

# Village of Kingston

Village Update  
Spring 2020



**The Village Office is currently closed to the Public during the Covid-19 Provincial State of Emergency. Please contact the office by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.**

## Tax Bills

**NO increase** in the Village's residential or commercial tax rate for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Our property tax bills are issued in May (Interim) and September (Final). The combined amount covers the fiscal year from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

In order to continue with vital services, the Village encourages residents to keep up to date with their property taxes. The Village offers **monthly payment plans** through our automatic debit program. A Pre-Authorized Debit form (on website) is required as well as a void cheque or banking information. Once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, the office will also accept cash, cheque and debit payments. The Village does not accept credit cards. You may also pay through online banking, telephone banking or at your local bank.

## Kingston Steer BBQ July 2020 - CANCELLED

## Leaf/Yard Waste Bins – Elm St. – POSTPONED due to Covid-19

## Village Commission

**HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY – Become a Commissioner** – there are two openings this year. Contact the Village office for nomination requirements.

## **Village's Annual General Meeting (AGM) – To Be Determined**

The Election and AGM dates and times will be determined based on the Covid-19 restrictions.

## Village Projects

**Kingston Public Free Wi-Fi** - downtown core – Wi-Fi ID: **KINGSTON-MESH** only.

**Office Relocation** - The Village Office has moved from 671 to 655 Main St

**Library Expansion** - The Kingston library is expanding into the old office location

## Village Capital Projects Approved 2020/21 Budget Amounts

KN5 / KN12 Lift Station Panels	\$40,000
Wastewater SCADA Monitoring System	\$135,000
Main Street Wastewater Easement Renewal	\$60,000
Balser Drive Sidewalk Design	\$10,000
Main/Maple St RRFB Crosswalks	\$15,000
New Public Works Building	\$250,000
Ravenwood Dugouts Roof Replacement	\$13,000
Village Office Exterior Repairs	\$5,000
Recreation Storage Sheds	\$9,000
Tow-behind Boom Lift	\$40,000

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Commission meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at the Village Office. All meetings start at 7:00pm unless otherwise stated and are open to the public.

### Village Commissioners:

John Pierce  
Wayne Fowler  
Muriel West  
Brad Beardsley  
Mike Bishop

### Village Staff:

Clerk/Treasurer  
Mike McCleave

Administrative Assistant  
Janice Hatfield

Recreation Coordinator  
Glen Abriel

Public Works  
Danny Lundrigan  
David Feener  
Jeff Hannam



**Kings County Bylaws (Includes the VILLAGE)**  
<https://www.countyofkings.ca/government/bylaws.aspx>

**By-Law 63 – Open Burning**  
 for permitted outdoor fire regulations. Additionally, residents must check the provincial burn website for permission to burn [novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://novascotia.ca/burnsafe)

**By-Law 71A – Dogs**  
 All dogs must be registered annually  
 Tags available at Village Office  
 Reminder to pick up after your dog

**By-Law 12A Animal Control**  
 Includes cats, chickens, livestock, and other animals

**Building/Swimming Pool Permits** - Contact County of Kings at 888-337-2999

**Report Street Light Outages**  
 Residents who see any street light that may not be working properly to report them to the Village Office

**Wastewater Management**  
 The Village of Kingston maintains it's own Wastewater Treatment Plant. This infrastructure is very costly to upgrade and maintain. Residents are reminded to flush TOILET PAPER ONLY. Wipes, including all flushable-style wipes, rags etc. cause blockages which can create backups and are very inconvenient and costly to repair

**Water Testing**  
 Kingston Village Office is now a drop off location for EnviroSphere water testing. Water tests can also be taken to Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Middleton

**All Village Recreation Activities, including Summer Day Camp, are currently suspended until Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Regulations have been lifted.**

Ways to Stay Active at Home:  
 Visit the Village of Kingston's Facebook page for updates and "At Home" opportunities for you and your family to remain active while physical distancing.

Village of Kingston Parks and Trails  
 Village parks are presently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

- **Closed parks include:** Stronach Park Duck Pond & Fitness Trail, Ravenwood Park, Matthews Lane Park, Elm St. Park and Forest Brook Subdivision Park.
- Do not drive to and park at or near trails to use them. The Province says walk to exercise rather than socialize, and stay in your neighbourhood.

Harvest Moon Trail is currently OPEN – (Old Rail Bed)  
 The trail is open for localized exercise. Trail users must be 2m from others and not gather in groups of more than five persons. This is a multi-use trail.

Kingston Greenwood Isolation Support Network – Due to Covid-19  
 Email: [kg.isn.order@gmail.com](mailto:kg.isn.order@gmail.com) by 5pm on Sundays to have delivery of order by Tuesday. KG-ISN is a partnership of community volunteers; 14 Wing Greenwood, Greenwood Sobeys, Kingston Lions and a group of organizations and businesses. The service area is from Middleton to Berwick. If you'd like to volunteer or need support to access the service please call the Kingston Lions Hall at 902-765-2128.

Kingston Legion Branch #98  
 Veterans Affairs Emergency Fund - available to veterans during this pandemic. Call 1-866-522-2122. Kingston Legion 902-765-4920

Kingston Lions Club – All Summer 2020 Events are Cancelled  
 To order **911 numbers** please call and leave a message. 902-765-2128

Valley Waste Resource Management

- BIG GARBAGE / SPRING CLEANUP - **POSTPONED due to COVID 19**
- Please note – Valley Waste has **NO LEAF PICK UP**
- Contact Valley Waste at 1-877-927-8300 [www.vwrm.com](http://www.vwrm.com)

Important Resources  
[www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus](http://www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus)  
 Coronavirus Information – 1-833-784-4397  
[ns.211.ca/](http://ns.211.ca/) or Dial 211 - help that connects you to community & social services, and government programs  
 Mental Health Crisis Line – 1-888-429-8167  
 811 – non-emergency health information and services/family physician list

Important Phone Numbers

Pot Hole Hotline	<b>1-888-432-3233</b>	Kings County	<b>1-888-337-2999</b>
NS Department of Transportation	<b>1-844-696-7737</b>	RCMP Kingston	<b>902-765-3317</b>
Power Emergency/Outages	<b>1-877-428-6004</b>	Post Office	<b>902-765-2435</b>
Kings County Animal Control	<b>1-902-678-3647</b>	Food Bank	<b>902-765-0303</b>

**Kings Transit Bus Passes/Tickets/Schedules – available at the Village Office**