

#### COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS NATURALLY ROOTED

### 2017 ANNAPOLIS COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENTS GUIDE



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Proud to have partnered with MAPANNAPOLIS Mapping Our Stories / Discovering Ourselves

This Canada Day visit the County of Annapolis display booth at the Tidal Power Plant, Annapolis Royal, as hosted by MapAnnapolis. We will be featuring our Community Events Guide 2017, along with displays for Canoe Annapolis County and the floating dock projects in Bridgetown Jubilee Park and the Annapolis Causeway.

# ANNAPOLIS COUNTY APPROVES MULTI MILLION INTERNET INVESTMENT

#### The Municipality of the County of Annapolis has approved a Capital Investment Plan for internet infrastructure.

On April 28th, Municipal Council approved a Temporary Borrowing Resolution (TBR) that puts forward a formal request to the Province of Nova Scotia for approval of the County's intent to borrow \$13,000,000 to build back bone fibre optic cable in key areas within the County boundaries. The County's contribution is part of a funding formula that includes federal, provincial, and private sector contributions totaling almost \$18,000,000.

"The voice of Annapolis County residents has been very clear on this issue: internet connectivity is an essential service, and its lack is an impediment to our quality of life and capacity for progress. They asked their Councillors and their Municipality to take decisive action to solve this problem," said Annapolis County Warden Timothy Habinski. "This is our response. Our citizens can expect fibre optic Internet speeds to equal or exceed the highest internet speeds anywhere in Canada, with service to homes in the range of 1 gigabit down and 1 gigabit up," (1 gigabit is equivalent to 1000 megabits). Final financing approval of our borrowing request is under review by the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs and we will know the outcome in the near future. The \$13,000,000 dollars borrowed for backbone fibre will be paid back by a separate contract with Mainland Telecom Inc.".

View full release on our web page: AnnapolisCounty.ca.

To view some FAQ and the fibre optic map see page 4.

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## ADVENTURE QUEST – Geocache Passport III

Celebrate Canada 150 by geocaching your way through Annapolis County visiting historic locations! Don't miss your chance to get one of the limited edition Canada 150 trackable coins.

> For more information contact Nancy at (902) 665-3022 or nchisholm@annapoliscounty.ca

2017 NEWSLETTER

## RECREATION EVENTS

July 1st All Day Canada Day Celebrations

**6:30–7:30pm** Jubilee Park Floating Dock Official Opening

> July 8th 1–5pm Raven Haven Family Fun Day

July 10th 8:30am–1:30pm Heartland Tour

July 22nd & July 29th 10am Harvest Moon Trailway Grand Openings Middleton and Annapolis Royal

August 5th 4–6pm Annapolis River Causeway Park Official Opening

August 14-20th Annapolis Valley Exhibition Come visit our booth!

> August 25th & 26th Fort-to-Fort Event

# WATCH OUR WEBSITE

Nictaux Park & Playground and Lake Pleasant Park & Boat Launch Grand Opening dates to come.





#### CANADA DAY CELEBRATION JULY 1ST, ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT

#### Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Park, Bridgetown

Music and dancers Free catered food Canada Day cake and cupcakes Face painting Ecumenical Church Service Launch of Jubilee Park Floating Dock Minor Hockey canteen



# RAVEN HAVEN FAMILY FUN DAY JULY 8TH, 1–5 PM

Raven Haven Beachside Family Park Magic Show, Music, Toonie BBQ, Bounce Castle...a true family event.

Raven Haven Beachside Family Park is now OPEN! 2239 Virginia Rd. West Springhill, Sandy Bottom Lake, Nova Scotia

Playground, beach, day use, overnight camping, canteen. For more information or to make reservations please email: ravenhaven@annapoliscounty.ca or call: 902-532-7320 Visit us on Facebook!

#### HEARTLAND TOUR, JULY 10TH, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

The County of Annapolis and the Town of Annapolis Royal are proud to welcome the 2017 Heartland Tour. Come join us!

Cycle along the Annapolis River, take in the sights of beautiful Bridgetown and enjoy walking around historic Annapolis Royal.





FREE registration at www.heartlandtour.ca

FORT-TO-FORT AUG 25TH 6-8PM (GOOD CHEER PRE-PARTY) AUG 26TH 9AM-6PM

24 km - Bike, Walk or Run

Canada 150 souvenirs provided to participants Pre-registration Required Register for FREE at www.raceroster.com/13215

Shuttle will be available throughout the day

Contact Nadine Barteaux, Recreation & Special Projects Officer nbarteaux@annapoliscounty.ca; (902) 665-4010







Parks Parcs Canada Canada



Bridgetown





## NEW TNR PROGRAM

The Municipality of the County of Annapolis is providing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to help control the overpopulation of feral cats in Annapolis County. If your application has been approved, the County will pay the costs for these animals to be spayed or neutered in cooperation with the vet clinics in Annapolis County.

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.



## OUR FURRY FRIENDS -LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost your domestic pet (cat or dog), please contact an Animal Control Officer at (902) 584-3693 immediately to see if it has been seen or picked up. If not claimed within 3 business days, it may be released to a local animal rescue agency to find a new home.

Dog tags, although not mandatory, are available for purchase for a one-time fee of \$25.00.

Please remember that severe damage may be caused to pets left in a car for "just a minute" while you run an errand as the interior temperature of your vehicle changes quickly. Be kind - leave them at home.



## DANGEROUS AND **UNSIGHTLY PREMISES**

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

#### Free Derelict Vehicle Removal Continues:

For residents of Annapolis County including the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton. Vehicles must be accessible (hauler's discretion), the hauler has FREE salvage of the vehicles, and your FREE pickup is scheduled by contacting Brown's Auto Salvage Ltd. RR#2 Kingston, NS (902) 765-8313.

To receive more information on any of these programs, visit AnnapolisCounty.ca or contact the Lawrencetown Office at 902-584-2255.

## **EXPLORE** THE RIVER

If you are planning to explore the Annapolis River via paddling or boating this brochure showcases the river and the public access points including river distances between our local communities. Enjoy the new floating docks located on the river. Also included in the brochure is information to explore access points along the Bay of Fundy and the inland lakes or waterways. Enjoy paddling



fishing and boating throughout the County.

**Brochures are available at Visitor Information Centres** and at Municipal Offices in Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Lawrencetown.



**FREE CANOE/KAYAK RENTALS** at Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Park, Bridgetown in celebration of Canada 150.

> Call the Recreation Department at (902) 526-3947 for information.

### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 2016-2020



Standing (from left) -Michael J. Gunn (District 8); Warden Timothy Habinski (District 7); Gregory Heming (District 5); Burt McNeil (District 4); John Ferguson (Chief Administrative Officer); Alex Morrison (District 6); Wayne Fowler (District 3) and John A. MacDonald (District 2). Sitting (from left) -Diane LeBlanc (District 11); Wendy Sheridan (District 9) and Deputy Warden Martha Roberts (District 10). Absent: Marilyn Wilkins (District 1).

# FAQS regarding future internet service in Annapolis County.

## 1. What do the different colours on the map indicate?

a. The different colours relate to the different funding sources, and indicate fibre optic cable.

# 2. The map shows where fibre optic cable is to be built, what about other areas of the County?

a. There are further plans to use other technologies to get internet service to areas not covered by fibre optic cable. The plan involves towers and wireless signals using line of sight and non-line of sight wavelengths. In some cases, an LTE signal may be used. In very remote circumstances a satellite approach may be necessary. We are already in discussions with companies in an effort to reach areas not obtainable by fibre optic cable.

## 3. What speeds can be expected from other technologies?

a. The speeds will likely be between 15 and 50 megabits per second. You can easily stream video and large data at these speeds.

# 4. What other initiatives are happening at this time?

a. We are constructing a tower in Inglisville that will beam wireless signals to the Valley floor eastwardly. This was the result of a provincial grant of \$75,000.00.

## 5. Will there be further information provided?

a. The internet project build and its progress will be communicated on a regular basis via our website and various media outlets.

## MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

The Municipality operates offices in Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Lawrencetown.

#### **Annapolis Royal Office**

Municipal Council Chambers, CAO, Municipal Clerk, Finance Services, IT Services

**Office hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm** 752 St. George St.; PO Box 100 Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0 (902) 532-2331 (0); (902) 532-2096 (f)

#### **Bridgetown Office**

Recreation and Municipal Operations

Office hours: Phones answered and payments taken from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Office is open 1 pm – 4:30 pm by appointment) 271 Granville St.; PO Box 609 Bridgetown, NS B0S 1C0 (902) 665-4637 (o); (902) 665-5011 (f)

#### Lawrencetown Office

Bylaw Enforcement, Animal Control, Development Control, Fire and Building Inspection, Economic Development

Office hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm 396 Main St.; PO Box 9 Lawrencetown, NS BOS 1M0 (902) 584-2525 (o); (902) 584-3939 (f)



# 2017/18 FISCAL YEAR

**Tax Bills issued yearly (late May)** Due and payable June 30th Interest rate on unpaid balances after June 30th – 12% per annum

**Sewer Bills issued yearly (early April)** Due and payable May 31st Interest rate on unpaid balances after May 31st – 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

#### ADDRESSING

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

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