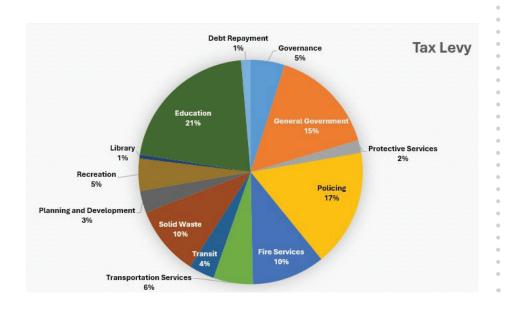
## COUNCIL APPROVES 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND 5-YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Municipal Council's approval of the 2024-2025 operating budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan means big projects, big improvements, and ambitious goals.

The county-wide base tax rate will remain at \$1.025 for residential and resource properties per \$100 of assessment, and \$1.80 per \$100 of assessment for commercial properties. Bridgetown's community rates will see an increase of 5.36 cents to 45.31 cents for residential and resource per \$100 of assessment, and an increase of 8.99 cents to 74.13 cents for commercial per \$100 of assessment.

The 5-Year Capital Investment Plan focuses on municipal infrastructure with upgrades and extensions of water and sewer services in Lequille, Bridgetown, and Bear River. These are the initial year-one capital investments, which will be followed up in years two-five with more capital infrastructure investments planned for communities in both the east and west ends.

A detailed look at the 2024-25 budget is available at AnnapolisCounty.ca (Tax and Finance/Budget information).





### Municipalities in Nova Scotia will conduct a Municipal Election on Saturday, October 19, 2024

In the County of Annapolis, this election will be conducted electronically. There will NOT be a paper ballot or in-person polling stations. Instead, electronic voting will give you options on how you can cast your vote: by house phone, by cellphone, or by computer, with access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere in North America. Electronic voting also gives you a longer window of opportunity to cast your vote, rather than just two specific days. And, electronic voting is not impacted by weather!

Please watch our website for information on our municipal election as it becomes available. There are already some resources there that you might find helpful.

AnnapolisCounty.ca/Government/ Municipal Elections

Feel free to contact the Returning Officer with any questions.

Carolyn Young, Returning Officer elections@annapoliscounty.ca

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902-532-0258 or 902-955-1185 REMO@annapoliscounty.ca | AnnapolisREMO.ca



### IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

Most emergency events in Annapolis County are caused by weather. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.





Power up your community's resilience! Introducing the all-new 2024 Community Comfort Centre / Emergency Shelter Generator Grant Program! Ensure your local facilities stay powered up during emergencies, transforming them into comforting spaces of warmth, support, and vital information.

new Generator!

Join us in bolstering community readiness.

Inquire now by contacting Annapolis REMO: remo@annapoliscounty.ca | call 902-532-0258

COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS



(3%)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS respond to calls regarding domestic animals that are a nuisance or have been found off their property. If the animal is picked up, staff will post a notice on our website (AnnapolisCounty.ca) and on Facebook as we want to get your pet home as soon as possible.

TRAP NEUTER RETURN PROGRAM (TNR) is funded by the County to help control the overpopulation of feral cats. Visit our website to see if this procedure is for you. This program is specifically designed for feral cats only and requires a commitment from a willing caretaker after the procedure to ensure a stable source of food, water, and shelter.

Dog tags are available for purchase for a one-time fee of \$25.00. By having a tag, it is easier for staff to locate the dog's owner.

FOR INQUIRIES RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, please contact (902) 532-3102 / (902) 532-8407 or bylaw@annapoliscounty.ca

If you have concerns about a property in your community, staff will investigate your concerns to determine the appropriate course of action.

FOR INQUIRIES RELATING TO DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES, please contact 902-532-0691 or bylaw@annapoliscounty.ca

FREE DERELICT VEHICLE COLLECTION PROGRAM For residents of Annapolis County [including the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton], the **Derelict Vehicle Collection Program is available** through Brown's

Auto Salvage Ltd. (902) 765-8313.



### MARKETING LEVY INTRODUCED IN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY

As of June 1, 2024, accommodations in Annapolis County are required to collect a 3% accommodations tax on all rooms sold. The tax collected by the accommodation will be remitted to the County of Annapolis. The funds are legislated to be used for marketing activities to promote Annapolis County as a tourism destination.

Accommodations in Annapolis County are required to register their business and remit monthly payments. For more

information relating to the Bylaw, please visit

AnnapolisCounty.ca/Corporate Services/ Bylaws/M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw

For registration and remittance Information, please contact:

marketinglevyinfo@annapoliscounty.ca (902) 532-5058





# WATCH PROGRAM.

To learn more, visit AnnapolisCounty.ca recreation@annapoliscounty.ca

# **Upper Clements Trails**

2958 Highway 1, Upper Clements, Nova Scotia



Thanks to provincial funding, and the efforts of the Annapolis Basin Outdoor Adventure Society, we now have a 550m accessible looped trail. There are now over 14kms of trails to explore. More trails are planned to offer active outdoor adventures in all seasons!

A destination for you!



# **Beachside Family Park**

Free Public Swimming (unsupervised) | Free boat loan-out Canteen on-site | Accessible washroom on-site Mobi-mat/Chair available



(902) 532-7320 (June-Sept.) I (902) 532-2331 (Off season)

# Welcome

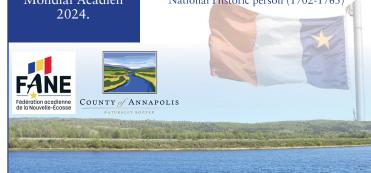
Municipality of the County of Annapolis Council and staff welcome participants and family reunions of the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024

### **Special Recognition**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 4:00 p.m. - 5:00pm Hebb's Landing Park and Boat Launch, 7464 Highway #1, Upper Granville, NS

Unveiling of the Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil (Francois and Catherine Richard) interpretive sign.

Paying tribute to Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil- recognized by Parks Canada as a National Historic person (1702-1765)



# ACCESSIBILITY AND IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY



As Annapolis County continues to create new inclusive opportunities we want to know if you are also striving to enhance access to your community, facility and/or business to improve accessibility. If so, please contact us.

We are creating a listing of best practices throughout the county to highlight new opportunities. Contact: Debra Ryan, Director of Community Development: dryan@annapoliscounty.ca

# MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 2020-2024

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### **2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR**

### **TAX BILLS**

- issued yearly (late May)
- due and payable June 30th
- interest rate on unpaid balances after June 30<sup>th</sup> 12% per annum

### **WATER BILLS**

- issued quarterly (April, July, October and January)
- due and payable 30 days from invoice date
- interest rate on unpaid balances after 30 days – 15% & 18% per annum

#### **SEWER BILLS**

- issued yearly (early April)
- due and payable May 31st
- interest rate on unpaid balances after May 31st 12% per annum



**IMPORTANT:** If you have not received a bill or your mailing address has changed, please contact our office immediately **(902-532-2331 or 902-825-2005).** 

NOTE: Addressing must reflect Canada Post requirements.

### ANNAPOLIS COUNTY PLANNING

Review of the secondary planning areas continues. This includes East End Area, Bridgetown, Upper Clements, Cornwallis Park, along with a proposed planning area for the Habitation Area.

The County Wide Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)/Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is in effect

Any questions, please contact staff at planning@annapoliscounty.ca

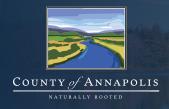
### Did You Know?

Did you know a permit is required for recreational cabins regardless of the size? While accessory buildings under 215 square feet may not require a building permit, all recreational cabins intended for residential use (commonly referred to as camps or bunkies) require approval prior to construction, even if they are under 215 square feet.

Do you have questions regarding Municipal Heritage Registration? Please contact staff at *planning@annapoliscounty.ca* for more information.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Lequille, Hillside Water System upgrades will begin in June of this year with the work completed by September. This will replace an existing small residential system.
- Bear River Water System upgrades and extension will begin in July of this year with the work to be completed late fall early winter.
- Church Street sewer extension to service the new Mountains and Meadows Long Term Care Home will begin work in June and be completed by the fall.
- County is continuing with the installation of emergency generators to ensure residents have access to safe drinking water and wastewater treatment during emergency conditions. Granville Ferry, Bridgetown and Margaretsville water systems will be upgraded with emergency back-up power. Nictaux wastewater treatment plant will be upgraded to include emergency back-up power.



### **CONTACT:**

Municipal Administration Building PO Box 100 752 St. George St. Annapolis Royal, NS BOS 1A0 info@annapoliscounty.ca

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