

**KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
April 9, 2008**

COMMISSION:

Murray Kinsman – Chairman - Absent
Muriel Craig – Vice Chair
Scott Peckford
David Lowe
Steve Nickerson
Janice Hatfield – Administrative Assistant

Comm. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES:

**Comm. Nickerson moved the minutes of March 12, 2008 be adopted as amended.
Comm. Lowe seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

BROOKSIDE DRIVE PROJECT UPDATE

Comm. Craig stated the Brookside Drive sewer extension project is underway. All of the underground work is completed by the contractor with all of the pipes in place. The pumping station is expected to arrive by May 8th from the manufacturer. The contractor has to wait until the frost leaves the ground and the soil is ready before they can apply Class A gravel along the sides of the road.

KINGS COUNTY TRAIL SOCIETY UPDATE

Comm. Craig welcomed Kings County Trail Society President Bob Wright. Mr. Wright presented the additions to the Trail Agreement between the Kings County Trail Society and the Village of Kingston. The Commission was in favour of the agreement. It was made clear that as other issues arose they would be addressed between the two parties. The agreement was signed by the Commission with the new appendix. Mr. Wright stated that in the future a walk through would take place on the trail with members of the Trail Society.

SURVEY UPDATE FOR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE PROPERTY – QUOTE TO COMPLETE SURVEY

The survey has been completed for the parcel of land from the west boundary of Park Rd. to the Visitor Information Centre. A quote was presented to the Commission for the remainder of the survey of the Crown Land from the east boundary (Visitor Information Centre) to the west boundary of Brookside Drive. Comm. Peckford stated that it may be possible to cost share the survey with the Kings County Trail Society. After a discussion the Commission decided to put the remainder of the survey on hold.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS REQUEST AND DUES

The Commission decided not to donate \$500.00 to the Association of Municipal Administrators for their Fall Conference this year. **Comm. Peckford made a motion to continue the yearly membership and pay the dues to the Association of Municipal Administrators. Comm. Nickerson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WASTEWATER – Comm. Lowe presented the monthly sewer report (on file).

Comm. Lowe stated that there had been vandalism at the Sewer Treatment Plant. A board had been thrown into the clarifier which caused the skimmer arm to seize up. Upon inspection there was a broken brass gear on the main cone drive gear box. Comm. Lowe stated that the fence had been heightened three years ago but that some netting might be necessary for prevention.

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

Comm. Peckford stated the seasonal employee will begin work on Monday, April 14 2008.

Comm. Peckford stated that they are currently pricing the replacement of the doors at the Ravenwood Ball Fields.

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

Comm. Nickerson stated that he attended an information meeting at 14 Wing Greenwood Headquarters on April 2, 2008 regarding a possible new arena in the area within the next 5 years. 14 Wing was looking at cost sharing the project with the County and the Province. Comm. Nickerson stated that the Village of Kingston should be involved in the communication process.

Comm. Nickerson participated in a site visit with Barry Beattie of Oakhurst Subdivision and members of the County on March 26, 2008. Mr. Beattie is offering the county a new

lot for park space in the subdivision. The lot is at curb level and would be quite suitable for a playground but would not be large enough for a soccer field. Comm. Nickerson stated that he requested a site plan from the County when they have an idea of a suitable use for that space.

Comm. Nickerson stated the Village has not yet received word on the summer student grants for 2008.

TOURISM – Comm. Craig reported on the following:

- Comm. Craig stated that it would be better to wait until 2009 to become a member of Communities in Bloom. There are still some projects to complete in the downtown area.
- Heather Cox is the Princess for the Village this year. The Princess Tea date is to be announced.
- Applied for the Age Friendly Grant from the Province in the amount of \$5000.00.
- Received final payment from ACOA for the Interpretive Centre/Downtown Project.
- Streetlights for the downtown area have been ordered and should arrive soon.
- A quilt has been made and tickets will be sold to help raise funds for the Interpretive Centre.
- Literature is being ordered to prepare for the opening of the Visitor Information Centre.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Lowe moved the financial statement for the Village of Kingston be accepted as presented. Comm. Peckford seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Comm. Peckford moved the financial statement for Kingston Recreation be accepted as presented. Comm. Nickerson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR NOISE BYLAW FOR KINGSTON

Comm. Craig stated that a resident of the Village had asked that a noise bylaw for the Village be put on the agenda. The noise in question was regarding motorcycles or cars with noise producing mufflers driving through the Village after dark. After a discussion the Commission decided it was not an issue they wanted to pursue at this time. There are

many projects underway and it was decided that there is not the urgency for implementing that bylaw at this time.

PROVINCIAL MILEAGE RATES

Comm. Craig stated that the mileage rates for the Province have increased as of April 1, 2008. **Comm. Nickerson made a motion to adopt the new Provincial Mileage Rates. Comm. Lowe seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

NEW MINAS ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

The Village of New Minas is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and is requesting sponsorship. After a discussion the Commission decided that the Village would send a letter of congratulations to the Village of New Minas.

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE

The Commission stated that they were unable to attend.

ADDITIONS:

Comm. Lowe made a motion for the Village to become a member of the Kings County Trail Society. Comm. Peckford seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Comm. Nickerson stated he had a question of whether the Kingston Recreation Committee could provide a yearly bursary to a student at West Kings High School. It was agreed that Service Nova Scotia should be contacted for clarification. If this is within the Village's mandate **Comm. Nickerson made a motion to offer a yearly bursary to a graduating student at West Kings High School in the amount of 250.00. Comm. Peckford seconded the motion. Motion Carried.** The criteria would be approved by the Commission if approval is received.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Thank you cards/letters from:

Thank You Card – The quilt fundraising committee for the Western Kings Rink Association thanked the Village for making and printing the quilt raffle tickets.

Thank You Letter and Certificate – The Western Kings Rink Association thanked the Village for their contribution toward the annual fundraising dinner.

As there was no further business to discuss, **Comm. Nickerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Peckford seconded the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER