

THE BEAT

January 2026 Town of Middleton
Newsletter



AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO WISH EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD. A NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR FRESH STARTS, RENEWED ENERGY, AND REFLECTION ON WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER. COUNCIL AND STAFF LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK ON INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS, STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY, AND BUILD A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR OUR TOWN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT - WE'RE EXCITED FOR WHAT 2026 WILL BRING.

MAYOR GAIL SMITH

WANT TO STAY UPDATED?

If you don't already, follow us on Facebook. It's the fastest way to get updates, event info., service disruptions, and more:
www.facebook.com/townofmiddleton/



We also send information out through email - to sign up for email updates, email:
events@town.middleton.ns.ca



Notices, event info., and service disruptions can also be found on our website.
Visit: www.discovermiddleton.ca



COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOW STREAMING ON YOUTUBE

Council meetings and Committee of the Whole will no longer be live streamed on Facebook - All meetings will be streamed on YouTube. The YouTube link will be released soon - Check discovermiddleton.ca or visit facebook.com/townofmiddleton for the link.



KINGS TRANSIT PASS CHANGES

Starting March 1st, 2026, Operators will no longer sell monthly passes or tickets on Kings Transit Buses.

Fortunately, there are still lots of ways to get onboard!

- 1) Exact change - money never goes out of style!
- 2) Digital tickets and passes are available on the HotSpot Transit App.
- 3) Ticket agents. There are over 20 fully stocked ticket agent locations from Wolfville to Weymouth. See the full list here: <https://www.kbus.ca/buy-tickets/>

MIDDLETON NEWS



The Town of Middleton is proud to announce that the community has been selected as one of four sites in Nova Scotia set to receive new publicly supported housing under the province's five-year plan to build 515 new units across the province.

This project marks an important step forward in expanding access to safe, affordable housing for local residents and families. Rent will be based on income, meaning tenants won't pay more than roughly 30% of their gross income in rent.

"We're thrilled to see Middleton included in this significant provincial investment," said Mayor Gail Smith. "This new housing will help meet critical needs in our community and support a stronger, more vibrant Middleton for everyone."

The Town of Middleton is working closely with the province every step of the way and construction could begin in spring of 2026. The Town of Middleton looks forward to keeping the community informed and engaged as this important housing project moves forward.

NEW LOGO FOR TOWN OF MIDDLETON



The Town of Middleton is excited to share its new official logo, which you may have already started to notice. This refreshed logo will be used consistently across Town documents, advertising, social media, and other communications moving forward.

DEADLINE FOR WATER BILL PAYMENTS

Payments need to be made on or before **February 15th** to avoid late payment penalties. If you have inquiries about your bill, email: billingclerk@town.middleton.ns.ca

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PUBLIC WORKS



Winter Parking Ban In Effect

- 12:00am-8:00am daily | December 1, 2025-April 30, 2026
- During this period, vehicles must not be parked in a manner that blocks or interferes with snow removal or winter maintenance operations, in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Act.

Snow Removal Guidelines

- **Street plowing:** 5 hours total | **Priority streets first:** Commercial, Main, Bridge, King, School & Victoria, then side streets
- **Sidewalks (under 6 inches):** 4 hours | Plowed and sanded/salted in one pass
- **Parking lots:** Plowed after streets are complete
- **Full storm cleanup:** 24 hours after snowfall ends (this includes snow banks)
- **Heavy snowfall cleanup:** Snow removed from Commercial Street the following evening
- *Timelines are estimates and may vary due to weather, equipment, or staffing.*

Water Reservoir Project Update

The Water Reservoir Project is in the final stages of completion. The water will be switched over soon - this is weather dependent. There will be an official opening in the Spring for the new reservoir - watch for updates on our Facebook page and discovermiddleton.ca

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

All meetings take place in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 131 Commercial Street, Middleton. The public is encouraged to attend. If there is anything you would like to bring forward at the meeting, email: ea@town.middleton.ns.ca

Council:

- January 19 - 7:00pm
- February 17 - 7:00pm
- March 16 - 7:00pm

Committee of the Whole:

- February 2 - 7:00pm
- March 2 - 7:00pm
- April 7 - 7:00pm

CHECK BEFORE YOU BUILD

The Town of Middleton reminds residents that permits are required for all construction and development projects, regardless of size - including renovations, sheds, decks, signs, demolitions and changes of use. Contact the Executive Assistant before starting: 825-4841 ext. 111 or ea@town.middleton.ns.ca

EVENTS



Community Walk/Snowshoe with Southwest Nova Biosphere

- February 21 | Riverside Park | Time to be announced | Check discovermiddleton.ca for time announcement
- Join a guided bioblitz walk using the iNaturalist app to explore, photograph, and help document the diverse flora and fauna in our area.
- There will be prizes
- Rain/Snow date is February 22
- Email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt

- Jan. 28-Feb. 5 | Watch for the first clue on our Facebook page and discovermiddleton.ca | Complete the hunt and you will be entered into a prize draw

THINGS TO DO:

Senior Walking

- Beginning January 29 | Every Thursday at CORAH at NSCC gym - Middleton campus | 9:00am-10:00am | To register, email: corah-avc@nssc.ca, or call, (902) 825-5215

Zumba

- Thursdays at 6:30pm | Middleton Firehall | FREE | To register, email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Core Connections

- Thursday evenings at 7:15pm | Middleton Firehall | \$50 punch card | to register, email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Titan Training

- Tuesdays at 6:00pm | At AEEs gym | To register, email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Free Snowshoe, Ski, Ski Pole and Boot loans

- To reserve equipment, email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Free Skating

- Middleton District Arena | See their website for free skate times: middletondistrictarena.com

Open Gym/Judo

- AEEs Gym | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Every Wednesday | For AEEs students and their families only | Drop-in Questions? email: mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca | Start date to come - check discovermiddleton.ca and our Facebook page