



Village of Kingston



Village Update Fall 2023

Village Office

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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 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

Village Property Tax Bills

Village property tax bills are issued in May (Interim) and September (Final). The combined amount covers the fiscal year of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

Payment Options:

Pre-Authorized Monthly or Full Amount Debit Payment Plans are available. Please submit a completed pre-authorized debit form (available on our website or at the office), and a void cheque or banking information.

Office Payments - Cash, cheque or debit only (no credit card payments).

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

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

Mailing Address Updates:

Property owners must ensure their mailing address is up-to-date to receive their tax bill. Contact PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corp) at 1-800-380-7775 or pvsc.ca

J-Class Road Paving 2023

Prince St. and Mosher St. were approved by the County of Kings and the NS Dept. of Public Works for resurfacing this year as part of the J-Class road paving. (Bishop Ave and Polaris Court were earlier prioritized but not approved).

Winter Sidewalk Maintenance

During winter months, help Village Public Works' efforts in keeping the sidewalks free of snow by removing green carts from sidewalk immediately after garbage pickup.

Sewer Issues? Calling us first could save you money!

The first call should be to the Village Office - 8am to 4pm or after hours to Village staff at 902-844-0454 or 902-844-1257 who will inspect to see if the problem is in the Village's main line. *Make sure you have a backwater valve to prevent sewer backups.*

Leaf/Brush Bins for Village Residents – Credit Union Centre Arena

Bins will be located next to arena (north entrance) on Westwood St. late Oct/Nov and are available to residents of Kingston. Plastic **bags of leaves must be emptied** in bin and bags disposed of in the available can. Paper bags are acceptable.

Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

- **FALL CLEANUP for Week 1 areas (Kingston) Oct 16th – 20th** - Opposite Your Regular Garbage Week. Items should be placed curbside **on** Sunday, October 15th and will be picked up once that week.
<https://www.vwrm.com/services/spring-and-fall-clean-ups/>
- For all garbage, recycling concerns or for new green carts call -1-877-927-8300, <https://www.vwrm.com/>
- **NO LEAF PICK UP** by VWRM, but you can bring bagged leaves to their Management Centers for free OR mulch and leave them for a healthy lawn.
- New Valley Waste calendars will be available late December and available at the Kingston Village Office.
- Christmas Trees can be cut into 4ft lengths, bundled and set out as brush for regular collection.

From Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment Committee:

- Shoppers Drug Mart Greenwood now provides a range of basic medical services for those without a doctor.
- Kingston Medical Centre has said goodbye to Dr Sarah Ward, who moved early summer but welcomes new doctor, Dr Olalekan Ajayi.
- Kingston Medical Clinic now assesses the skills of doctors trained outside Canada to further assist with qualifying more doctors to practise in Nova Scotia.
- Committee secured significant grant money which is being used to entertain families of healthcare workers new to the area, showcasing our surroundings, with the hope that they will want to make this place their home once their terms of service expire.
- Dr AC Silver has joined the Middleton Medical Centre.
- A resident doctor finishing her training at Soldiers Memorial Hospital has just moved into our Village with her 4 children. Dr Ayeni and her family would appreciate a kind greeting as they acquaint themselves with our community.
- As the Committee seeks out doctors to serve this community, please make them feel welcome in our area.

Feel free to contact the office or your 5 elected commissioners with ideas or concerns.

Wayne Fowler – Chair	commissioner.fowler@kingstonnovascotia.ca
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Kingston Public Free Wi-Fi - where available – Wi-Fi ID: **KINGSTON-MESH** only



Kings County Bylaws:

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

Burn Safe

County Bylaw #63. Also check the provincial fire restrictions website:

<https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

Dog Tags

Register annually in January at the 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

Streetlight 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 a drop off location for Envirosphere water testing.

Bus Tickets/Passes

Available at Village Office

Vulnerable Persons Registry

A free and confidential service aimed at improving safety of vulnerable persons during emergencies and disasters. Visit www.KingsREMO.ca/vpr or call 902-670-1514 for more information.

To Order Blue 911 Civic Numbers - Call the Lions Club at 902-765-2128.

Provincial Property Tax Rebate - For Eligible Seniors

The application is available online or call 1-800-670-4357. Apply after July 1st and before December 31st, 2023.

Recreation/ Community Development

Contact Elizabeth Wright, Recreation Coordinator or Emily Harris, Community Development at 902-765-2800 with questions, suggestions or concerns. Or e-mail recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca or commdev@kingstonnovascotia.ca. For all updated events and times follow the Village Facebook page or visit the website.

Free Equipment Loan Program:

The Village office has a variety of equipment available to borrow for free!

Summer/Fall Equipment: Pickleball sets, washer toss, tennis racquets, basketballs, volleyballs, ladder ball, bocce ball, giant jenga, nordic walking poles, and disc golf discs. Be sure to try the new disc golf course up at Ravenwood Park (end of Balsler Dr.)!

Winter Equipment: Snowshoes and cross country skis, including new youth skis! Get out on the trails! SCOTIA XC is pleased to partner with CFB Greenwood to groom approximately 8km of trails at the Greenwood Golf Course.

Fall Fitness Opportunities:

50+ Fitness Classes: Tues, Weds & Thurs with Helen and Karen, 10am-11am at the Kingston Fire Hall starting Tuesday, Sept. 12th. \$5 drop-in fee, 10 session pass for \$40 or 20 session pass for \$80. Purchase passes at the Village Office.

Aerobics/Interval Hybrid Class: Thursday evenings from 6 - 7pm with Sandye starting September 14th at the Kingston Fire Hall. Register now for the 6-week session, \$30.

Made to Move with Karly: \$65 - Register now for the 8-week session (no drop-in) each Wed. 5pm-6pm or 6pm-7pm from September 20th – November 8th at the Fire Hall.

Walking Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am, call or e-mail Emily for more information.

Skating: Weekly adult skating begins Monday, October 2nd from 11am- 12:30pm, \$5 drop-in fee. Stay connected to Facebook for updates on holiday family skates, in-service skates and sensory skates. Limited skate sizes are also available to borrow. All skating is held at the Credit Union Centre, 1490 Westwood St.

Upcoming Events, follow us on facebook:

Outdoor Movie: Friday, September 8th starting at 8pm, Centennial Park.

Terry Fox Run: Sunday Sept. 17. Register at 12 noon for run at 1pm. Meet at GW Sampsons parking lot for the run/walk down the Harvest Moon Trail (old rail bed).

Halloween at Centennial Park: Friday, October 27th

Santa Comes To Kingston: Friday, December 1st

Santa's Drive Through Kingston: Friday December 15th

New Years Eve Fireworks: Sunday, December 31st

2023 Kingston Steer BBQ Thank You!

Thank you to the volunteer committee who volunteered and attended this year's successful event! Volunteers/planners are always welcome in various capacities, if interested in next year's Steer BBQ, email Elizabeth or Emily (contact info above).

Fall Village Decorating

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

Interested in Forming a New Kingston Historical Society Committee?

With the retirement of all previous members, the Village is asking if there is an interest in forming a new committee, please contact the Village office if you are interested.

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

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

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 Service to support recovering addicts.

Important Phone Numbers

Pothole Hotline **1-888-432-3233**

NS Dept. Public Works **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**

All Village road concerns should be directed to the NS Department of Public Works.

Call 1-844-696-7737 or email DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca

FYI - Village Office is a year-round drop-off location for Upper Room Food Bank donations