-2:00pm (Extended Hours)
Free Admission - Join us for our winter version of the Farmer's Market, at St Luke's Parish Hall every Saturday until mid May!
Lots of vendors will be on hand, with locally roasted coffee, baked goods, preserves, produce, fish, meat, eggs, cheese, hot foods and lots more!

SHUTTLE BUS AVAILABLE
10am-2pm
TRAVELS TO ALL LOCATIONS
Shuttle Starts at the Fire Hall & Stops in 15 minute intervals

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL FARMERS & TRADERS HOLIDAY MARKET
The Academy - The Community Hub Auditorium
590 St. George St. 9:00am-2:00pm.
50+ Fabulous N' Festive Vendors!
Unique and seasonal home decor. Warm Winter Wears. Sweets, Treats and Yummy Delights! Bangles, Dangles, Jingle Bells and all that's Merry and Bright!
Admission - \$2.00

COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION #C2025-11-19-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Revised Water Utility Budget 2026-2027 for \$477,060, 2027-2028 for \$489,408 and 2028-2029 for \$502,128. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-11-19-04

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Revised Water Capital Budget 2026-2027 for \$90,000, 2027-2028 for \$67,000 and 2028-2029 for \$40,000. **Motion carried.**

MOTION C#2025-11-19-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council agree to proceed with changing the name of the Annapolis Royal Police Department to Annapolis Royal Police Service. **Motion carried.**

MOTION C#2025-11-19-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to write off the credit balance of \$160.00 of H.R.I001 and absorb into income. **Motion carried.**

MOTION C#2025-11-19-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that council approve the repeal of Water Utility Receivables Collection Policy 2024-4 and replace it with Water Utility Receivables Collection Policy #2025-17 dated November 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION C#2025-11-19-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council give heritage approval to the applicant at 499 St George Street to add a deck and privacy screen at the rear of the property as detailed in the application 25-24-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**

