



Village of Kingston

Village Update Fall 2022

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

Village Commissioners:

Wayne Fowler
Mike Bishop
Muriel West
Lauren Avery
Neil Larder

Village Staff:

Clerk/Treasurer:
Mike McCleave
Administrative Assistant:
Janice Knickle
Community Development:
Emily Harris
Recreation Coordinator:
Elizabeth Wright

Public Works:

Danny Lundrigan
David Feener
Jeff Hannam

Welcome new residents! Feel free to contact the office or reach out to your 5 elected commissioners with ideas, questions or concerns: admin@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Property Tax Bills

Village property tax bills are issued in May (Interim) and September (Final).

Payment Options:

Pre-Authorized Debit Payment Plans are available with a pre-authorized debit form (available on our website or at the office), and a void cheque or banking information. **Cash, cheque and debit** are accepted at the office (no credit card payments).

Online banking, telephone banking or at your bank. Online Banking Tip – go to Add Payee, search 'KINGSTON' select KINGSTON, VILLAGE OF, NS TAXES (it may vary). Use your assessment account number (AAN) as the account number.

Mailing Address Updates: Property owners must ensure that their mailing addresses are kept up-to-date in order that they receive their tax bill. Contact PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corporation) at www.pvsc.ca or 1-800-380-7775.

Mortgage paying your taxes? Confirm with the village office that you are set up correctly. You will still receive your tax bill, please read it carefully.

Leaf / Brush Bins for Village Residents – Credit Union Centre

Westwood St. (arena north entrance) bins are available for approximately 3 weeks late Oct/Nov. Available to residents of Kingston. Plastic bags of leaves **must be emptied** in bin and bags disposed of in available can. Paper bags are acceptable.

Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

FALL CLEANUP – Week of Oct 17th – 21st - Opposite Your Regular Garbage Week and items are to be placed curbside the weekend of Oct 15th/16th. For all garbage/recycling concerns call -1-877-927-8300 or visit www.vwrm.com.

- **NO LEAF PICK UP** by VWRM but you can bring bagged leaves to their Management Centres for free **OR** mulch and leave them for a healthy lawn.
- If you need a green cart, contact Valley Waste.
- New Valley Waste calendars will be available in December flyers.
- Christmas Trees can be cut into 4ft lengths, bundled and set out as brush for regular collection, or put out for Spring Cleanup.

Village Road Maintenance – NS Dept. of Public Works (NSDPW)

The province looks after road maintenance for all NS villages, as opposed to towns who maintain their own. The NSDPW handles pothole complaints, ditch maintenance, winter road plowing, salting and sanding. Please call 1-844-696-7737 or email dpw-occ@novascotia.ca or visit novascotia.ca/tran/

Village Sidewalk Maintenance

During the winter months, please **DO NOT** place greenbin containers on the sidewalk. Crews work hard to keep sidewalks clear for you.

Covid-19 Test Kits

Available at the Kingston Library during business hours.

2022-23 Approved Capital Projects and Funding Sources

	Budget	Village	Gas Tax
Greenwood Road Sewer	100,000	-	100,000
Asset Management (GIS Survey)	10,000	10,000	-
New Laterals and Pumps	20,000	20,000	-
Main Street Sidewalk Renewal	35,000	35,000	-
East Main Street Sidewalk	1,200,000	325,000	875,000
Village Office Exterior Repairs	7,000	7,000	-
Library Parking Lot Paving	50,000	50,000	-
PW Building Lot Paving	60,000	60,000	-
Irving Parking Lot Beautification	20,000	20,000	-
Central Water	50,000	50,000	-

Project Updates

Greenwood Rd Sewer – deferred due to higher than expected bids.

GIS Survey – postponed to next year.

Irving Parking Lot – postponed to next year.

Central Water – ICIP application for \$10M, first phase of central water.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library
KINGSTON BRANCH
671 Main St
Hours

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 2:00 – 8:00
Wednesday 12:00 – 5:00
Thursday 10:00 – 8:00
Friday 12:00 – 5:00
Saturday 10:00 – 2:00
Sunday CLOSED

www.valleylibrary.ca

Phone:
902-765-3631

KINGS COUNTY

Bylaws: (Includes Kingston)

<https://www.countyofkings.ca/government/bylaws.aspx>

Open Burning/Smoke

County bylaw #63. Residents must also check the provincial burn website:

novascotia.ca/burnsafe

Dog Tags

Register annually in January at Village Office. Reminder to pick up after your dog!

Animal Control

1-902-678-3647

Building/ Pool Permits

Call County at 1-888-337-2999

Street Light Outages

Report to Village Office

Wastewater

Property Owners and Residents are reminded that all wipes, including ALL types of flushable wipes, rags, etc are NOT to be flushed into the Village sewer system. Report sewer backups to Village Office – staff will check main sewer line first.
FLUSH TOILET PAPER ONLY!

Do you have a backwater valve to prevent sewer backups?

Water Testing

Village Office is now a drop off location for EnviroSphere water testing.

Bus Tickets/Passes

Available at Village Office

Can I have Chickens?

Generally 5 but it depends on your zoning - call Kings County at 1-888-337-2999.

NS Property Tax Rebate - For Eligible Seniors

The application is available online or call 1-800-670-4357. Apply after July 1st and before Dec 31st 2022.

NS Seniors Annual Care Grant 2022-2023

Reimbursements of up to \$500 to help cover costs of household services. A \$250 emergency heating grant has been added to further assist seniors.

Applications open September 1, 2022

APPLY ONLINE: www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant or 1-800-670-4357

Recreation

Do not hesitate to email recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca or call Liz at 902-765-2800 with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

FREE Recreation Equipment Loan Program

Summer Equipment: The Village has a variety of equipment you can borrow; Nordic walking poles, pickleball equipment, washer toss, tennis racquets, basketballs and volleyballs, and we are hoping to expand our lawn game selection.

Winter Equipment: Snowshoes and cross country skis! Get out on the trails! SCOTIA XC is pleased to partner with CFB Greenwood to groom ~6-8k of trails at the Greenwood Golf Course. Parking at the clubhouse is located at the end of Thunderbird Way.

Kingston Walk Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 12:45pm. Email commdev@kingstonnovascotia.ca for more information or call Village Office.

50+ Fitness Classes: Tues, Weds & Thurs with Helen and Karen, 10am-11am at the Kingston Fire Hall starting Tuesday, Sept. 13th. \$5 drop in fee, or 10 session pass - \$40 or 20 session pass - \$80. Purchase at the Kingston Village Office.

Fit for You with Sandy: Thurs evenings 7:15pm – 8:15pm starting Sept. 15th at the Kingston Fire Hall. (Same price options as the 50+ Fitness classes). A fun and energetic traditionally inspired fitness class including cardio, strength and flexibility for all levels.

Made to Move with Karly: \$60 - Register now for the 8-week session (no drop-in), each Wednesday from 6pm – 7pm from September 21 – November 9th at the Fire Hall.

Skating: Credit Union Centre - Stay connected to Facebook for updates on adult skating times, holiday family skates, in-service skates and sensory skates. Limited skate sizes are also available to loan at the Credit Union Centre.

Halloween at Centennial Park: Pumpkin carving and a haunted trail. Stay tuned for details. Main event Friday, October 28th.

Grinch Tree Craft in November: Stay tuned for upcoming craft sessions.

Fall Village Decorating

The Village is looking for volunteer groups and businesses to decorate the downtown core for fall. Please contact the office for decorations.

Kingston Steer BBQ

Thank you to all who volunteered and attended this year's event. Volunteers/planners are needed for next year's Steer BBQ, email commdev@kingstonnovascotia.ca

J-Class Road Paving 2022

Victoria Dr. and McMaster Cres. were prioritized by the County of Kings and the NS Dept. of Public Works for resurfacing this year as part of the J-Class road paving.

911 Numbers

To order your 911 numbers call the Lions Club at 902-765-2128 (Leave a message)

Important Resources

Chris d'Entremont – MP West Nova – 778 Main St, Suite 2, Kingston - 902-242-3605

Chris Palmer – MLA Kings West – 195 Cottage St, Berwick - 902-375-2554 or 1-888-701-2554

ns.211.ca/ or Dial **211** - Community & social services, and government programs.

Mental Health Crisis Line – 1-888-429-8167

811 – non-emergency health information and services/family physician list.

Middleton Recovery Support Centre – 902-825-0207. Newly opened service to support recovering addicts.

Important Phone Numbers

Pot Hole Hotline **1-888-432-3233**

NS Transportation **1-844-696-7737**

Power Emergency/Outages **1-877-428-6004**

Kings County Animal Control **1-902-678-3647**

County of Kings **1-888-337-2999**

RCMP Kingston **902-765-3317**

Post Office **902-765-2435**

Food Bank **902-765-0303**