

**Have you heard an acronym at a public meeting or seen one in a report? Sorry- we try not to use them but sometimes we slip up. Here are the most common ones that you might see or hear!**

- AMA or AMANS = Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia.
- AT = Active Transportation
- AVCC = Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce
- BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, Persons of Colour
- BIA/BID = Business Improvement Area / Business Improvement District: usually a not for profit organization that supports business development (Kentville Business Community (KBC) is an example of a BIA)
- BREA (Pronounced “BREE”) = Business Recruitment, Expansion and Attraction, usually in reference to a program or initiative
- CAO = Chief Administrative Officer: the head of staff and the only staff that reports directly to the Mayor and Council
- CEDC = Community and Economic Development Coordinator. A staff person at the Town of Kentville working on Economic Development
- CSJ = Canada Summer Jobs. A grant funding program from the Federal Government to support the hiring of seasonal/student workers annually
- KBC = Kentville Business Community: A Business Improvement organization that works to help downtown businesses in Kentville thrive
- KCFRC = Kings County Family Resource Centre
- LUB = Land Use Bylaw: a planning document which implements the policies of the Municipal Planning Strategy
- MPAL = Municipal Physical Activity Leader
- MPS = Municipal Planning Strategy. A planning document governing future development in Kentville
- NSFM = Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities: an association mostly for Mayors, Councillors and Chief Administrative Officers
- PWD = Person with a Disability
- REMO or Kings REMO = Regional Emergency Management Organization. Helps coordinate people and resources during emergencies (ex. hurricanes, snow storms, power outages)
- RFANS = Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia
- RNS = Recreation Nova Scotia
- TOK = Town of Kentville (TOB = Town of Berwick, etc)
- VCLA = Valley Community Learning Association: Adult learning facility. They have a new location on Oakdene Avenue!
- VIC = Visitor Information Centre
- VREN = Valley Regional Economic Network. REN’s exists all over the Province. The one that serves our area is called the Valley REN, or the VREN. They create and support regional economic development initiatives and strategies.