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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

Thankfully, Fall brought us some of the rain we so desperately needed. The wildfires are under control and hopefully people's wells are filling back up.

With the rain and wind, all of Fall's leaves are now on the ground, so get raking ! Remember you can take these (and other garden waste) to the Town's yard waste drop-off site. Please shake the leaves out of any bags when you get there, as we don't want the bags left.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 2, 2025 (2.00 am) !

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 for Remembrance Day.

Upcoming events for your diaries include the annual Parade of Lights, which this year is on Friday, November 28, 2025. Starting at 6:00 pm at the Court House (see page 11). Also, we have the used book sale at the Hub gym on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16, 2025 (see page 9): please turn up and buy some books, as this raises much-needed funds for our local library. You can never have too many books !

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Open Mon to Fri / 8:30 am-4:30 pm
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Mayor Boyer Office Hours
Available by Appointment

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

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the December 2025 addition is November 24, 2025.

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

Mayor Amery Boyer

The Town Twinning delegation left Nova Scotia for France on October 14, 2025. Under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Sybil Robertson, the delegation included three generations:

- Mayor Amery Boyer, Byron Mersereau (Mayor's husband); Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Robertson, Richard Landry (Representing the Acadian Society of Clare) and his wife Jeanne Landry
- Sandi Millett-Campbell (Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Annapolis Royal), Myriah Robertson, Sue Merritt (Sam Merritt's mother), and Amy Denton (Dorian Power-Grimm's mother)
- Dorian Power-Grimm, and Sam Merritt, students from AWEC

We were welcomed by the Mayor of Royan, M. Patrick Marengo and the head of the Royan Twinning Team, Mrs Liliane Isendick-Malterre. In Royan, we were generously hosted by:

- Jocelyne et François Beaudrap
- Annie et Guilbert Thuleau
- Maryves LeQuilliec
- Jocelyne Quemin
- Anne et Hubert Vigouroux
- and Mayor Patrick Marengo

We brought gifts for our hosts which included Belle-Isle honey, Warren's maple syrup, Murchie's Annapolis Royal Tea from The Red Onion Market, art ornaments and cards from artist Sally O'Grady's studio, and local and Canadian-made products from Crown and Anchor: Elevated Living.

The next five days were full of cultural and historic experiences, we attended an opening reception at the restored Conference Centre, had breakfast at and toured the Atlantic College where they teach young and older students to reupholster antique furniture and produce intricate stonework for chateaux and palaces. We also attended a ceremony to unveil one of a series of a signs which are placed throughout the city of Royan and indicate the distance and direction to Annapolis Royal, 4 913kilometers away over the ocean. We visited the chateau in which Sieur Pierre Dugua de Mons was born and had lunch with some of the seniors who live on the grounds of the chateau which is currently a seniors' residence. We toured the famous modern cathedral-like church Notre-Dame church which was built after 80% of the City was destroyed by Allied bombing raid at the end of World War II. We were taken to see le Souffle, a moving monument to the residents of Royan who were killed during the decimation of Royan by allied bombing in January and April 1945 Ruins of bunkers of the German occupiers are still visible on the site . The next day, we travelled by ferry to Bordeaux to visit the historic district and lunched in a historic wine cellar. We tasted French food and beverages at formal and informal dinners and attended the newly restored Royan market.

Our official visit ended on Monday, October 20 with lots of great memories and gratitude to the City of Royan and the Royan Twinning Committee.

We then went on to a second visit with the group AMACADIE which will be the feature of my next Town Crier Piece.

The Twinning visit in Royan opened our eyes to all kinds of possibilities, including high school/ college/adult student exchanges, expanding our twinning collaborations to include the County of Annapolis and perhaps the District of Clare, and hosting a Royan delegation here in 2028, to celebrate the life of Pierre Dugua, Sieur de Mons, the founder of Port Royal and Quebec, on the 400th anniversary of his death(since we do not know his date of birth),.

On behalf of all of us who made the trip, a big thank you goes to Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Roberston who, together with her counterpart in Royan, planned the trip and the program, got us there and ensured that we had a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience. We would also like to thank the generous donors who helped the students to defray the costs of their visit and the members of the Twinning Delegation who represented Annapolis Royal and the Association Acadienne de Clare so effectively and who financed their participation in the trip.

Stay tuned for more details on our visit to the Pays Basques with AMACADIE!

Adult Sport & Recreation Programs at the Community Hub Gym

There a ton of ways to stay active and keep connected with the community happening at the Community Hub Gym. You can join Pickleball, Soccer, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, or Yoga anytime.

Please visit https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/ for details, or call 902-955-1205 or email alc@annapolisroyal.com for more info.

Equipment Loan at the Community Hub Gym
Annapolis Royal Recreation offer FREE equipment loan programs based out of the Community Hub Gym. We can 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

St. Patrick's Lane Parkrun
A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! For more information, please visit https://www.parkrun.ca/stpatrickslane/

PUBLIC NOTICE
Trail Access and Fire Safety Update – Town of Annapolis Royal

As of **October 15**, the provincial ban on woods travel in **Annapolis County** has been **lifted**. All **public trails in the Town of Annapolis Royal are now open** for use.

Please note:
Daily burn restrictions remain in effect across Nova Scotia until **October 31**.

Residents and visitors are reminded to check the **BurnSafe Map** *each day after 2:00 PM* before lighting any fire, including campfires or brush burning.

Let's continue to enjoy our natural spaces safely and responsibly. — *Town of Annapolis Royal*

Town of Annapolis Royal – New EV Chargers

On **Wednesday, October 29**, the **Town of Annapolis Royal** celebrated the **grand opening of the new electric vehicle (EV) chargers!**

This exciting addition supports a **greener future** and encourages **sustainable transportation** in our community.

Come visit, plug in, and power up in historic Annapolis Royal!

Chapel Street Forcemain Extension Project

In early November, work will begin on the Chapel Street Forcemain Extension. This project will improve the performance of our wastewater system and prevent storm-related flooding at our lift station. The project has been designed to minimize disruption to our streets, but some patience will be required. We will maintain local access for residents, but others may need to divert around Lower St. George Street and Chapel Street. Barricades and signs will make expectations clear. The project is expected to last for 3 weeks. We ask everyone to be considerate and to keep an eye out for workers (and ditches!). We will visit individual residents if additional inconveniences occur.

Thank you.

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

November 1
Kitchen Party,
Annapolis Royal Legion
A Tribute to Merle Haggard,
King's Theatre
Art Chat with Rose Morrison & Zoe Lucas, Live from Sable Island
ARTSPLACE

November 1 - 22
Rewind: The Art & Science / Bev Wigney,
ARTSPLACE

November 1 - December 20
CTRL ART DEL / Group Exhibition,
ARTSPLACE
Community Pasture / Susan Sweet,
ARTSPLACE
Dusk to Dawn / Virginia Bergmann,
ARTSPLACE

November 2
Mrs. Warren's Profession,
King's Theatre

November 3
Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

November 3, 10, 17 & 24
Monday Morning Story Time,
Annapolis Royal Library

November 4
Film Screening / Out of the Picture,
ARTSPLACE

November 5
One Battle After Another,
King's Theatre

November 7
Music - Noelle Lucas,
Annapolis Royal Legion
The Piano Men, Music of Elton John and Billy Joel,
King's Theatre

November 7, 14, 21 & 28
Intro to the Innovation Lab OR One-On-One Tech Lab,
Annapolis Royal Library

November 8
Music Bingo,
Annapolis Royal Legion
Family Day/ Create Like an Artist,
ARTSPLACE

November 8 & 23
Cribbage Tournaments,
Annapolis Royal Legion

November 10 & 17
Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

November 9
Gabby's Dollhouse The Movie,
King's Theatre

November 11
Remembrance Day Service,
Annapolis Royal Legion

November 12
Eleanor The Great,
King's Theatre

November 13
George Canyon & Aaron Pritchett,
King's Theatre

November 16
Buzz Brass,
King's Theatre

November 18
Artist Talk: Bev Wigney / Rewind The Art & Science,
ARTSPLACE
Kiss of the Spider Woman,
King's Theatre

November 21
One Love: Bob Marley Tribute,
King's Theatre

November 23
Sparkle Dance: The Joy of Christmas,
King's Theatre

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee
November 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole
November 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Environment Advisory Committee
November 12, 2025 3:00 pm

CleanFoundation Engagement Session
Annapolis Royal Fire Hall
November 19, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Council
November 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Council Engagement Session
Annapolis Royal Legion
November 24, 2025 4:15 pm

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

November 26
Good Fortune,
King's Theatre

November 28
It's a Wonderful Life,
King's Theatre

November 29
Holiday Season Kickoff,
Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

November 29 - December 20
From My Land, From My Hands / Shauna MacLeod,

COMING NEXT MONTH

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.

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)

and the

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

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

Annapolis Royal Legion Remembrance Day Service

The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 would like to cordially invite you to our Remembrance Day Service and Luncheon Tuesday November 11th, 2025.

The Service of Remembrance will begin at 10:40am and we ask that anyone attending to please be in your seats by 10:25am.

The service this year will be held in the Annapolis Royal Community Centre Auditorium, with seating for ±220 persons. The Colours will be marched from within the to the main stage in the auditorium. The Legion will also host the Annapolis Basin Community Band for music during the service. Wreath laying will consist of "Official" Wreaths being laid first, followed by wreath laying by the public.

There will be a full buffet luncheon after the ceremony, provided by the Annapolis Royal Legion. In appreciation of their service, all Military Members in uniform will receive a free beverage ticket from the Legion for the event.

Everyone welcome!

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, November 7, 2025**
- **Friday, November 21, 2025**

FROM ENVIROMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Doctors Oppose Uranium Exploration

In a spring letter to Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) explaining in considerable detail why they opposed restarting uranium exploration and mining in the province.

Over 40 years ago, due to public pressure, the government of the day imposed a ban on the exploration and mining or uranium which was further backed by legislation in 2009. This spring, the province repealed that legislation.

They assert that uranium exploration, mining and processing are associated with, "a wide range of human health problems." They point out that uranium exposure can cause, "organ and genetic damage, infertility, birth defects and increased infant mortality." It was noted that groundwater contamination was the, "primary sources of uranium contamination."

Because the exploration will take place in rural Nova Scotia, of which many sites are in or immediately adjacent to the Annapolis Valley, the exploration, mining and processing will likely focus on this region.

The physicians noted that uranium is not used in medical isotopes. For further information, please contact CAPE Nova Scotia at info@cape.ca

UPDATE: Lawrencetown Community Development Co-Operative (LCDC)Expansion to Annapolis Royal

Exciting News! High-Speed Internet Coming Soon to Annapolis Royal Residents

The Town of Annapolis Royal is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Lawrencetown Community Development Co-operative (LCDC) to bring reliable, affordable high-speed internet to our community!

This partnership will expand LCDC's community-owned broadband network, connecting residents through a point-to-point wireless system that links directly to their fibre backbone in Annapolis Royal. Service depends on having a clear line of sight to one of the towers, but coverage will include much of the Town.

LCDC provides low-cost, high-speed wireless internet with speeds of up to 25 Mbps download and 15 Mbps upload — perfect for streaming, working from home, or staying connected with family and friends.

Because LCDC is a co-operative, subscribers are also members and owners. A one-time 'refundable' membership fee of $100 makes you part of the Co-op, giving you a voice in how it operates. Members elect the board, help set priorities, and share in any surplus through rebates or dividends.

How to Get Connected
If you're interested in subscribing, please contact Kim Dunning with your name, contact information and civic number to see if your home is within the initial service area.
Email: kdunning@annapolisroyal.com
Phone: 902-532-2043 x110

Due to the current rotating strikes by Canada Post, there may a delay in receiving the final 2025 property tax bills. The tax bill is due on or before December 1, 2025.

It is the responsibility for property owners to contact the Town office at 902-532-2043 to request a copy if they have not received their tax bill in the mail.

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

Property Taxes
Tax bills are issued bi-yearly; April 30th and October 30th. 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 30th, June 30th, September 30th, and December 30th. 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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL CLEAN-UP
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

A couple of things that make the Town of Annapolis Royal so special are our historic streetscapes and our sense of community. There is a golden opportunity to enhance both of those aspects of our town.

On Saturday, November 8th, the Town of Annapolis Royal Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) has organized a street clean-up of the downtown core. We will be removing leaves and other debris accumulated over the seasons and disposing of it appropriately. We would like to invite our fellow citizens to join us in this effort. We will meet at the Farmers' Market site at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 8th and work our way along St George Street towards the traffic lights. If we have enough volunteers, some of the side streets may also be tackled.

The EAC will be providing some tools; a trailer for the accumulated debris; and rumor has it, cookies!! All you need to join is enthusiasm and, to quote a line from Alice's Restaurant Massacree, "shovels and rakes and implements of destruction". Also, if you have a high visibility vest, that would be great. We are all used to the occasional wet day, and this will be a rain or shine event, so be prepared to drag long raingear.

Hope to see you all on November 8th.

DELAY - Nova Scotia Dykeland System Upgrades Project (DSUP)

The province is making significant investments to strengthen the resilience of the dykeland system to help protect against damage caused by rising sea levels and storm surge events. Working With the Tides - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada

In 2019, an eight-year, almost $50 million project began to upgrade some of the most vulnerable sites in the province. Without upgrades, the sites are at high risk of damage from the impacts of climate change. The dykeland upgrades will improve more than 25 per cent of Nova Scotia's 241 kms of dykeland along the Bay of Fundy. These 16 sites provide flood protection to tens of thousands of residents and businesses, vineyards, historical and world heritage sites, Mi'kmaq communities and more than 20,000 hectares of agricultural land.

Historic Gardens located on Alain River marsh in the Town of Annapolis Royal was one of the 16 sites chosen as part of DSUP. This is great news for Historic Gardens and the tens of thousands of visitors who travel to Annapolis Royal annually to visit the Gardens. Historic Gardens is a premiere provincial attraction showcasing gardening methods, designs and materials representing more than 400 years of local history. https://historicgardens.wordpress.com/

The province has been working with Historic Gardens over the last four years through the design phases and will begin construction around mid-to late October. Construction will take approximately one month to complete. Many of the people working on the construction project are from local communities within Annapolis County.

Route/Vehicles for Transporting Construction Materials

The construction on Alain River is estimated to start in the middle of October and take roughly one month to finish. The truck route will be along Granville Road into town along Route 1 (Evangeline Trail), with a distance of 9 kilometers. Both tandems and twin steer trucks will be hauling common borrow material and rock to the site. There is an estimated 35 truck loads per day depending on the contractors schedule.

Construction - Noise/Safety

Construction can be disruptive to communities, but this project will be short-term providing long-term benefits to communities throughout the province. The contractors must follow all municipal bylaws related to construction noise and work within the parameters of the outlined working hours.

Safety is of the utmost importance, and all contractors must submit a delayed safety plan prior to the commencement of any provincial projects.

Annapolis County & the Town of Annapolis Royal will be working closely with the province and will share updates with residents throughout the duration of the project through our social media channels. Please reach out with any questions or concerns (***Pam Davidson, Engagement Lead, DSUP 902-440-1191***) . If we cannot answer, we will forward to our contacts at the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works.

Important Reminder: Do NOT place lithium batteries in your blue recycling bag for collection

In the past two years, **eight fire incidents** have been caused by improper disposal of lithium batteries. These batteries can ignite when damaged or compressed in collection trucks or sorting facilities.

Proper Disposal Location Near Annapolis Royal:
Lawrencetown Western Management Centre, 343 Elliott Road 1–877–927–8300

Please dispose of lithium batteries safely. Help protect our environment and waste management workers!

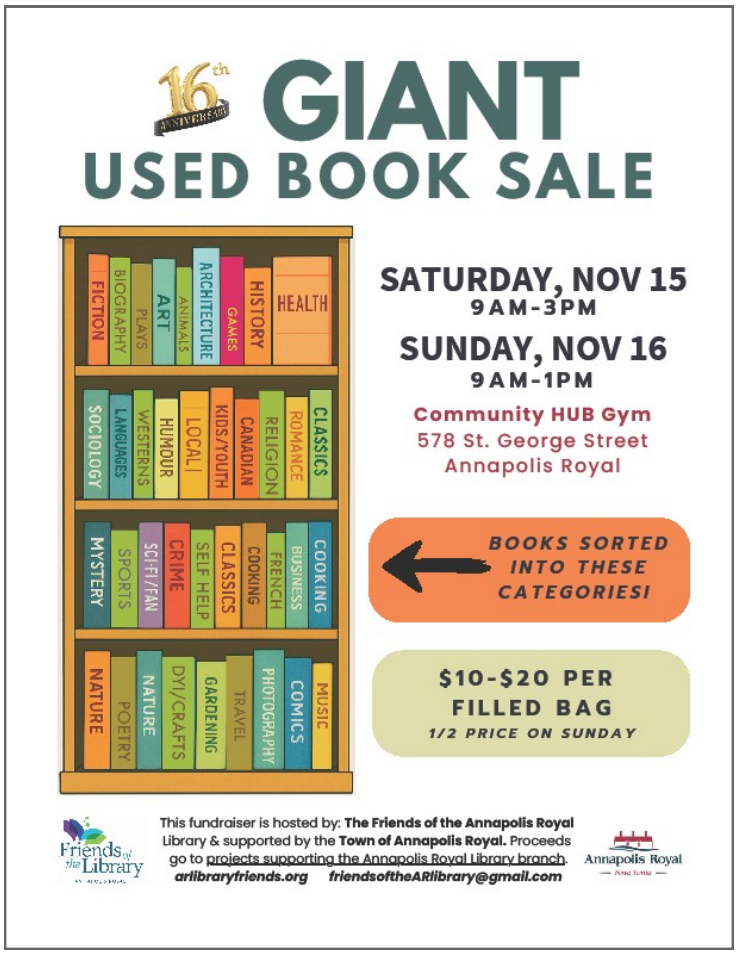
COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION #C2025-10-03
It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve to move forward with a quote of $7,500 plus HST to have the environmental assessment for the Victoria Street lot. **Motion carried.** 1 nay

MOTION #C2025-10-01-04
It was regularly moved and seconded by Council that the Town accept the official invitation from the Town of Royan, France to take part in a formal twinning visit in October 2025, and that members of Council and staff travel to Royan at their own expense. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-10-01-05
It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the submission of the Shoreline Restoration project under the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program in the amount of $280k. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-10-01-06
It was regularly moved and seconded that Council ratify the electronic vote that was emailed on Thursday, September 25, 2025 that the Town's representative for the Board of Condo ACCC6 vote "yes" to the proposed changes to the Condo By-laws and Declaration based on the By-law and Declaration Package forwarded by the CAO to all members of Council on September 18, 2025. **Motion carried.**



Winter Parking Regulations

Under the authority of Section 202 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act. **These regulations will be in full force and effective annually from December 1 to March 31 inclusive. More information to follow next month.**