

**KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
April 10, 2007**

COMMISSION:

Murray Kinsman – Acting Chairman
Scott Peckford
Muriel Craig
Barbara Lyle
Clerk/Treasurer – Kelly Rice

Chairman Kinsman called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and introduced Dean Scanlan, President and Mike Slater, Vice President of the Kingston/Greenwood Minor Baseball Association.

PRESENTATION: Kingston/Greenwood Minor Baseball Association (see letter on file).

Dean Scanlan read a letter from the Kingston/Greenwood Minor Baseball Association with some requests for possible upgrades to Ravenwood fields and the Arena field. After a brief discussion, Chairman Kinsman thanked Mr. Scanlan and Mr. Slater for their presentation and the Commission would get back to them in the near future. They left the meeting at 7:15PM.

MINUTES:

Chairman Kinsman moved the minutes of March 13, 2007 be adopted as amended. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.

Chairman Kinsman moved the minutes of March 27, 2007 be adopted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION – UPDATE

Clerk stated that the Village's surveyor has received the "Order to Survey" from the Department of Natural Resources and is proceeding with the work. He will be meeting with the Department of Natural Resources representatives on April 30th at 10:30AM, on site, to determine the exact right-of-way for the trail.

MEETING WITH WATER COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to meet with the Commission on Thursday April 12 at 6PM to discuss the final report and set a date for the "Public Presentation" of the report. The Commission agreed.

BRIDGE ST. STUDY REPRESENTATIVE

Clerk stated that a new representative was needed for this Committee. Chairman Kinsman will step in as the new representative.

CHANGES TO KINGS COUNTY SIDEWALK POLICY

Clerk stated she had a request from Richard Lloyd, Kings County Engineering for clarification on the Village's comments regarding the changes to the Kings County sidewalk policy. After a discussion, the Commission stated that Richard Lloyd was to get back to the Commission with answers to their questions and based on the answers they received would determine the Village's choice. Clerk will contact Richard Lloyd for answers to their questions.

KINGS COUNTY GAS TAX STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Clerk stated that a new representative was needed for this Committee. Comm. Craig will step in as the new representative.

MAIN ST. WEST SEWER LINE INSTALLATION

Chairman Kinsman stated that a decision needed to be made regarding how and when to proceed with the extension of the sewer line on West Main St. and Brookside Drive. After a discussion, **Comm. Craig made a motion to proceed with the engineering for Main St. West and Brookside Drive to the County Line sewer line extension project. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.**

Comm. Craig made a motion to engage ABL Environmental to proceed with the engineering designs for Main St. West and Brookside Dr. sewer line extension. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Craig stated that she feels the Commissioners' letter of resignation should be read at a meeting and requested that it be read this evening. Chairman Kinsman stated he had no objections. Clerk retrieved the letter from the file and read it.
2. Comm. Kinsman asked if a letter from Irving Oil was received regarding the Village not being allowed to pave the parking lot. Clerk stated no. She will contact them again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WASTEWATER – Chairman Kinsman presented the monthly sewer report (on file).

PUBLIC WORKS – Comm. Peckford presented the monthly Public Works report (on file).

Comm. Peckford stated that the red Dodge truck should be sold. **Comm. Craig made a motion to advertise the sale of the truck in The Aurora Newspaper. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Kinsman stated the sidewalk at the west end of the parking lot and Bridge St. was never paved by the contractor. Clerk will notify Nova Paving.

Comm. Peckford made a motion to have a new Reece hitch installed on the new truck at a cost of \$324.56 including HST. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.

RECREATION – Comm. Lyle presented the monthly Recreation report (on file).

Also, she reported the Arena Fundraising Dinner and Auction last week raised approximately \$14,000.00 and a good time was had by all. Hopefully this will be an annual event. Comm. Lyle stated that she would be willing to Chair the New Years Eve Event again this year and will drop off her letter to Clerk stating the same.

TOURISM – Comm. Craig reported on the following:

1. Princess Kingston Selection Tea will be held on April 26th at the Kingston Firehall at 7PM. There are two candidates.
2. The Wardrobe Tea will be held after that date at the Kingston Lions Club.
3. The Valley Princess Tea will be held on June 1st at the Kingston Legion at 2PM.
4. The 50th Anniversary celebration planning is underway with a quilt being made and on June 1st the Post Office will hold a Stamp Cancellation Ceremony to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. They are also hoping to plant a tree to commemorate the Anniversary in the Downtown.
5. Starr Dobson has been asked to MC the Valley Princess Tea on June 1st and there will be more information available at a later date.
6. On June 2nd they will be holding a “day in the park”, a concert in the park in the afternoon and a combined church service that evening. There will be food available.
7. Comm. Craig has contacted Nova Scotia Power for permission to attach decorations to power poles this year.
8. The Central Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be held on May 23rd at the Kingston Lions Hall.

9. They are also making a couple of quilts to sell at the Visitor Information Center this year.

WATER – No report

CHAIRMAN – Chairman Kinsman reported on the following:

1. Met with Barry Beattie regarding the Oakhurst Subdivision sewer system
2. Attended the Arena Fundraising Dinner.

CLERK/TREASURER

1. Attended meeting on March 19 with Barry Beattie, the developer for Oakhurst Subdivision, with Chairman Kinsman and staff.
2. Attended a Steer BBQ Communications Committee meeting on March 21.
3. Met with Kings County Councillors and Staff regarding recreational funding on March 23.
4. Met with Kings County Recreation Coordinator regarding Recreation Funding on April 2.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Peckford moved the financial statement be accepted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Lyle. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP WITH DESTINATION SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA

Clerk stated that a membership with the Evangeline Trail Tourism Association had been included with the purchase of the Village's ad in the Evangeline Trail Tourism Association Guide.

Since the amalgamation of the three Regional Tourism Associations into Destination Southwest Nova Scotia the membership fee is now separate and extra. The cost is \$450.30 per year.

After a discussion, Clerk will clarify if funding is still available if the Village does not take out a membership with Destination Southwest Nova Scotia.

PROMOTIONAL AD TO RECRUIT NEW COMMISSIONERS

Clerk read an article that was published in a Wolfville newspaper that is encouraging the public to get involved in Municipal politics. She felt that a similar article could be done for the Village's elections next month. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed.

RECOGNITION OF LONG TERM EMPLOYMENT

Clerk stated that on May 1st, 2007 Danny Lundrigan will be employed with the Village of Kingston for 20 years. Would the Commission like to recognize this achievement? The Commission decided to have a plaque made and present it at the Annual General Meeting on May 2, 2007.

BUDGET MEETING

The next budget meeting will be held on Friday April 13th, at 9AM.

ADDITIONS:

1. Clerk read a thank you letter from the Western Kings Arena Board of Directors.
2. Comm. Craig stated that two rows of trees along Centennial Park need trimming. Clerk stated that this work is included in the budget.
3. Comm. Peckford stated they would be interviewing for the Public Works Assistant position on Thursday April 12.
4. Comm. Craig stated that she contacted someone regarding planting the flower gardens around the Village. She would like to do a walk around of the flower beds to see what it entails before she makes a decision. After a discussion, Comm. Craig will bring back more information for the next meeting.
5. Chairman Kinsman stated that there is a problem with the Superstore snow removal. Clerk will send a letter after she talks to Public Works staff.
6. Comm. Peckford asked if the picnic table and shelter would soon be delivered from the Department of Natural Resources. Clerk will check on the delivery date.

IN-CAMERA:

Personnel Pension Plan Request - After a discussion, Clerk will obtain the required information.

As there was no further business to discuss, **Comm. Lyle moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Peckford.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55PM.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER