

Oxford Newsletter

Wild Blueberry Capital of Canada
January/February 2019

TOWN OF OXFORD

MUNICIPAL (COUNCIL) SPECIAL ELECTION

February 2, 2019

A Special Election will be held in the Town of Oxford on Saturday, February 2, 2019 for the position of Municipal Councillor for the Town of Oxford.

Qualified electors may vote, on Ordinary Polling Day (February 2, 2019) between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the location listed below, or at an advance poll.

The advance polls will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 and on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm.

OFFICE

Councillor

CANDIDATES

Alfred KING
Arnold MACDONALD
Wendy SWEET-
KONTUK

POLL LOCATION (Advance and Ordinary Polls)

Oxford Fire Hall, 107 Waverly Street, Oxford, N.S.

Shelley G. Hoeg, Returning Officer

Young Oxford Heroes

We're all very proud of 11-year-old Taylor Millett and 13-year-old Jonah MacIntyre who recently rescued Susan Atkinson and her dog from an Oxford river. They were looking for business shoveling snow from driveways when they heard Susan's cries for help. Hats off to these enterprising and brave young people!

Congratulations to Maryn Smith

OREC Grade 6 student, Maryn Smith, was the 2018 National Immunization Poster winner for Nova Scotia, promoting immunization for good health. Town Council recognized her at their January meeting. Congratulations Maryn!

Leadership Changes

At the December 2018 Council Meeting, Truman Rushton and Ken Hickman were officially sworn in as the **Oxford Fire Department's** Fire Chief and Deputy Chief, respectively.

At the same meeting Councillor Rick Draper was appointed **Deputy Mayor** for a one-year term. Tom Kay had previously held this position.

To keep up to date on what's happening with Town of Oxford Council and Staff, see Town Council Meeting Agenda packages and Minutes, as well as By-laws and Policies, which are posted on the Town's website. Please note that some documents such as minutes require approval at the following Council meeting before they are posted.

Volunteer Awards: Nominate Oxford's Best

Nominations for the **2019 Oxford Representative Volunteer of the Year** are being accepted until February 20. The person you nominate must be a resident within the Town of Oxford. The volunteer chosen will be invited to attend a provincial award ceremony. Send the person's name, contact information, and highlights of their volunteer contributions to Corey Skinner at reclisure@town.oxford.ns.ca or 902 447-2798.

***The province is also accepting nominations for **Youth and Family Provincial Volunteer Awards:**
www.novascotia.ca/NonProfitSector/ProvincialVolunteerAwards/

Volunteer Organizations to Help with Tax Returns

Organizations in Oxford are encouraged to consider hosting a free tax clinic. Many people cannot do their own tax returns and some cannot afford to pay to have it done. This means they miss out on benefits and credits to which they are entitled. Canada Revenue Agency will assist organizations to provide these clinics. For more information, check out www.canada.ca/taxes-volunteer.



Wild Blueberries: So Loveable



Small Business Supper Series

The Town is partnering with the *Cumberland Business Connector* to support small businesses and budding entrepreneurs by offering FREE events. “**Social Media Marketing**”, third in the supper series, will be offered on Wednesday evening, February 20. These sessions are open to anyone in Cumberland County. For more information and to register contact Ruthie Patriquin, CEDO: 902-447-2250; Email rpatriquin@town.oxford.ns.ca.

Cookies, Coffee & Craft Corner Drop-In for Adults

February 13, 1-2:00 pm
Oxford Riverside Gallery

*This hour is yours:
Enjoy the craft project we'll have set up;
OR bring your own to work on; OR
just join us for a chat and refreshments.*

“Bringing People Together”

For more information, contact: Ruthie Patriquin

Nova Scotia Heritage Day: February 18

On February 1st, 1792, Richard Thompson purchased 1500 acres of land where the Town of Oxford now stands. Do you know where the monument that honors Mr. Thompson is located? Check out the snapshot of Oxford history on the Town's website:

<https://www.town.oxford.ns.ca/history.html>

Want to know more? The *Oxford Historical Society* may be able to help. The Society is listed in *Oxford Charities & Organizations* on the Town's website.

*****Monday, February 18 is a provincial holiday
and
The Town Hall will be Closed*****

Make a Habit of Checking Oxford's Website for Helpful Information

We've recently added a 2018 Demographic Snapshot for Oxford and area to the Town website. Learn about the people who live here including what we spend our money on. To find the document, scroll down the main page of <https://www.town.oxford.ns.ca/>.

2nd Annual Poetry At Large Festival

Oxford Celebrates Poetry Month

April 27 and 28th!! Four events are planned with over 20 presenters already lined up. Book **Saturday** for Poetry Breakfast, Downtown Poetry and an evening of Folk Music. **Sunday** is the Poetry Café. **Follow plans on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PoetryAtLargeOxford/> or contact Ruthie Patriquin for more information.

AND let us know what you're planning for Poetry Month.

Working Together to Promote Events and our Town

Have you thought about all the benefits of promoting your events? **Whether you feel you need our extra help with promotion or not**, by advertising in the paper *Community Calendar* and the Town website's *Community Events Calendar* you increase the chances that the public, tourists, etc. will know of all the great opportunities in Oxford.

This has potential to increase attendance at your events and add to the numbers joining and/or volunteering with your organization, informal group or committee.

You'll also be helping local businesses because your event promotion may mean more dollars coming into our community and that's good for us all.

Overall, by working together to promote activities, we send a positive message to fellow residents, tourists, investors, and potential residents that we are a welcoming, thriving town.

In addition, when all organizations in Oxford advertise in the Town's calendars and **make a habit of checking them in advance of scheduling events**, there is less chance of double-booking dates.

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