

# Village of Kingston



Village Update  
Fall 2021



**To those of you who are new to the Village of Kingston, welcome! To all residents, please feel free to reach out to Village office staff or to your 5 elected Village Commissioners with your ideas, questions or concerns, they are here to serve you.**

## Property Tax Bills

Due to increases in costs, the Commission approved the following:

Residential rate - from 30.9 cents to 32 cents - first tax increase in 9 years

Commercial rate – 41.3 cents - no increase in last 9 years

Sewer Rate - Residential \$340 - Vacant Lot \$150 – No increase in last 7 years

Village residents also receive tax bills in May & September from the County of Kings. This is because the Village collects its own taxes. The Village offers **monthly payment** plans through the **automatic debit** program. The Pre-Authorized Debit form (available on our website or at the office) is required, as well as a void cheque or your banking information. The office accepts 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. Your assessment account # is the same as the County's but use **two different payee names**. Ours is KINGSTON, VILLAGE OF, NS, TAXES.

## Village Commission

### **COMMISSIONERS HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY**

There were three candidates running for 2 Commissioner positions this year. Congratulations to Muriel West and Wayne Fowler for re-offering and getting re-elected. Thank you to Riley Peckford for putting your name forward and showing interest in your community. Thank you to those who took the time to vote.

## Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to this year's Volunteer of the Year – JOHN PIERCE and nominees: Kim Pollard – nominated by the Kingston Lions Club  
Harley Hazelwood – nominated by Reverend Dr. Christine Gladu and Cori Plante  
Kevin Ring – nominated by Sara Wilson, former Manager of Paragon Golf Course  
John Pierce – nominated by Muriel West

## Valley Waste Resource Management

**Fall Cleanup – Week of October 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>** Items to be placed curbside **no later** than Sun. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and **no earlier** than 1 week prior. Valley Waste has **NO LEAF PICK UP** - 1-877-927-8300 www.vwrm.com

## Village Leaf / Brush Bins

Elm St (off Westwood St) next to red barn – available late fall. Check social media for times. Available to residents of Kingston - One bin for leaves, one bin for brush. plastic bags of leaves **must be emptied** in leaf bin and bags disposed of in waste can.

**Looking for groups to build fall pumpkin displays for Village Core**



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

Village of Kingston  
655 Main Street, Box 254  
Kingston, NS B0P 1R0  
(902) 765-2800 ph  
(902) 765-0807 fax

www.kingstonnovascotia.ca  
info@kingstonnovascotia.ca

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:

Wayne Fowler  
Mike Bishop  
Muriel West  
Brad Beardsley  
Neil Larder

### Village Staff:

Clerk/Treasurer  
Mike McCleave

Administrative Assistant  
Janice Knickle

Recreation Department  
Glen Abriel  
Emily Harris

Public Works  
Danny Lundrigan  
David Feener  
Jeff Hannam



## KINGS COUNTY Bylaws (Includes Kingston)

<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 - 902-678-3647

### **Building/Swimming Pool**

**Permits** - Contact County of Kings at 1-888-337-2999

### **Report Street Light Outages**

Village streetlight outages or problems - report them to the Village Office

### **Wastewater Management**

The Village of Kingston maintains its 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

## Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee

A committee was formed in April by volunteers from the Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Village of Kingston, the Village of Greenwood, the Town of Middleton and Bridgetown area. Its goal is to work towards solving the critical physician shortage in our area (over 5,800 citizens). At the present time, the Committee receives no formal funding. Any donations received so far have come from in-kind donations by businesses, community groups and community members; financial donations have been received from a few friends of the committee members. If you or your organization would like to support the Mid Valley Region Physician & Recruitment Committee's efforts to recruit and retain physicians, please send your donation to the Committee's GoFundMe account or to the Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation in care of the Committee's name. All donations will receive a tax receipt. It will take communities working together to help solve this critical situation.

## Visitor Information Centre Building

The Commission decided to close the Visitor Information Centre. The building is currently being rented to Western Woodlot Services Cooperative. The Commission is open to ideas for the building's use going forward.

## Kingston's Recreation Opportunities

- Outdoor Music in the Park: Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park starting at 6pm. Featuring: *Lost Vegas*
- FREE Equipment Rentals: There is a variety of equipment available to sign out including Nordic Walking Poles, Pickleball Equipment, Shuffleboard Cues & Discs, and for the winter months we have Snow Shoes and we are looking to add Cross Country Skis. Call (902)765-2800 or email: [recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca](mailto:recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca) for more information.
- Chair Yoga – Tuesdays & Thursdays - 9am at the Kingston Legion. \$2/person. This is a volunteer run program that follows a DVD program for instruction.
- Kingston Older Adult Fitness – Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am – 11am. Starting time will be late September and location is yet to be determined.
- Adult Skating (Credit Union Centre) – Mondays from 10:30 – 12:00 starting Oct 4th

## Important Resources

[www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus](http://www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus)

Coronavirus Information – 1-833-784-4397

Covid Vaccination Appointments – 1-833-797-7772

[ns.211.ca/](http://ns.211.ca/) or Dial 211 - 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

511 – Road Conditions

## Important Phone Numbers

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

**Kingston Public Free Wi-Fi** - where available – Wi-Fi ID: **KINGSTON-MESH** only