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Update From King's Transit

We've made a resolution to stay on schedule, but that means some time saving changes are coming to KTA. Starting March 1st, 2026, Bus Drivers will no longer sell monthly passes or tickets on Kings Transit Buses.

Fortunately, there are still lots of ways to buy tickets/passes and get onboard!

1) Exact change - money never goes out of style!
2) Digital tickets and passes are available on the HotSpot Transit App (we've been selling them there since 2019!) Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play. Links are at <https://www.kbus.ca/>

3) Ticket agents. We have over 20 fully stocked ticket agent locations from Wolfville to Weymouth. See the full list here: <https://www.kbus.ca/buy-tickets/>

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to change and grow so we can best serve our communities!

Bridgetown Christmas Dinner a Success

The Community Christmas Dinner was once again a huge success....brought about by the hard work of the volunteers and the dedicated efforts of the cooks and the servers and of course the wonderful people who joined us Christmas day for a great home cooked meal. Serving close to 120 people from all walks of life it was a delight to see everyone leave happy and content with a special gift from Santa himself.

From the special donation from the Bridgetown Marathon Bridge Club to the speed of preparing all of the vegetables in 27 minutes ...each little event was planned and carried out with love and generosity. This year was a little different though...we did face a small shortfall for beginning funds for next year...but just a whisper of that and solutions are in the making. It was a wonderful event carried on by great people and Jerry and I are delighted to be a part of the entire celebration. We will see you again next year.

Your hosts Joanne Frost and Maureen and Jerry Publow.

Join the Town of Middleton Audit Committee:

Do you have a background in finance, accounting, or business? Help strengthen financial oversight and support informed decision-making in our community. Interested? To apply, or for questions, email: ea@town.middleton.ns.ca

Rural Watch: Because No Farmer Stands Alone

Mon. Feb. 2, 8:30am- 4:30pm at Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich. Facilitated by Lauren Van Ewyk, National Farmer Mental Health Alliance and sponsored by Farm Safety Nova Scotia (<https://farmsafetyns.ca/>)

Looking for a valuable professional development opportunity that can make a real difference in your community? Or maybe you just wish you had a few more tools in your toolbox to be that trustworthy shoulder for your fellow farmers?

Rural Watch: Because No Farmer Stands Alone, designed and delivered by the National Farmer Mental Health Alliance, equips participants with practical skills and knowledge to support farmers and rural neighbours during challenging times. Through interactive case studies and hands-on strategies, you'll learn how to recognize early signs of stress, respond in a supportive way, and provide meaningful help when it's needed most.

Many farmers feel most comfortable confiding in someone who understands rural life—often a fellow farmer or a trusted industry professional. This training gives you the tools to be that “first voice” who can notice when something might be wrong and respond effectively.

This full-day session is divided into three interactive modules and is ideal for farmers, crop specialists, feed salespeople, veterinarians, and anyone and everyone working in the agricultural community who wants to enhance their professional skills while supporting their peers.

With the tools you gain in Rural Watch, you could be the person who connects someone with the resources they need or even helps prevent a crisis before it happens.

Registration at <https://farmsafetyns.ca/event/rural-watch-because-no-farmer-stands-alone/>

Established in July 2010, the Society of Farm Safety Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit organization that works with Nova Scotia farms to keep farmers, their families, and their employees safe. It is our goal to ensure farmers have access to the tools and resources they need to operate safe and productive farms.

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Sun. and Holidays 12 noon - 5 pm

January 9th to
January 22nd



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It's almost that time...Tax Season

As tax season quickly approaches, have you thought about gathering your information?

What can I claim.... bring it in we will know

Do I need my prescriptions slips....call the pharmacy and ask for a printout for the year

When will my slips be available...government slips are issued by February 28,2026

What about medical trips.... we know the mileage rates and what trips qualify

902-907-2129

WE DO THE THINGS SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO

The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Monday January 19.

Community Calendar

Fri. Jan. 16, 9am-12:00pm New Year Career Canvas Vision Board Workshop It's time to get clear on what you want this year. Join PeopleWorx to create vision boards outlining your dreams for the year. This is your chance to slow down, reflect, and intentionally design the life you're working toward. Surround yourself with positive energy, meaningful conversations, and a supportive community as you turn ideas into a visual roadmap for success! Register required at contact@peopleworx.ca or 866-609-9675 PeopleWorx, 298 Marshall St., Middleton.

Fri. Jan. 16, 10:00am Weekly Tai Chi classes at the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. Bring indoor slippers or shoes. Drop ins welcome. Good for balance, posture and relieving stress. Instructor Jamie Edwards of Empty Hand Martial Arts. \$75 for 10 week pass that does not expire. More info @ 902-448-2483 *

Fri. Jan. 16, 10-11:30am Community Coffee, every Friday @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able. Meet a neighbour, make a new friend. Everyone is welcome. \$2/person donation for the Hall.

Fri. Jan. 16, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Fri. Jan. 16, 7-9:00pm or later! Weekly Music - The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host **Theresa Porter**. Join us for some great music weekly with no cover charge! Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 5:30-7:00pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday! The Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre will be held each week at 8pm. Please check the Annapolis Royal Legion Facebook site for updated. All members and guests are welcome.

Sat. Jan. 17, 9am-1:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers Market indoors at St. Luke's Parish Hall (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, accessible from both St George St and Victoria St)!

Sat. Jan. 17, 10am-12:00pm Make & Manifest: Vision Boards Start something beautiful this January! Join Kelsey at 7Arts as she gently guides participants through the process of creating personalized 2026 vision boards. Journal prompts will be available for reflection. Corkboard and all craft materials are included; however, participants are welcome to bring prints, photos, or embellishments from home. Registration is required by email. Cost is \$20. Optional: Journal included for an additional \$10. 7 Arts, 619 Central Ave., Greenwood.

Sat. Jan. 17, 10am-3:00pm Yard Sale Fundraiser for Felker Hall, 734 Broadway Ave., Cornwallis Park.

Sat. Jan. 17, 12:30pm T & D Kitchen Jam Saturdays, 1407 Inglisville Road, Lawrencetown at the Community Hall. All are welcome! Doors open 12:30, music from 1:30-4:30. \$2 for entry. Snacks, tea /coffee are included in the price. *

Sat. Jan. 17, 1-1:45pm Monthly Death Cafe in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come to One or Come to All. *

Sat. Jan. 17, 1-3:30pm West Dalhousie Art Group Free, all ages, with Art Therapists Jaime Lee Lightle and Nika Peters, at the West Dalhousie Hall. Discover the transformative power of art while finding meaning and purpose through life's seasons. The workshop takes place over 4 Saturdays: Jan 17th, 31st, Feb 14th, 28th. To register email: nika@fireflyarttherapy.com

Sat. Jan. 17, 5:00pm Community Potluck Dinner at the Paradise Community Hall, 10300 Hwy 1, Paradise. Join us for an evening of good food and great company! Please bring your favourite dish to share and the Hall will provide tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Sat. Jan. 17, 7-9:00pm The Annapolis Royal Legion will host Belinda Atwell for a fun evening of **Music Bingo**. Prizes for 1 line, 4 corners, corner stamp, around the free, around outside and full card. Bingo cards are \$2 each and you can purchase as many as you like. Everyone is welcome to play, members and guests!

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Sun. Jan. 18, 10am-12:00pm Include Me! and Annapolis County Recreation are sponsoring a **Winter Active Try-It Event** at Middleton Rotary Park, for neurodivergent individuals of all ages and their families and caregivers. You can try out kick sleds, snowshoes and accessible sleds then warm up with hot chocolate and snacks. Register at Facebook/ Include Me Annapolis Valley. Include Me! is a registered non-profit. We are a volunteer group made up of parents and caregivers working together to provide support, community and inclusive opportunities for neurodivergent children, teens and adults and their families living in the Annapolis Valley.

Sun. Jan. 18, 11:00am Bridgetown Baptist continues to worship weekly. Join us on Sundays at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St., for a joyful time of worship. 902-665-2506. 10:30 for prayer and 11am for worship! bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Sun. Jan. 18, 11:00 am Worship Service. Celebrate God's presence with us at St. George & St. Andrew United Church, 393 St. George St. Annapolis Royal 902-532-7954. Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds. *

Sun. Jan. 18, 11am-2:00pm Farmers and Crafters Market, every Sunday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome.

BRIDGETOWN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PRESENTS



KARAOKE NIGHT

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BAR 2pm to 10.30pm
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BRIDGETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DRAW NIGHT
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Branch 33 Bridgetown Legion
Cribbage Tournament.
Saturday January 31st

Doubles
\$24 per team
\$2 High Hand, \$2 Kitty Buy In

Game play will commence at 1pm sharp in the main hall
Pre registration preferred
Walk ins welcome
Open to members & non members
Bar and Kitchen Open at 12.30pm
Contact Jim via email or text message
Jim Macneil 902-309-1136
jimmacneil1965@gmail.com



Welcome to CORAH!
Centre of Rural Aging and Health (CORAH) is a community hub and active living centre for older adults (55+):

- A place to **connect** with others, **exercise** the mind and body, and **empower** oneself!
- Social, cultural, educational, & recreation programs: weekly **fitness classes**, creative **art groups**, **presentations** and more!
- Free or low-cost programs focused on **healthy living and wellness**

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Contact: corah-avc@nsc.ca or 902-825-5215

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Find us on Facebook
 facebook.com/corahHUB

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Hatha Yoga with Cheryl
Join Cheryl Gubernt for Hatha Yoga to:

- Enhance strength, flexibility & balance
- Improve range of motion in your joints
- Reduce stress & anxiety

THURSDAYS: 10:30am – 11:30am
January 22 to March 26, 2026
10 weeks for \$70

Location: Room 121 at NSCC Middleton campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$70 for 10 weeks



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Indoor Walking: Let's Get Moving!

Walk with us! Join Middleton Recreation and CORAH for Indoor Walking to:

- Discover the benefits of walking
- Walk with others, move at your own pace
- Begin or continue an indoor walking routine

THURSDAYS: 9:00am – 10:00am
January 29 to April 30, 2026

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Gym
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



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Line Dancing for New Beginners

Join Justine Reiner on Thursdays to:

- Learn a fun form of dance
- Challenge yourself with new steps
- No experience necessary
- Laugh and have a great time!

THURSDAYS: 2:45- 3:45pm
January 22 to April 09, 2026
12 weeks for \$30

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Gym
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$30 For 12 Weeks



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Line Dancing Level 2

Join Justine Reiner on Wednesdays to:

- Improve your dancing skills
- Challenge yourself with new steps
- Laugh and have a great time!

WEDNESDAYS: 2:45 – 3:45pm
January 21 to April 08, 2026
12 weeks for \$30

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Gym
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$30 For 12 Weeks



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Men's Strength And Fitness with Sandy of 'Training for Life'

- Focus on increasing strength, stamina, energy, mobility and flexibility
- Exercises to create a feeling of well-being

FRIDAYS: 9:00am – 10:00am
January 23 to March 27, 2026
10 weeks for \$70

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Gym
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$70 for 10 weeks



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'It's Your Turn' Fitness (co-ed)

Join Sandy for classes to help you start/restart a fitness journey, or if you need modifications:

- Increase strength and stamina
- Improve mobility and fall prevention
- Have fun & feel good: modifications for those recovering from injury, illness, or surgery

TUESDAYS: 10:30am – 11:30am
January 20 to March 24, 2026
10 weeks for \$70

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$70 For 10 Weeks



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Tai Chi for Beginners – Class 1

Join Jamie Edwards for Chair Tai Chi classes:

- Learn how to use Tai Chi as daily practice
- Improve flexibility, balance and stability
- Great for those with limited mobility
- Option for comfortable seating

TUESDAYS: 9:00am – 10:00am
January 20 to March 24, 2026
10 weeks for \$70

Location: Room 121 at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$70 For 10 Weeks



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Tai Chi Level 2

Join Jamie Edwards for classes to:

- Reap the full benefits of this exercise
- Improve flexibility, balance and stability
- See how Tai Chi can help in your daily life

THURSDAYS: 12:30pm – 1:30pm
January 22 to March 26, 2026
10 weeks for \$70

Location: Room 121 at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

\$70 For 10 Weeks



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Mapping Geopolitics:

How National Interest Shapes Geography
 Join NSCC Library Staff Chelsea Heighton & Andrew Hannam to:

- Discuss the connection between colonial expansion and mapping
- Discover the "positive" and "negative" links between nationalism and geography
- Explore how war changes landscape

WEDNESDAY January 28
***10:00am – 11:00am / OR / *1:00pm – 2:00pm ***
Location: CORAH at NSCC – COGS Campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



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The Science and Magic of Music

Join musician and educator Wendy Hardman for inspiring stories, science-backed insights, and hands-on activities to show how music can boost mood, reduce stress, and spark creativity:

- An interactive, uplifting session reveals music as a tool for ease, joy, connection, wellness.
- Experience music through fun exercises!
- Share stories and adventures connected to music! Leave with tested strategies to harness the 'magic' of music for your own well-being.

WEDNESDAY February 04 *10:00am – 11:00am*
Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



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Wired Wisdom: Tech Talk Trivia!

Join Deb McBean for an afternoon of fun:

- Test your tech knowledge in a fun and supportive environment!
 - Review the basics: cell phones, tablets, and digital dilemmas
 - Join us for Tech Talk terminology trivia
- FRIDAY February 06 *1:30pm – 2:30pm***

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nsc.ca OR 902-825-5215



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Sun Jan 18 SOOF Soup Sunday Join SOOF for a free lunch of soup, bread, sweets and tea and coffee! Doors open and lunch is served starting at 12 pm. Shortly after 1pm, Guest Speaker Donna Crossland will lead a conversation about "Fires, Forestry and why we need Protected Areas more than ever". Nina Newington will also provide a short update about Camp NOW for those that are curious! If you missed the pottery before Christmas, we'll have more of Ray Mackie's "Seconds" available for Pay What You Can (proceeds to SOOF). Free lunch. All Welcome. Donations to the Hall appreciated. saveourolforests.ca/event/20260118-soupsunday/

Sun. Jan. 18, 1:00pm Winter Walk / Snowshoe Hike on the South shore Annapolis Valley Trail in Nictaux. Sponsored by Annapolis County Recreation. Meet at the Nictaux Station parking lot, 8827 Hwy 10. Snowshoes and other equipment will be available. Contact winteractive@annapoliscounty.ca or 902-532-2142 for more info and updates.

Sun. Jan. 18, 2:00pm Weekly Service at Centrelea United Baptist Church, 3495 Highway 201. Services will be led by the Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Legassie on a weekly basis. All are welcome.

Sun. Jan. 18, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. Jan. 19, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos incorporate walking in place, knee raises, kicks, side and back steps, arm movements and so much more. \$2 Donation Suggested. *

Mon. Jan. 19, 10am-12:00pm Memoir Writing Group meets every Monday morning in the music room at the Annapolis Library to share chapters of their memoirs for friendly discussion. No workshops. Everyone welcome.

Mon. Jan. 19, 10:00am The Bridgetown and Area Community Fund members will hold their **annual meeting** in the Britespan Atlantic building at 441 Granville St., #1, Bridgetown. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn about their local Community Fund.

Mon. Jan. 19, 1:30-3pm Care Givers Support Group (for people who care for loved ones with dementia) The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month, except July and August, from 1:30 – 3:00pm, at St George & St Andrew United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal, (at the lights), Office Door, side entry. Contacts: Art Jones – 902-532-0784; Lou Fletcher – 902-532-2377.

Mon. Jan. 19, 7-8:00 Book Club @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). This month we're diving into Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Join us for lively discussion, good company, and a cozy evening together. New members are always welcome—come share your thoughts (or just listen in)! Tea is served, Suggested \$2 donation.

Mon. Jan. 19, 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study, weekly, at Salvation Army Church, Bridgetown. Are you a young adult (age 18-40ish) interested in meeting other young adults in the area and studying God's word together? This is the group for you! Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Please email Carrie at bridgetownbaptistyoungadults@gmail.com with any questions. *

Mon. Jan. 19, 7:00pm Valley Lions Radio Bingo (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7-8pm. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. Info at www.vlrb.ca *

Mon. Jan. 19, 7-9:00pm Craft Club @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Now EVERY Monday night! Calling all Fibre artists. Join us at the Hall for a Stitch'n'Bi*ch. All skill levels welcome. Knit, crochet, embroider, felt, mend, sew, quilt, spin, weave, needlepoint, rug hooking... We will put the kettle on. Bring your project and \$2 Hall donation. *

Tues. Jan. 20, 10-11:00am Senior Exercise Class at the Bridgetown Legion. Certified instructor. Work to your own comfort and ability level. Please bring resistance bands and hand weights if you have them. \$4 per class. Come for fun while being active! Newcomers always welcome. *

Tues. Jan. 20, 11:00am Public Hearing to consider deregistration of a property included in the Annapolis County Heritage Property Registry known as the Vacant Lands associated with the Reuban Potter House, Clementsvale, Annapolis County, in the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. For more info contact Linda Bent, Director of Planning & Inspection Services at (902) 840-0579 or in person at the Municipal Building,

Tues. Jan. 20, 11:15-12:15pm Hatha Flow Yoga @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Build strength and flexibility with a flowing practice that links breath with movement, including standing poses and floor stretches. This new 5-week session (Jan 13th - Feb 12th) has expanded to 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)! Register in person at the first class. 1 class per week is \$50, or 2 classes per week is \$100, or drop in for \$15 per class. No experience needed – all levels welcome.

Tues. Jan. 20, 12:30-1:30pm Chair Yoga @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Perfect for those with hip, knee, or balance concerns. Gentle, supportive, and accessible. This new 5-week session (Jan 13th - Feb 12th) has expanded to 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)! Register in person at the first class. 1 class per week is \$50, or 2 classes per week is \$100, or drop in for \$15 per class. No experience needed – all levels welcome.

Tues. Jan. 20, 1-3:00pm The Annapolis East Seniors Card Group, meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

Tues. Jan. 20, 1:30-4pm Jam Session at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church, every 2nd Tuesday. Doors open at 1:00. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. Next Jam Feb. 3 *

Tues. Jan. 20, 7:15-10:15pm Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton.

Wed. Jan. 21, 9:00am Yoga at the Clarence Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, every Wednesday. Come out and do some stretching and make your body feel better while you are helping to support the community pantry. Open to everyone with instruction for every level of yoga. Bring your mat or chairs are available on site. Free will offer goes toward supporting the Annapolis Valley Folk School Community Pantry. Questions call Maureen at 902-309-0224. *

Wed. Jan. 21, 10:00am NS Walks Annapolis Royal Wednesdays at 10am. Are you interested in getting some exercise, at your pace, with friendly people, and in picturesque surroundings? Join our Walk Group! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at the Annapolis Royal Farmers' Market parking lot. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For further information, call (902) 250-0429.

Wed. Jan. 21, 10:00am NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN

Wed. Jan. 21, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Jan. 21, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. Jan. 21 and Fri. Jan. 23, 7:30-9:30pm Bridgetown Pickleball at BRCS. Entrance on north end of school (NOT the main entrance). Please bring a change of footwear. \$2 per night. Newcomers always welcome! Questions? 902-665-4353 or 902-665-4308.

KING'S THEATRE

COMING EVENTS



THE HOUSEMAID
Based on Freida McFadden's psychological bestselling thriller novel
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th @ 7:00 PM



THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS
SpongeBob faces the Flying Dutchman's ghost
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th @ 3:00 PM



MARTY SUPREME
A young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd @ 7:00 PM



MOVEMENT FOR THEATRE WORKSHOP
FREE! With Alex McLean of Zuppa
Ages 12 to Adult. Registration required
SATURDAY JAN 24th & SUNDAY JAN 25th



AVATAR: FIRE & ASH
James Cameron takes audiences back to Pandora in an immersive new adventure
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th @ 3:00 PM



HAMNET
6x Golden Globe nominee (picture, director, screenplay, actor, actress, score). TIFF winner
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st @ 7:00 PM



BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL
One of the largest and most prestigious mountain festivals in the world
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st @ 2:00 PM



THE HETEROSEXUALS
Johnnie McNamara Walker's off-broadway hit comedy show
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th @ 7:30 PM



SONG SUNG BLUE
Based on the true story of two musicians who form a Neil Diamond tribute band
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th @ 7:00 PM



TONG WANG
Thrilling Canadian pianist.
In partnership with Debut Atlantic
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th @ 3:00 PM



CHARLIE THE WONDERDOG
Charlie learns that real heroism comes from courage, kindness & believing in yourself
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th @ 2:00 PM



THE CHORAL
They were divided by war, he united them in song. Starring Ralph Fiennes
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th @ 2:00 PM

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Fri. Jan. 23, 7:00pm Karaoke Night at the Bridgetown Legion, 22 Jeffrey Street. Kitchen and bar open.

Sun. Jan. 25, 10am-3:00pm Hometown Maker's Market at Brickton Community Hall, 12062 Hwy # 1. We will have vendor tables with homemade items. Canteen will be open with refreshments. There will be activities going on throughout the day such as -a kids corner with face painting, make your own valentine's card, bracelet making and treats. Plus, Annapolis County Recreation will be set up with outdoor activities from 10-11:30am. Make your own smore's with outdoor fire pit from 11am-1pm. Admission is free but free will donation is appreciated.

Sun. Jan. 25, 1:00pm Winter Walk / Snowshoe Hike at Upper Clements Trails, 12958 Hwy 1, Upper Clements. Sponsored by Annapolis County Recreation. Snowshoes and other equipment will be available. Contact winteractive@annapoliscounty.ca or 902-532-2142 for more info and updates.

Sun. Jan. 25, 2-5:00pm Rosehip Community Herbs Free Herbal Support Pop-up at Bees Knees General Store, Lawrencetown. Come chat with a clinical herbalist and take home tinctures, teas and other medicines to support you this winter. All free or by donation. No appointment necessary.

Wed. Jan. 21, 8:00pm Al-anon Meeting, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, every Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. Jan. 22, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos incorporate walking in place, knee raises, kicks, side and back steps, arm movements and so much more. \$2 Donation Suggested. *

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Fri. Jan. 23, 9:30-11:30am Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check coffee. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley Veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for Veterans. Register by emailing theveteranslodge@gmail.com. At the 7Arts Centre 619 Central Ave, Greenwood. *



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Thur. Jan. 29, 4:30-6:00pm Lawrencetown and District Lions Club **Community Spaghetti Dinner** at COGS, 50 Elliott Rd. Spaghetti dinner with meat sauce, garlic bread, tea, coffee, juice for kids and a cookie. Gluten free option available. Take out available \$10 adults, \$8 kids under 12. Free for kids under 5.

Fri. Jan. 30, 5:30-9:00pm Pub Night at the Bridgetown Legion, 22 Jeffrey Street. Music by Delusion Road (music starts at 6:30). BVFD Draw night. Bar open 2-10:30.

Sat. Jan. 31, 1-3:00pm Fire Pit in the Parking Lot @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Bundle up in your warm jacket and join us around the fire. We will be hosting this outdoor event, complete with a fire pit, hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate), hot dogs, and s'mores. We will have supplies on hand; you provide your roasting know-how. If bringing children, please make sure to keep a good eye on them around the fire. Bring your outdoor chairs and sticks for roasting. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Donations welcome.

Thur. Feb. 5, 2:15-4:15pm Caregiver Support Group meets at the Kingston Library, 671 Main St. Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You are not alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is facilitated by trained staff members who offer a confidential, friendly atmosphere for you to discuss your experiences and receive helpful information in a supportive environment. For more information and to register, call Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390 (toll-free).

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Sat. Feb. 7, 8-10:00am Lions Big Breakfast at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. Come and join us for Breakfast. We'd love to see you. Free will offering as always.

Wed. Feb. 11, 1-3:00pm Senior's Day at the Bear River & Area Community Health Clinic, 1112 River Rd. This recurring monthly event falls on the second Wednesday of each month and is intended as a time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy light refreshments and rotating activities through the year. Free will donation at the door. *

Wed. Feb. 11, 2-4:00pm Genealogy Coffee Club Join us for an afternoon of socializing and storytelling at the O'Dell House Museum & Genealogy Centre! Explore the Annapolis Heritage Society genealogical resource library and learn about our offerings. Engage with other genealogy enthusiasts and family historians in the community. Ask your burning questions or share research roadblocks you've encountered. Tell us about your favourite family history discoveries Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you drop by and join the conversation! 136 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

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**Sat Feb 21 SOOFSTOCK Presents "Music at the Museum"** Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) is excited to invite you to our first concert of 2026: Music at the Museum! We hope you can join us for an afternoon of uplifting harmonies and joyful instrumentals featuring performances from Still River, Lorne Allan & Sue Littleton, and Permanent Resonance. Tickets are Pay What You Can (suggested \$20) at the door. Doors open at 1:30pm and music starts at 2pm.

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For the winter months beginning the first Sunday in January until Easter Sunday, the Sunday Church Service at the **United Baptist Church in Annapolis Royal** will hold services in the Church Hall. Entrance at the back of the church right off the parking lot. All are Welcome to Attend. 762 St George Street Annapolis Royal Sunday Service is at 11:15 each Sunday. Bible study commencing Wednesday January 21st at 1pm, studying the Trinity.

**Thur. Feb. 12, 7:00pm The Clarence 4-H Club** meets at the Clarence Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. New members and leaders are always welcome! For more information call Shanda at 902-824-2835.

**Sat. Feb. 14, 5:00pm Monthly Potluck** at the Round Hill Hall, second Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sun Feb 15 SOOF Soup Sunday** Join Save Our Old Forests at the Centrelea Community Hall (3495 Highway 201) for our February SOOF Soup Sunday! Doors open and lunch is served starting at 12 pm. Shortly after 1pm, Guest Speaker Sadie Beaton will facilitate a conversation about what the Treaties of Peace and Friendship mean today. You can also pick up a belated Valentine for the pottery lover in your life; Ray Mackie's "Seconds" will be available for Pay What You Can (proceeds to SOOF). Free lunch. All Welcome. Donations to the Hall appreciated. [saveourolforests.ca/event/20260215-soupsunday/](http://saveourolforests.ca/event/20260215-soupsunday/)

**Wed. Feb. 18, 6-7:30pm Achieving Good Mental Health** Join us at Upper Clements Hall for a clear, grounded conversation on mental health - what it is, why it matters, and how to strengthen it in everyday life. You'll learn practical ways to prevent unnecessary suffering and build resilience, even through winter's challenges. Presented by guest speaker Tim Wall, a therapist, educator and resource developer with over 35 years' experience in the field of post-traumatic stress. Upper Clements Hall, 2951 Hwy 1.

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Nova Scotians will soon be able to receive a 10 per cent discount to buy fresh, locally grown food directly from local farmers through Nova Scotia Loyal. The discount will apply to community-based agriculture subscriptions, also known as farm shares, where people pay for a share of the food the farm produces.

The new program is called the Nova Scotia Loyal Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Incentive Pilot Program. Participating farms will provide the 10 per cent discount to customers and be reimbursed by Nova Scotia Loyal. Farmers can now apply to be in the program, and consumers will see the discount in the 2026 CSA season.

Community supported agriculture is a direct partnership between farmers and consumers. The CSA membership or subscription requires an upfront investment from the consumer, who then receives regular shares of food from the farm over a defined period of time. This model supports the growth of local farm operations by providing predictable revenue and cash flow in the shoulder seasons.

CSA programs commonly include vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat, or mixed product shares, depending on the farm. There are currently a dozen farms in the province that offer these subscriptions.

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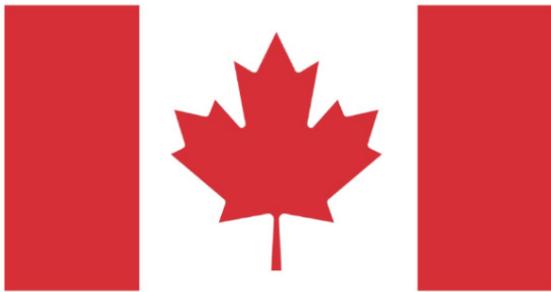
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Throughout history, artists and writers have served as reliable recorders of social, political, and cultural events. In response to recent expressions of disregard by the administration of the United States toward Canada's sovereignty and its democratically elected officials, the Lunenburg School of the Arts initiated this exhibition as a thoughtful and assertive cultural statement. The exhibition title "Elbows Up!", or en français "Les coudes élevés", invokes a familiar Canadian expression of resolve and collective strength. As former Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, wrote on January 11, 2025, "Canadians will never give up the best country in the world."

At ARTSPPLACE Gallery, the exhibition is presented in the Main Gallery from January 17 to February 14. A closing reception takes place on Saturday, February 14, from 12 to 2 pm, with an artist panel question and answer session scheduled from 1 to 2 pm. Special thanks are extended to the Hon. Wilfred P. Moore, K.C., LL.D., Volunteer Chair of the School, and its staff for their support. 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Also at ARTSPPLACE Gallery **Stillness and Light, Cheryl MacKenzie's Study of Healing and Presence**, a solo exhibition that brings together watercolor and mixed media works grounded in reflection, resilience, and quiet transformation.

Cheryl MacKenzie is originally from Halifax County, Nova Scotia, and has lived in southern Ontario. She is a Registered Counselling Therapist and currently lives in Annapolis Royal while working in Bear River. The exhibition is on view at ARTSPPLACE Mym Gallery from January 17 to February 14.

**In The Middle Of Everywhere: Victoria Manning Returns Home** Following her previous exhibition "Searching For Tranquility," Manning continues to explore themes of place, belonging, and the sustaining presence of natural environments. Drawn to accessible nature wherever she has lived, she returned to Nova Scotia in the summer of 2024 in search of a peaceful space to paint and reconnect with landscapes that have always felt like home. Her journey began near Kejimikujik National Park, where she opened a small gallery and gift shop in a tourism-centred community. Living by the river in a quiet town she affectionately describes as being in the middle of everywhere, she found a renewed sense of grounding and creative purpose.

Manning is the owner of The Verni Art Gallery, Gift Shop and Coffee House in Caledonia, Nova Scotia, where she now works from a restored bank building in the centre of town. The exhibition opens January 17 and runs to February 14, 2026.

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**Anna/Royal** - To all Music Bingo Lovers...That's right, another Music Bingo is planned for Sat, Jan 17th from 7- 9 pm at the Annapolis Legion. Your host is Belinda Atwell.

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The Annapolis Community Health Board (CHB) is a committed group of volunteers who are working together to improve the health of communities in Annapolis County. The CHB focusses on community well-being, helping to support many community-based projects and partnerships. This includes providing grants and advocating for everyone to be able live a healthy life in our community.

### For more information visit

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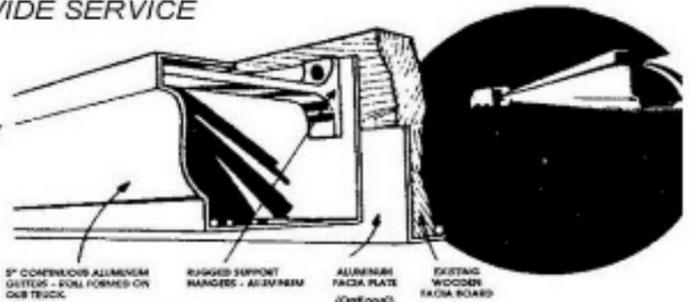


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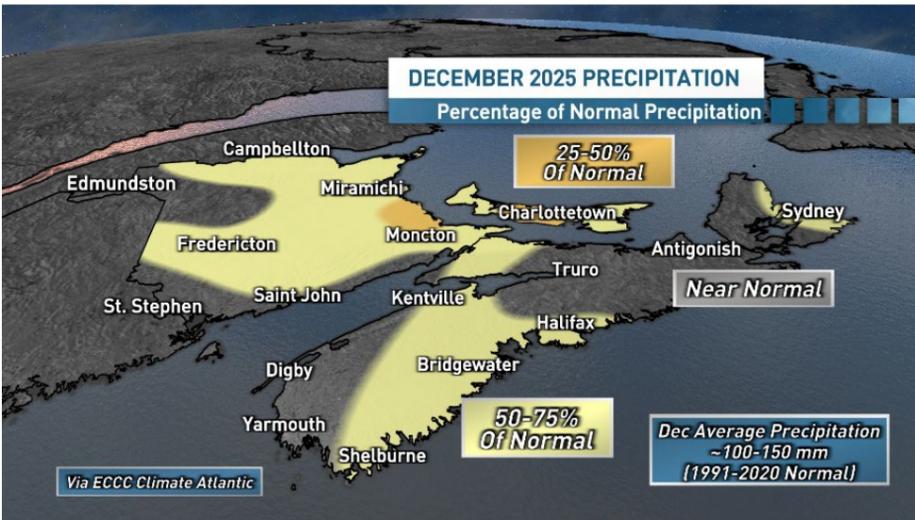
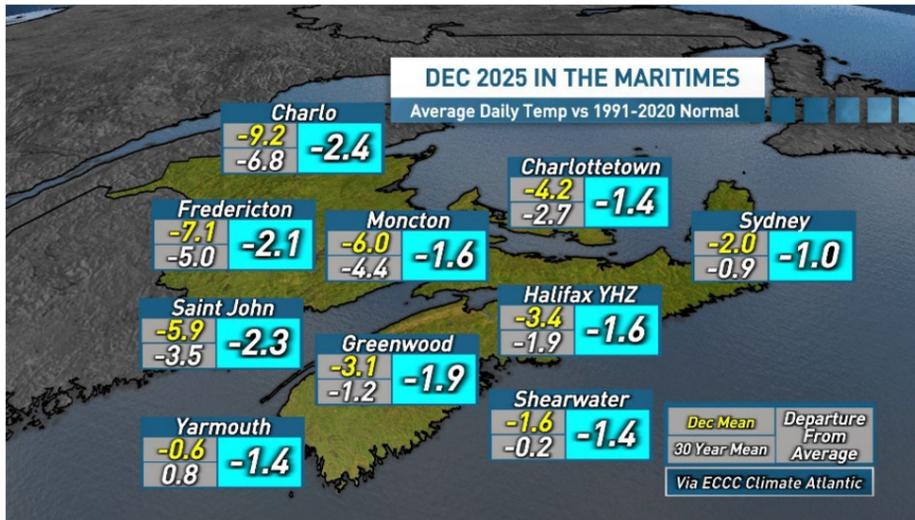
**Maritime Weather Update** December 2025 was cold, we know. According to CBC Meteorologist Ryan Snoddon, December monthly temperatures were below normal for the first time in 7-8 years for most locations in the Maritimes.

Precipitation for the month was near to below average for the region, so our drought continues.

The Canadian Drought Monitor has not released its figures for December but for November it noted that precipitation across the Atlantic Region was generally near to above normal, with most areas receiving 85 to 150% of normal precipitation in November. Exceptions included large portions of New Brunswick and a small region of southwestern Nova Scotia, which received 60 to 85% of normal precipitation. Cape Breton, Newfoundland, and the northern coastline of Labrador received over 150% of normal precipitation. Temperatures were normal across the region except for southern New Brunswick which was slightly below normal.

You can follow Ryan at <https://bsky.app/profile/ryansnoddon.bsky.social> and the Canadian Drought Monitor posts at <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/canadian-drought-monitor>

Graphics below were produced by CBC News Nova Scotia



**Two-Day Movement Theatre Workshop**

Sat. Jan. 24, 12- 5:00pm and Sun. Jan. 25, 9am- 2:00pm. Alex McLean of Zuppa Theatre leads a Free 2-Day theatre workshop specializing in Movement! Ages 12 to Adult. At King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal.

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- Exploration of 'the fixed point' – the use of stillness in modulating attention.
- 'Presence' – presenting oneself in a space, to fellow performers, and audience.
- Applying all of the above to performance situations.

This workshop is FREE, but space is limited and Registration is required. Participants will need to bring: Beverages and snacks, comfortable clothing/layers, and clean, indoor footwear. Info at [www.kingstheatre.ca](http://www.kingstheatre.ca)

Presented by King's Theatre, with support from the Canada Post Community Foundation.

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**Mindful Goal-Setting Mon. Jan. 19, 12-1:00pm** on Zoom. Are you ready to set goals that are achievable, sustainable, and kind to your mental health? Join us for Mindful Goal Setting, an interactive online workshop designed to help you build meaningful habits using a gentle, compassionate approach.

In this workshop, we will explore how to set goals that stick—without the pressure of perfectionism or the overwhelm of unattainable targets. We will focus on how small, consistent habits can lead to lasting change in our lives.

**Your Work is not your Worth: Mental Health and "Always On" culture Wed. Jan. 21, 12-1:00pm** on Zoom. Feeling drained by the constant hustle? Checking emails after hours? Or feeling like your value is tied entirely to your paycheck? You're not alone. This workshop is designed to help you understand how the pressure to always be productive is affecting your well-being in today's demanding work environment.

**Understanding and Living with Depression Thur. Jan. 29, 12-1:00pm** on Zoom. Depression can make everyday challenges feel overwhelming. This workshop explores what depression can look and feel like, and how it can affect our thoughts, emotions, and overall well-being. Participants will learn practical tools and strategies to manage difficult moments, build resilience, and support healing – whether you're living with depression or supporting someone who is.

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**Fri. Jan. 23, 7:00pm Marty Supreme** (film) Timothée Chalamet stars as a table tennis player who ping pongs between playing in tournaments and hustling for money in the seedy underworld of New York City so he can travel to more matches. His character Marty Mauser is loosely inspired by Marty Reisman, a New Yorker who was one of the world's best table tennis players, boasting 22 major titles from 1946 to 2002, including two United States Opens and a British Open. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).

**Sat. Jan. 31, 7:00pm Hamnet** (film, PG) After losing their son Hamnet to plague, Agnes and William Shakespeare grapple with grief in 16th-century England. A healer, Agnes must find strength to care for her surviving children while processing her devastating loss. From Academy Award® winning writer/director Chloé Zhao, Hamnet tells the powerful story of love and loss that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet. Starring Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Zac Wishart, and Emily Watson. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).

**Sun. Feb. 1, 2:00pm Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour** comes to Annapolis Royal!!! Banff Mountain Film Festival is one of the largest and most prestigious mountain festivals in the world. Hot on the heels of the Festival that is held every fall in beautiful Banff, Alberta, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour hits the road. With stops planned in over 600 communities and more than 40 countries across the globe, the Banff World Tour celebrates amazing achievements in outdoor storytelling and film-making worldwide. Discover the world's wildest places on screen – from towering peaks to untamed rivers, from life-changing expeditions to edge-of-your-seat action. Tickets: \$25.00 Adult, \$15.00 Youth (under 18)

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**Felker Hall Community Center Regular Weekly Activities**  
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**Sunday -**  
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**Monday -**  
**Keep Fit and Healthy Classes**  
 8:45 - 9:45am Carole 902-376-2055  
**Line Dancing Intermediate** 10:00 - 11:00am To preregister, please contact Durline at 902-532-3035 or email [dance.canada@explorerguide.ca](mailto:dance.canada@explorerguide.ca)

**Hatha Yoga**  
 11:30am - 12:45pm Sridhara 250-228-3848

**Tuesday -**  
**Library** open 1-3pm Jackie 902-340-0007. Please use the parking lot entrance during the winter months.  
**Zumba** 6:30 - 7:30pm \$7 per session Wendy 902-532-7736

**Wednesday -**  
**Keep Fit and Healthy Classes**  
 8:45-9:45am  
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**Thursday -**  
**TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8am weigh in and 8:30 meeting. Contact Stephen Peck 902-526-2885  
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**Community of Clarence Bottle Drive:** The Community of Clarence continues to ask people to donate their refundable bottles behind the Meeting House, 2659 Clarence Road or in front of the barn across from 2847 Clarence Road. All proceeds go towards continued restoration of community buildings and community activities

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## Nova Scotia Property Assessments Surpass \$200 Billion for First Time

Property owners across the province will begin receiving their 2026 Assessment Notices by mail in the coming days. Assessments are conducted annually by Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), the province's independent, municipally funded, not-for-profit assessment authority. Values reflect market conditions as of January 1, 2025, and the physical state of each property as of December 1, 2025, including any renovations or demolitions.

This year's Assessment Roll reaches \$206.3 billion - a growth of 8% over last year.

"The 2026 Roll reflects steady growth across residential and commercial markets in Nova Scotia," says Charlene MacNeil, Director of Assessment. "Smaller, affordable options such as manufactured homes remain strong, while industrial parks and vacant land lead commercial growth.

Apartments, condominiums, and other multi-unit properties - such as duplexes - are also experiencing notable growth, driven by new construction provincially."

The Capped Assessment Program (CAP) rate is 2.6%, up from 1.5% last year. Approximately 72% of residential properties - 416,847 accounts - qualify for the CAP, which limits the amount the taxable assessed value can increase year over year.

PVSC representatives and assessors are available to answer property owner questions at 1-800-380-7775 or inquiry@pvsc.ca. For more information, visit pvsc.ca.

### Background

The Nova Scotia Assessment Act requires that all real property be assessed at market value each year. The 2026 Assessment Roll reflects:

- a property's market value as of January 1, 2025, based on sales and financial data from 2024 ("base date"); and considers
- a property's physical state as of December 1, 2025, including new construction, renovations, demolitions, and impacts from natural disasters ("state date").

**Dec 15, 2025:** 2026 Assessment Roll sent to Nova Scotia's 49 municipalities.

**Jan 12, 2026:** Assessment notices for over 650,000 property accounts mailed to Nova Scotia property owners.

**Feb 12, 2026:** Assessment appeal deadline. Instructions and form are included on the back of each Assessment Notice. Signed appeal forms can be submitted via email, mail, or fax.

- When you receive your Property Assessment Notice in the mail:
- Read every section and be sure to keep your copy for your records.
- Visit pvsc.ca to access your "My Property Report" and learn more about property assessment in Nova Scotia.
- Contact PVSC if you have questions about, or disagree with, your Property Assessment Notice. We are here to help.
- Note the deadline to appeal your assessment is February 12, 2026.

### About PVSC

Created as an independent, not-for-profit corporation in 2007, PVSC provides property assessment services for Nova Scotia's municipalities and property owners annually. PVSC is governed by a Board of Directors and led by CEO, Scott Farmer. We employ approximately 135 people that live and work in communities across the province.

We operate under the provincial Nova Scotia Assessment Act and follow internationally recognized mass appraisal standards. We deliver the assessment roll to all 49 municipalities each December, and mail over 650,000 assessment notices to Nova Scotia property owners every January.

PVSC does not set tax policy, tax rates, collect taxes, or provide tax relief. Those responsibilities rest with provincial and municipal governments.

### The CAP Program

On behalf of the provincial government, and under the Nova Scotia Assessment Act, PVSC administers the Capped Assessment Program (CAP). The CAP limits the annual increase in taxable assessment for eligible residential properties to no more than the Nova Scotia Consumer Price Index (CPI). For 2026, the CAP rate is 2.6% (1.5% in 2025, 3.2% in 2024).

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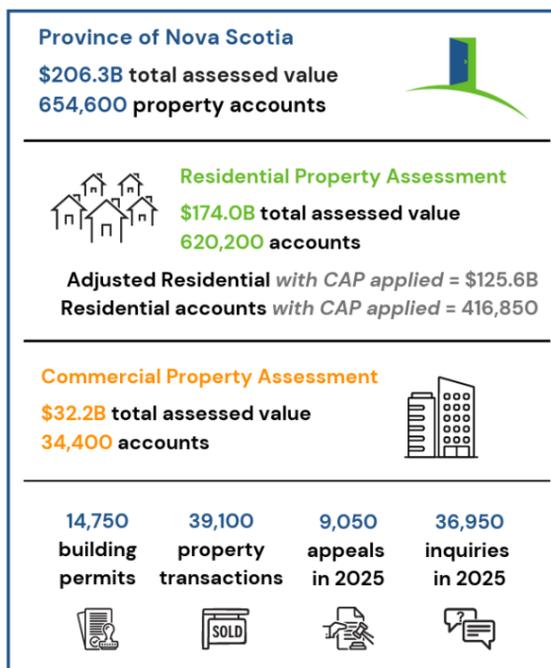
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Provincial values include market and new growth and taxable and exempt accounts.

| Year | Total Assessment Roll | Total Residential | Adjusted Total Residential with CAP Applied | Total Commercial |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2026 | 206,285,621,700       | 174,061,495,900   | 125,629,752,900                             | 32,224,125,800   |
| 2025 | 190,562,605,100       | 160,360,719,900   | 116,836,486,900                             | 30,201,885,200   |
| 2024 | 173,620,358,500       | 144,239,204,300   | 109,015,701,400                             | 29,381,154,200   |
| 2023 | 147,481,852,500       | 120,604,433,300   | 100,096,726,500                             | 26,877,419,200   |
| 2022 | 124,644,119,600       | 99,556,529,100    | 89,489,042,300                              | 25,087,590,500   |
| 2021 | 114,620,902,600       | 89,851,078,700    | 82,548,000,400                              | 24,769,823,900   |
| 2020 | 111,322,281,300       | 86,737,408,600    | 79,926,765,300                              | 24,584,872,700   |
| 2019 | 108,614,239,800       | 84,328,055,700    | 77,434,115,000                              | 24,286,184,100   |
| 2018 | 106,641,493,300       | 82,723,454,200    | 74,819,827,700                              | 23,918,039,100   |
| 2017 | 105,287,593,600       | 81,486,639,600    | 73,165,498,200                              | 23,800,954,000   |
| 2016 | 103,354,323,300       | 79,778,284,700    | 70,663,960,200                              | 23,576,038,600   |

## Province Releases First 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan

(January 8, 2026) Nova Scotia's first 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan is called a "co-ordinated road map to advance equity, improve access to services and supports, and build safer, more inclusive communities across the province". The plan is available at:

<https://www.oeaengagement.ca/41089/widgets/171093/documents/163232>

Developed under the Dismantling Racism and Hate Act, the plan is part of the government's commitment to respond to hate, address systemic inequities and foster belonging for all Nova Scotians. It draws on the voices and lived experiences of more than 600 community members who participated in surveys, virtual meetings and community-led consultations.

The plan identifies changes that will help improve the Province's programs and policies, strengthen partnerships with community and support the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people at every stage of life. What the Plan Says:

### Access to Services

#### What We Heard

- Community members face barriers to accessing health care, housing, and justice services.
- Access to culturally competent health care is limited, particularly for those without a family doctor.
- Gender-affirming care (GAC) is inconsistent, with long wait times and limited rural availability.
- Housing instability and discrimination disproportionately affect trans and gender diverse people, as well as racialized individuals.
- Trust in the justice system is low, and respondents noted negative interactions with police, courts, and corrections.
- Government forms, processes, and data collection are often not inclusive of 2SLGBTQIA+ identities

#### What We Will Do

##### Health Care and Gender-Affirming Care

- Provide operational funding for prideHealth to support province-wide continuity of care for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities across Nova Scotia – including training, patient navigation, community outreach, and other resources.
- Improve the surgical application process for GAC procedures.
- Establish province-wide virtual navigation support for GAC through prideHealth.
- Support training for health care providers on 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion and trauma informed care.
- Enhance mental health supports, including virtual care options, particularly for youth.

##### Housing

- Provide inclusive housing programs and support safe housing for members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community.
- Review continuing-term care policies to ensure safety and inclusivity for older 2SLGBTQIA+ adults and elders.

##### Justice and Public Safety

- Advance training for police, corrections, and victim services staff to reduce bias and improve safety.

##### Government Services

- Modernize forms, correspondence, and data collection to reflect inclusive language and respect pronouns

### Safety, Education, and Social Inclusion

#### What We Heard

- Schools, workplaces, and communities are not always safe or welcoming.
- Bullying and exclusion persist, particularly in rural areas.
- Inclusive curriculum, teacher training, and anti-bullying policies were repeatedly requested.
- Public visibility and government support foster trust and a sense of safety.

#### What We Will Do

- Strengthen inclusive education curriculum to reflect 2SLGBTQIA+ perspectives.
- Where building design permits, provide gender-neutral washrooms in libraries and Access centres.

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- Provide training for educators and staff on inclusion and anti-bullying practices.
- Promote Rainbow Registered accreditation in tourism, culture, and recreation sectors

### Community and Economic Participation

#### What We Heard

- Community-based organizations (CBOs) are essential.
- 2SLGBTQIA+ entrepreneurs can face barriers to financing and growth.
- Limited community spaces exist, particularly outside urban areas.

#### What We Will Do

- Continue to support CBOs.
- Create a supportive ecosystem where 2SLGBTQIA+ entrepreneurs can access resources, programs and services to start and expand their businesses.
- Partner with tourism and cultural sectors to advance inclusive economic development.
- Support 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusive community spaces for social and cultural engagement.

### Government as an Employer

#### What We Heard

- Government must be a model inclusive employer.
- Many 2SLGBTQIA+ employees feel invisible and face barriers to promotion.
- Workplace culture, unconscious bias, and lack of support reduce inclusion.

#### What We Will Do

- Formally designate 2SLGBTQIA+ as an employment equity group.
- Provide mandatory training on 2SLGBTQIA+ equity and inclusion.

### Accountability and Reporting

- **Annual Reporting:** OEA will report publicly on progress and challenges.
- **Community Engagement:** Ongoing consultations will ensure initiatives meet evolving needs.
- **Five-Year Review:** The Action Plan will undergo a formal review to assess impact, inform next steps, and guide future iterations.

Progress will be measured not only by government actions but also by the lived experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ Nova Scotians.

### Conclusion

The 2SLGBTQIA+ Government Action Plan charts a path forward to:

- Improve access to services.
- Build safe and more inclusive schools and communities.
- Strengthen economic and cultural participation.
- Make government a truly inclusive employer.

Government alone cannot dismantle the barriers faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ people. This work requires partnership with communities, allies, and organizations to ensure everyone in Nova Scotia is respected, valued, and able to thrive.

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The Tax Sale will be held March 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department, 5 St. Anthony Street, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. In the event of a cancellation due to a storm, the Tax Sale will be held on March 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

| #  | AAN      | Owner                                              | Description             | Address                                        | Minimum Bid | HST | Redeemable |
|----|----------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| 1  | 7014341  | 4333417 NOVA SCOTIA LIMITED                        | LAND                    | WATERLOO AVE, WATERLOO LAKE                    | 1,829.00    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 2  | 7023863  | ACHENBACH JOHN F                                   | LAND                    | UPPER CROSS RD, YOUNGS COVE                    | 1,564.56    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 3  | 81183    | ANDREOZZI RAYMOND G                                | LAND                    | VICTORY RD, VICTORY                            | 1,386.53    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 4  | 176869   | BAILEY LLOYD EST                                   | LAND                    | WEST DALHOUSIE RD, LEQUILLE                    | 15,033.51   | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 5  | 207764   | BANKS GORDON A                                     | LAND DWELLING           | 587 SPA SPRINGS RD, SPA SPRINGS                | 8,918.86    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 6  | 4441478  | BARKER WILLIAM ALFRED                              | DWELLINGS GARAGE        | 1302 HIGHWAY 201, LOT 1 ROUND HILL             | 6,152.52    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 7  | 9153144  | BASIN CENTRE INC.                                  | SHOPPING CENTRE         | 1043 HIGHWAY 1, LOT 227 CORNWALLIS PARK        | 134,504.58  | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 8  | 2568012  | BEALS ALAN M, DIGGINS JULIE ELAINE                 | LAND DWELLING BUILDINGS | 1808 STRONACH MOUNTAIN RD, EAST MARGARETSVILLE | 2,903.11    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 9  | 805149   | BENNETT ELENA ALCAIDE                              | LAND                    | EAST TORBROOK RD, LOT 1B TORBROOK              | 1,364.53    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 10 | 9552405  | BLYTHE ALAN JOHN                                   | LAND DINING             | 1099 HIGHWAY 1, CORNWALLIS PARK                | 5,516.96    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 11 | 11073875 | CANE MARY B C, CANE GARY M                         | LAND                    | ST CROIX COVE RD, ST CROIX COVE                | 1,465.97    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 12 | 7017804  | CHARLTON RYAN TERRY                                | DWELLING                | MARTYN CRES, LOT 7 NICTAUX                     | 2,670.12    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 13 | 1919679  | COOK TYLER ROBERT                                  | LAND DWELLING GARAGE    | 2347 VIRGINIA RD, WEST SPRINGHILL              | 4,019.45    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 14 | 965324   | COUSINS ARTHUR EST, COUSINS ELIZA EST              | LAND                    | TORBROOK RD, MEADOWVALE                        | 3,074.26    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 15 | 1346954  | CRAWLEY SCOTT                                      | LAND                    | NO 10 HWY, SPRINGFIELD                         | 1,374.43    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 16 | 397679   | DIFFORD DARREN L, DIFFORD EVA L                    | LAND DWELLING BUILDING  | 2007 GRANVILLE RD, PORT WADE                   | 3,327.18    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 17 | 636398   | ELMS WANDA E                                       | LAND DWELLING           | 59 PURDY RD, DEEP BROOK                        | 5,638.10    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 18 | 5614074  | GOODWIN CINDY                                      | LAND DWELLING           | 54 OLD TRUNK 1, DEEP BROOK                     | 7,669.88    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 19 | 4239385  | HUNT CAROLINE B                                    | LAND                    | NO 201 HWY, SOUTH WILLIAMSTON                  | 1,420.71    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 20 | 10833833 | HUYNH THI THANH THUY                               | LAND                    | RIDGE RD, LOT 6 FALKLAND RIDGE                 | 1,459.66    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 21 | 1816926  | LOWE RANDY HOWARD, LOWE MARIANNE                   | DWELLING GARAGE         | 760 HIGHWAY 10, LOT 3 SPRINGFIELD              | 3,560.79    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 22 | 986658   | MACKINNON BRANDI LEE                               | LAND DWELLING BUILDING  | 164 DODGE RD, WILMOT                           | 3,414.73    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 23 | 260843   | MARITIME FUELS LIMITED                             | LAND BULK STORAGE       | 11554 HIGHWAY 1, BRICKTON                      | 5,294.77    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 24 | 9924086  | MCLAUGHLIN NICHOLAS KEVIN, MCLAUGHLIN AMANDA JANE  | DWELLING                | 1538 STRONACH MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 3A FOREST GLADE | 7,214.02    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 25 | 7043066  | MILNER LUKE, HUDSON FRANCIS, HUDSON MARIE ET AL    | CC LEVEL 1              | 523 HARBOUR VIEW CRES, CORNWALLIS PARK         | 8,050.00    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 26 | 10833825 | OANH PHAN THI KIEU                                 | LAND                    | RIDGE RD, LOT 5 FALKLAND RIDGE                 | 1,578.96    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 27 | 82082    | POTTER TINA DAWN                                   | DWELLING                | 199 WALDECK LINE RD, LOT 2004-2 DEEP BROOK     | 5,421.04    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 28 | 7042507  | PRIME RAY A, PRIME DEBORAH A                       | DWELLING                | 302 MARTINGALE PL, LOT 188 DEEP BROOK          | 3,950.71    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 29 | 16535    | PYE RAYMOND WEBSTER, ANDREWS MELISSA DAWN          | LAND DWELLING GARAGE    | 319 HASTINGS RD, HASTINGS                      | 4,550.66    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 30 | 9563253  | SHOREY RICHARD JEFFREY                             | DWELLING                | 5115 GRANVILLE RD, LOT 1 GRANVILLE FERRY       | 11,359.87   |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 31 | 2301784  | SWANN ATO, KAULBACK KEITH GORDON                   | LAND DWELLING GARAGE    | 653 RIDGE RD, FALKLAND RIDGE                   | 2,374.53    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
| 32 | 2099349  | TENNISWOOD LORNA                                   | LAND DWELLING BUILDINGS | 1099 GRANVILLE RD, VICTORIA BEACH              | 4,360.37    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
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| 35 | 4855396  | WEIR DORIS B                                       | LAND BUILDING GARAGE    | 908 GRANVILLE RD, VICTORIA BEACH               | 3,712.59    |     | 6 MONTHS   |
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| 37 | 4856155  | WEIR RUSSELL B & BONNIE L                          | LAND                    | GRANVILLE RD, VICTORIA BEACH                   | 1,719.78    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 38 | 10990394 | WHYNOT JASON CARL MARTIN, WHYNOT CANDIS DAWN MARIE | LAND                    | RIDGE RD, LOT 1-22 FALKLAND RIDGE              | 1,592.06    | YES | 6 MONTHS   |
| 39 | 4935691  | WILES WALTER E, WILES CONSTANCE B                  | LAND DWELLING GARAGE    | 1357 FED RD, BEAR RIVER EAST                   | 1,568.53    |     | 6 MONTHS   |

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Date at Annapolis Royal in the County of Annapolis this 5th day of January 2026.

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Director of Finance / Treasurer  
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