

Village of Kingston

Village Update Fall 2020



The Kingston Village Office is now located at 655 Main St and is open from 8am to 4pm. Please drop in or contact the office by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

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Commission meetings are held on the 2nd 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 – Term ending
Wayne Fowler
Muriel West
Brad Beardsley
Mike Bishop – Term ending

Village Staff:

Clerk/Treasurer
Mike McCleave

Administrative Assistant
Janice Knickle

Recreation Coordinator
Glen Abriel

Public Works
Danny Lundrigan
David Feener
Jeff Hannam

Property Tax Bills - **No increase** in the Village's residential or commercial tax rate for the 8th 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. Property taxes may be paid the following ways: **Online Banking, Telephone Banking, At Your Local Bank, in person at the office with Cash, Cheque or Debit.** The Village Office does not accept credit cards. The Village also offers **monthly payment plans** through our automatic debit program. A Pre-Authorized Debit form (on website or at the office) is required, as well as a void cheque or banking information. Previously the County of Kings collected taxes on behalf of the Village and charged a commission. With new technology we now collect our own.

Village Commissioner Openings - The Village has 5 Commissioners to represent the residents. They are elected at-large for three year terms, this year there are 2 openings. **HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY! To become a Village Commissioner** you have to be at least 18 years of age and have been residing in Kingston for a period of at least 6 months immediately preceding Election Day. **Nomination forms will be available Thursday, Oct. 8 and must be returned by Wed. Oct. 21st**

Commissioner Election (if necessary)

Advance Poll - Tuesday Nov. 3rd - 11am to 7pm - Kingston Village Office
Election – Saturday, Nov. 7th - 9am – 7pm at the Kingston Village Office

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 5 Kingston Fire Hall - 7pm, all welcome.

Leaf/Yard Waste Bins

Elm Street - One bin for leaves / one bin for brush. Bags **must** be emptied into proper bin. Available approximately mid - October for 4 -6 weeks. Pine needles can go in your green cart or in clear bags and would count as part of your garbage limit.

Library Expansion Project

The Kingston Library is undergoing a major expansion. Temporary location is at 510 Main St until renovations are complete.

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



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

By-Law 71A – Dogs
 All dogs must be registered annually.
 Tags available at Village Office
 Please pick up after your dog!

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

Building 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 are to report them to the Village Office

Wastewater Management
 The Village of Kingston maintains it's own Sewer Treatment Plant. This infrastructure is very costly to upgrade and maintain. Residents are reminded to flush TOILET PAPER ONLY. NO WIPES - includes all flushable-style wipes. Wipes and rags 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

Kingston Recreation Facilities:

Stronach Park – Visit Stronach Park with duck pond, picnic tables and a fitness trail. There is skating in winter, weather permitting. Please do not feed the ducks.

Harvest Moon Trail - is a multi-use trail on the old rail bed through Kingston

Beach Volleyball – Elm St Recreation Grounds

Tennis Courts /Skating Rink in Winter – Elm St Recreation Grounds

Basketball Court – Elm St Recreation Grounds

Playgrounds – Elm St, Balsler Dr, Mathews Lane, Oakwood Dr

Credit Union Centre Arena – 1490 Westwood St. 902-765-2516
www.creditunioncentre.ca . The Kingston Credit Union Centre is working on a COVID-19 opening plan. They are in consultation with arena user groups and community partners to establish a safe, comprehensive approach that incorporates the Provincial public health restrictions while providing user groups a safe facility.

Looking for Groups to build Pumpkin People Displays for Village Core

A big thank you to our new LED sign partners: Kingston Lions, Legion Branch #98 and Kingston & District Fire Department/Commission!

Kingston Legion Branch #98

Hours: Sunday – Thursday 11:00am – 6:00pm Friday & Saturday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Bingo: Sundays at 1:30pm 902-765-4920

Chase the Ace: Saturdays. Tickets available at the Legion, Pharmasave and Needs

Kingston Lions Club - 902-765-2128

Noon Luncheons - 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon. Call to arrange for delivery.

New Solar Panels – To be installed in September, very excited!

New Monthly 50/50 Raffle – <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/lionsclub>

Weekly Bingo - once Covid-19 allows it

Fall Yard Sale - October 31, if Covid-19 restrictions allow it.

911 Civic Numbers - To order please call and leave a message - 902-765-2128

Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

BIG GARBAGE DAY/FALL CLEANUP – Week of October 19th which is the **opposite** week of Kingston's regular collection. Residents are asked to place items at roadside the **weekend** of October 17th/18th . The cleanup truck will be along sometime that week, Monday-Friday, to pick up the items. The truck will only come by once so please have items out before 7:00am on October 19th. Contact VWRM at 1-877-927-8300 www.vwrm.com Calendars available at Village Office.

Important Resources

Access Nova Scotia – 1-800-670-4357

www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus Coronavirus Information – 1-833-784-4397
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

Important Phone Numbers

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

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