



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



**See page 4 regarding September 29th Water Bills and The Canada Post Strike.



The leaf colours are changing fast, and it is still so dry. Rainfall is scarcer than tourists on St. George street in February !

Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is published, the trails will be open and the dreadful Long Lake fire will be out. We should all be tremendously grateful to the firefighters for tackling this huge fire, and to all the volunteers who supported them (and those evacuated by the fire): we owe you a huge debt !

At least the lack of rain means we have no excuses to avoid all those Fall gardening chores: everyone get out there and start pruning, raking, taking cuttings and preparing the yard for winter !

There is plenty coming up for activities this season, and a reminder for those wanting to get involved with the Town library's Giant Used Book Sale that drop-offs are on Tuesday afternoons (October 14th, 21st and 28th, as well as Saturday, November 1st). Please help out this fantastic annual event by dropping off all those unwanted good quality books (see page 5 for more information)

The new EV charging stations located at the skate park/trailhead are mostly complete and will soon be active ! Many thanks to NS Power for choosing to site these in our town.

Finally, the Fall cleanup is scheduled for the Town during the week of October 20th - 24th. Pickup won't necessarily be on the same day as the regular garbage collection, so make sure your cleanup items are out on the curb as soon as you have them ready (Sunday, October 19th).

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025 for Thanksgiving.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Members of Council

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285 St. George Street, PO Box 310
Phone: 902 532 2043
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Email: admin@annapolisroyal.com
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Open Mon to Fri / 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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Contact admin@annapolisroyal.com to be
added to the email list.

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

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

International Town Criers' Competition in New Glasgow

On September 19, a few of us travelled to New Glasgow to take in the International Town Criers' Competition taking place as part of the Town's 150th anniversary. We watched and listened to 14 town criers make their hometown cry, an Open cry and a New Glasgow 150 cry over two days. Town criers were judged on article content, best dressed crier, best dressed consort, best dressed couple, and this year there was even a people's choice award. Our Town Crier, Christine Igot, as one of only two female criers, gave three cries that profiled historical content, her trademark humour and excellent delivery. This was her first competition and she was very well received by the other competitors and the crowd. She is one of only about 400 town criers in the world and she made us very proud!



Mayor Amery Boyer

Special thanks to Durline and Alan Melanson of Trans World Dance Company and their dancers!

The "Dance for Rain" event organized by [Trans World Dance Company](http://www.transworlddance.com) was a community pop-up fundraiser in Annapolis Royal on September 12, 2025, to support firefighters and evacuees from the Long Lake Wildfire. Created by [Durline Melanson](http://www.durlinemelanson.com), the dance used choreography to symbolize the wildfire, the efforts to contain it, and a call for rain, with participants stomping their feet for rain and clapping to show appreciation for the first responders and volunteers. The event took place at the [Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre](http://www.oqwa'titek.com) and is documented on the Explorer Guide website. Town Crier Christine Igot was the MC for this first pop-up event. The dance required some clear direction but was not hard, and was fun to do. The event raised \$400.00. There were other community fundraising events going on around the same time, so thanks go to all who volunteered and contributed to support the evacuees and firefighters.

Special care required for equipment/items containing lithium batteries

Valley Waste has experienced 13 fires in the last two years, 8 of which were caused by lithium batteries. We all pay for garbage and waste disposal, and fires can not only cause serious injuries, but can lead to serious property damage. No matter how small the household or garage item, if it contains a battery, it is very important to dispose of that battery safely. This also applies to very small items such as tea candles. Please do not throw these items in the garbage with the battery still in them.

Here is what the Valley Waste website has to say about household and lithium batteries: "Some lithium batteries can be flammable. Recycle them within six months, ensuring they are bagged or taped.

You can use our [locator at https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/](https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/) to find the nearest drop-off site.

Visit www.call2recycle.ca for more information on safely storing and disposing on your batteries. Help keep batteries out of landfills!"

GET MOVIN'

Sports and Recreation Programs at the Community Hub Gym

This fall and winter, indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, pickleball, tai chi, yoga, and dance and fitness classes return to the Community Hub gym. With opportunities for both adults or youth, please visit <https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/> for details on indoor programming taking place at the Hub Gym this year!



Safe indoor Walking for Adults - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11AM-Noon starting October 7

For those adults seeking the safety and stability of an indoor walking facility and level, dry floor, please come to the Community Hub Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM -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.



A Big Thank You to the Nicholson Foundation!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Nicholson Foundation** for generously sponsoring all the music performers at “The O” from **June through September**. Your support brought energy, joy, and incredible talent to our community - it is truly appreciated!

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Photo credit to Bill MacDonald

We're also thrilled to share that the Nicholson Foundation has already committed to supporting live music again **next year**.

THANK YOU for your continued dedication to the arts and our local performers!

IMPORTANT NEWS -SEPTEMBER WATER BILLS



Canada Post Strike & September Water Bills

The current Strike has impacted the ability to mail Water Bills.

The water Bills are currently printed and available.

Below are options on how to access your water bill to prevent late payments and interest charges. Bills are issued Sept 29th and are due by October 31st

Please be reminded, it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure payment of water bills and property taxes is received by the deadline.

Here are some options for residents, during the strike ;

Request a water invoice or tax statement at the Town office (Monday to Friday) 10am to 3 pm

Call and/or request via email to obtain water bills or property tax balances.

To reach our accounting office for assistance call 902-532-2043 Ext 101 or 102

Payment methods include:

Cash or cheque at the Town office (Monday to Friday) 10am to 3 pm.

Drop box at front of Town office for cheque payments

Payments can be made at your bank.

Online banking/Telephone banking

Other options on our website include availability of credit card payment . Visit our Home page and scroll down ,on the right hand side near the bottom there is a series of coloured squares one reads Pay by Credit Card. Select and follow instructions. Or follow link below.

<https://ipn.paymentus.com/otp/stde/tary>

CHIEF'S CORNER

Recently we have had some break-ins in town. This is not to make people worry but more to bring awareness to the community. We are encouraging all business owners and residents to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police. We also ask you to ensure all doors and windows are secure and locked when leaving your home or business. Working together we can keep our community safe.

Home & Business

Locks:

Securing all doors is the first logical step in protecting your home and/or business against burglary. Therefore, the installation of auxiliary locks is a necessary requirement.

It must be understood that no lock, no matter how good, can make a house, store or office burglar-proof. Good locks, however, can be an effective deterrent against break-ins. The more difficult the lock, the less likely a culprit is to attempt or to succeed in breaking into a premises.

Deadbolts:

Deadbolt locks get their name from the fact that they only move with a key or thumb turn. They cannot be slipped with a card or shim tool because no springs are attached. You must use a key to lock deadbolts from the outside.

The following points should be considered when selecting a deadbolt:

The bolt should be no less than one (1) inch long when fully extended, and should retain part of the bolt within the mechanism itself. This ensures some degree of strength where the bolt and mechanism meet.

The outside collar surrounding the cylinder should be of substantial construction - not a thin metal that can be easily crushed or ripped open. A slip ring is a feature of some deadbolts that allows the collar to rotate freely and prevents the cylinder from being twisted off with the force of vice grips or a pipe wrench.

It is important that a suitable strike plate be attached to the frame to ensure a strong anchor point for the bolt.

A deadbolt lock is available with a double cylinder and requires a key to lock it from both the inside and outside. This is a useful feature where the inside thumb turn can be reached from a broken or forced window near the lock. A wrap-around door guard is a feature that protects the lock and reinforces the door around the lock. It is available from any locksmith.

Interlocking Bolt Rim Locks:

Auxiliary locks, such as interlocking bolt rim locks, are commonly referred to as "jimmy-proof" locks. Instead of the normal horizontal bolt, there are two vertically moving deadbolts that lock into a frame-mounted striker so that the lock and striker are firmly interlocked. If it is not necessary to unlock the door from the outside (i.e. the back door of a retail outlet), then the lock can be installed with an inside cylinder only.

Because the striker is mounted on a minimum amount of wood, these locks are ideally suited to wooden frames or in places where there are side lights.

Exposed Hinges:

If your door opens outward, you must ensure that your exposed hinges are secured. If exposed hinge pins can be removed, then an intruder can gain entry by swinging the door on the lock after prying open the single hinge.

Ensure that your door is equipped with non-removable hinge pins.

Drill a matching hole in each hinge leaf or remove a matching screw from each. In one hole, insert a screw that is 1/2" longer than the hole is



Thank you to our generous community:

The twinning committee would like to express its gratitude to everyone who contributed to the fund for the students' trip to Royan, France. Young people's involvement gives the visit a valuable perspective. Please see below some heartfelt thanks from each of the students.

Dear Community of Annapolis Royal,

Thank you for your support. Thank you so much for your support for our educational trip to Royan, France. Because of your kindness, we students will now be able to step out of the classroom and will get to experience the different cultures and environment of Royan.

While in Royan, we students will be able to immerse ourselves in the French language, connect with local communities and our host families, and experience daily life in a part of France that we would never be able to get to without you. From visiting the bustling markets and historic architecture to participating in cultural activities and practice speaking French. This trip will provide an extraordinary, in person and real learning experience to us.

Your donation helped make this possible. You've made it so that we are now able to experience something completely new out of Canada and something that we will remember for the rest of our lives, and for that, we are deeply grateful. We sincerely appreciate your kindness in making our trip to France possible. Thank you so much for your support!

With thanks, Dorian Power-Grimm and Sam Merritt

A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



October 1

Sweet Summer Pow Wow,
King's Theatre

October 3

Michael Kaeshammer,
King's Theatre

October 3, 10, 17 & 24

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

October 5

The Roses,
King's Theatre

October 6, 20 & 27

Monday Morning Storytime,
Annapolis Royal Library

October 11

BC and Burning Love,
Annapolis Royal Legion

October 11 - 26

A Symphony of Fall Colour,
Historic Gardens

The Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library are...

LOOKING FOR USED BOOKS!

for our 2025

GIANT USED BOOK SALE

in support of the Annapolis Royal library branch.

BOOK SALE INFO:

Gym Entrance, Community HUB
578 St. George St., Annapolis Royal
Saturday, Nov 15, 9am-3pm
Sunday, Nov 16, 9am-1pm

BOOK DROP OFF INFO:

Gym Entrance, Community HUB
578 St. George St., Annapolis Royal
Tuesday, October 14, 12pm - 3pm
Tuesday, October 21, 12pm - 3pm
Tuesday, October 28, 12pm-3pm
Saturday, November 1, 9am-12pm

Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digests (condensed books), or dirty/mouldy/damaged books.

Please email if these times/days do not work for you.
friendsoftheARlibrary@gmail.com

October 11 & 17
Puppet Picnic: A Gathering of Tales,
King's Theatre

October 14, 21, 28 & Nov 1

Used Books - Book drop off
Annapolis Royal Library

October 18

Book Launch / Bodies in Summer,
ARTSPLACE
North American Conker
Championship,
Historic Gardens

October 18 & 19

Alice Through the Looking Glass,
King's Theatre

October 20 - 24

Fall Clean-up
(have items curbside on
Sunday, October 19, 2025
to ensure collection)

October 25

Rocky Horror Picture Show,
King's Theatre

October 25 - 31

Garden Skelebration,
Historic Gardens

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Council
October 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
October 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Environment Advisory Committee
October 8, 2025 3:00 pm

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

Council
November 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board of Police
Commissioners (Quarterly)
December 10

Legion events: see Facebook for
details on their events.

All King's Theatre events & films:
www.kingstheatre.ca

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events: ar-cac.ca

All Community Hub events:
<https://annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>.

Historic Gardens events:
www.historicgardens.com

For up-to-date events, visit the online
Community Calendar at
annapolisroyal.com

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

FALL 2025 SESSION

TUESDAYS AT 4:30PM TO 6PM

SEPTEMBER 2,9,16,23,30, OCTOBER 7,14,21.

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PARISH HALL
340 SAINT GEORGE STREET, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

ALL 8 WEEKS FOR \$35,
ALL DANCES CALLED AND NO PARTNER REQUIRED,
JUST WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
AECDS1764@GMAIL.COM



Our AECDS Harvest Ball
is scheduled for Sat. Oct 25!

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:

Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department are seeking volunteers

Contact : [Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department \(arvfd.com\)](mailto:arvfd.com)

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

WE NEED YOU!

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Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Valley Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is:

- Friday, October 10, 2025
- Friday, October 24, 2025

**Fall Clean-up
October 20 –24**

Have items curbside on Sunday, October 19, 2025 to ensure collection.



THANK YOU FIREFIGHTERS



The Mayor NOVA SCOTIA

Water Conservation Advisory – Annapolis Royal

Due to ongoing dry weather, we're asking residents to **voluntarily conserve water.**

Please reduce non-essential water use like:

- Lawn watering
- Car washing
- Cleaning outdoor surfaces

Mayor Boyer reminds us: *"Even small reductions can make a big difference."*

No official conservation order is in place — but water reserves are being closely monitored.

Let's work together to protect our water supply. □

**Thank you,
Town of Annapolis Royal**

TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED



Photo Credit: Dillon Tonkin

A big thank you to our wonderful Wandering Interpreters!

Dressed in period costume, they roamed the Town of Annapolis, engaging with visitors, answering questions, and making every visit unique and memorable. Their 14-week run has come to an end during September 21 to 27, 2025..



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

Infrastructure for the Lawrencetown Community Development Co-Operative (LCDC) LCDC expansion to Annapolis Royal is nearing completion, we will soon be working on connecting the town infrastructure to the network and upon and testing we will be rolling out services to residents within line of sight to the clock at town hall or the new tower, stay tuned for further updates!!

If you are interested and would like a site visit, please email your name and civic address to:
kdunning@annapolisroyal.com



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



TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

These items along with gas, solvents, CFL bulbs, insecticides, solvents, and pool chemicals are FREE to bring into our transfer stations. They are not accepted curbside or at Clean-up!



PROPANE TANKS



PAINT



MOTOR OIL



ELECTRONICS



Cardboard

Cardboard is banned from landfill. It can be flattened and bundled in 3ftx2ftx1ft and up to two bundles can be put out with your regular collection. It will not be collected at Clean-up.

RECYCLING RIGHT IS IN YOUR HANDS

BLUE BAG #1
CONTAINERS



NOT ACCEPTED IN BLUE BAG #1

- ❌ Paper products
- ❌ Chip bags
- ❌ Batteries
- ❌ Frozen food bags

BLUE BAG #2
PAPER



NOT ACCEPTED IN BLUE BAG #2

- ❌ Used tissue
- ❌ Paper towel
- ❌ Milk cartons
- ❌ Other recyclables

**MAKE SURE RECYCLING IS CLEAN AND DRY
KEEP PAPER AND CONTAINERS IN SEPARATE BAGS**

COOLING DEVICES

Cooling Devices such as fridges, freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers, and heat pumps all contain chlorofluorocarbon (CFC). There is a small fee charged to have this removed in order to make them safe.



Stop zombie batteries in their tracks

- 1 **Never put batteries in regular garbage or recycling bins** ❌
- 2 **Only recycle batteries using a proper battery recycling service** ✅
- 3 **Batteries can be taken to participating locations for FREE! Cover lithium battery terminals with tape and place in a zip-sealing bag** ✅
- 4 **Use a non-metal container to store bagged or taped batteries - reuse an old yogurt container, milk jug or plastic storage bin** ✅
- 5 **Still unsure what to do? Visit www.call2recycle.ca** ✅



TAKE CHARGE

#takecharge

Batteries can be brought into our sites for FREE! Staples and Home Depot in New Minas also have collection boxes. Check www.call2recycle.ca for other locations.

TIRE DISPOSAL



Nova Scotians can return up to four regulated used tires for recycling to any tire retailer in the province, during their regular business hours - free of charge!

USED SHARPS MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A SAFE SHARPS CONTAINER

Do NOT:

- ❌ Place needles, syringes, or lancets in plastic bottles or jugs.
- ❌ Dispose of them in garbage or recycling bags.
- ❌ Flush them down the toilet.
- ❌ Burn them.

Safe Sharps Program:

- ❌ Excludes used sharps from commercial entities (e.g., medical, dental).
- ❌ Contact professional associations for proper disposal.

Disposal Steps:

1. Obtain a FREE Safe Sharps container from a local pharmacy.
2. Place used syringes, needles, and lancets in the container.
3. Seal the lid when full and return it to the pharmacy.

For more information visit pans.ns.ca/find



@valleywaste

www.vwrm.com
info.vwrm.com 902-679-1325



@The Last Resort ReUse Centre



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!

Intimate Partner Violence

Support is available across Nova Scotia for anyone experiencing or at risk of intimate partner violence and can be accessed 24/7 by calling the 211 Men's, Women's, or All-genders Helplines. You do not need to be experiencing a crisis to call, and someone is always available to listen or help refer you to the services and supports you need. Calls are always anonymous.

If it is an emergency, call 911 right away.

Resources and Supports

If you, a member of your team, or someone you know is struggling, here's where to get help for domestic violence resources and supports:

- [Domestic Violence Resource Centre](https://ns.211.ca/)
- <https://ns.211.ca/> for a list of services and supports in your community.
- If you need to stay at a shelter or would like to talk to a counsellor about your situation, you can call or text the THANS provincial toll-free line at 1-855-225- 0220.
- Canada's [Suicide Crisis Helpline](https://www.suicidehelpline.ca/): Call or text 988.
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868. Text 686868. Live chat counselling on [the website](https://www.kidshelpline.ca/).

Look For Local, and be Nova Scotia Loyal

Nova Scotia Loyal is a call-to-action for Nova Scotians to do what we do best: support each other.

It's about showing our pride in Nova Scotia by supporting the small businesses, home-grown entrepreneurs, and local communities that make our province home.

Let's turn that pride into loyalty.

The next time you shop, look for local, and be Nova Scotia Loyal.

To learn more visit nsloyal.ca and follow our social media channels.

Annapolis Community Pool SUMMER REPORT 2025



Our Activities & Programs in 2025:

Free Lane Swimming, Free Aquafit, Free Public Swims, Free Group Swim Lessons, Private Lessons, Private Rentals, YMCA Daycamp & Annapolis Royal Pride, Partnerships, School Field Trips, Special Events, Fundraisers, Lifeguard Training Courses + Course Financial Support



Usage
7874 visits

Hours Open
478 hours (11 wks)

Employees
8 youth staff

A truly great summer! Highlights include:



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

annapolispool.org annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com
 Follow us on Facebook & Instagram - @annapolispool

The Annapolis Community Pool is the main project of the **FRIENDS OF THE ANNAPOLIS POOL SOCIETY**, a 100% volunteer-run, non-profit, official charitable organization in Annapolis Royal, NS. We rely on fundraisers, grants & your donations to make our pool come alive each summer. Donations always welcome. (Charitable receipts provided.) Thank you, everyone.

News from Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society

Thank you everyone for joining us this summer as we reopened the pool after our closure last year. We were delighted to be part of your summer once again. This summer we offered free lane swimming, free aquafit, free group swim lessons for children, private lessons, special events, and school field trips!

We are most proud to boast that we had 85% of our programming available for free due to donations, grant writing and fundraising projects we took on through the off-season. We hired 8 youth staff and had 7900 visits to our facility over 11 weeks. We also gave 193 swim lesson packages to our community! That is a lot of lifesaving swim education for our children.

As a volunteer organization we appreciate all of our supporters. Feel free to email anytime annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com if you have comments, questions, or want to be involved.



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.



Press Release

Town of Annapolis Royal to restore historic salt marsh along the waterfront to address local climate risks

Climate adaptation projects to combine nature-based defences and data-driven planning for stronger, safer community.

Annapolis Royal, NS - September 29, 2025— The Town of Annapolis Royal is proud to announce that it has been selected as a 2025 recipient of funding through Intact Financial Corporation's Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants Program. Annapolis Royal received a grant of \$200,000 to implement a flood resilience project tailored to address flooding risks from sea level rise and storm surge.

As the frequency and severity of extreme weather continues to increase and drives more frequent and severe flood events in Nova Scotia, Annapolis Royal is acting early to protect homes, ecosystems, and infrastructure.

The project will focus on restoring a historic salt marsh along the waterfront which will improve biodiversity, protect the seawall from erosion, and enhance the area's aesthetic appeal, creating a resilient and attractive waterfront for both residents and visitors. The community will be planting native salt-tolerant species and facilitating natural recolonization. The municipality aims to plant 30,000 plugs, consisting of 5-6 species with a survival rate of 75% by September 2027. Community members will be engaged through volunteer work and outreach activities, and fish presence will be monitored as a key ecological indicator.

The project is expected to begin implementation in November 2025 with shoreline cleanup scheduled in Spring 2026, with results tracked through completion milestones.

This initiative is among 19 community-led projects across Canada selected by Intact as part its [expanded \\$3.1 million commitment](#) to climate adaptation [through its Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants program](#). This program is rooted in the belief that municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, and that providing them with tools tailored to their local needs is essential to building lasting community resilience. The 2025 cohort of grant recipients was selected from over 170 applicants and reflects a diverse mix of municipalities, registered charities, and Indigenous communities across the country.

"We are deeply grateful to Intact Financial Corporation for their generous support through the \$200,000 Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant. This funding marks a pivotal step forward in restoring our historic salt marsh and safeguarding the waterfront from storm surges. By leveraging nature-based solutions, we are not only protecting our iconic downtown and seawall but also enhancing biodiversity and water quality. The grant empowers our community to build resilience, preserve our heritage, and invest in a sustainable future for Annapolis Royal," said Mayor Amery Boyer, Town of Annapolis Royal.

"Annapolis Royal is demonstrating how rural and small-town leadership can drive significant change in climate resilience, grounded in science, collaboration, and stewardship. Local governments are adapting in smart and scalable ways, investing not just in flood prevention but in stronger, more connected communities. We are proud to support their vision through our Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants Program," said Andrea Balfour, Deputy Senior Vice President, Atlantic Canada, Intact Insurance.

Intact has been dedicated to supporting climate adaptation for over a decade, investing more than \$30 million since 2010 in over 100 projects. The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants program was launched



in 2021 to support municipalities, which own 60 per cent of Canada's infrastructure and serve as frontline responders when disasters strike. Under the program's first round of funding, Intact invested \$1 million to fund 10 communities nationwide. In 2024, the organization announced plans to double its commitment from \$1 to \$2 million for the 2024-2025 program. With the overwhelming demand and urgent need, Intact recently announced that it has increased its program funding to \$3.1 million over the next two years to support 19 communities throughout Canada.

To learn more about the program, visit: intactfc.com

How Intact is Supporting Canadians to Prepare for a Changing Climate:

- Intact recently launched a national, long-term prevention program called [Keep It Intact](#). The program provides an array of tools, solutions, and practical advice to empower Canadians in protecting their properties. With many easily implemented and proven tips, homeowners can take proactive steps to help prevent or reduce damage from extreme weather.

Key Facts

- Summer of 2024 was the most destructive season in Canadian history for insured losses due to severe weather, totaling \$7.1 billion. With 228,000 claims filed, this represents a 406% increase in claims due to severe weather events compared with the 20-year average.
- Municipalities own and operate 60% of the public infrastructure in Canada.

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About Intact Financial Corporation

Intact Financial Corporation (TSX: IFC) is the largest provider of Property and Casualty (P&C) insurance in Canada, a leading Specialty lines insurer with international expertise and a leader in Commercial lines in the UK and Ireland. The business has grown organically and through acquisitions to almost \$24 billion of total annual operating direct premiums written (DPW).

In Canada, Intact distributes insurance under the Intact Insurance brand through agencies and a wide network of brokers, including its wholly-owned subsidiary BrokerLink. Intact also distributes directly to consumers through the belairdirect brand and affinity partnerships. Additionally, Intact provides exclusive and tailored offerings to high-net-worth customers through Intact Prestige.

In the US, Intact Insurance Specialty Solutions provides a range of Specialty insurance products and services through independent agencies, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies.

Across the UK, Ireland, and Europe, Intact provides Personal, Commercial and/or Specialty insurance solutions through the RSA, 123.ie, NIG and FarmWeb brands.

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COUNCIL MOTIONS

MOTION #C2025-09-17-04

It was regularly moved and seconded by Council to accept the 2024-2025 financial statements as prepared and presented by the Auditors. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-05

It was regularly moved and seconded by Council to appoint Council Adele MacDonald to join the Joint Housing Working Group on behalf of the Town of Annapolis Royal for the term ending December 31, 2026. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-06

It was regularly moved and seconded to support Mayor Amery Boyer as the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Valley Community Representative nominee. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-07

It was regularly moved and approved that Council approve the Low-Income Tax Policy #2025-12 dated September 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-08

It was regularly moved and approved that Council approve the Tax Collection Policy #2025-15 dated September 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-09

It was regularly moved and approved that Council approve the Human Resources Procedures and Policy #2025-13 dated September 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-10

It was regularly moved and approved that Council approve the Pension Policy #2015-14 dated September 2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2025-09-17-11

It was regularly moved and approved that Council gives the applicant at 154 St. George Street heritage approval to add an accessory structure (garage) at the rear of the property as detailed in application 25-20-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**



Where History Meets Opportunity

PROPERTY TAX SALE Package 2025-08-01

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given in accordance with Sect. 142 of the Municipal Government Act of the Province of Nova Scotia that the lands and premises situated in the Town of Annapolis Royal hereunder described have been redeemed:

- 151 Richie Street, Annapolis Royal

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