

**KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
May 8, 2007**

COMMISSION:

Murray Kinsman – Acting Chairman
Scott Peckford
Muriel Craig
David Lowe
Steve Nickerson
Clerk/Treasurer – Kelly Rice

Clerk/Treasurer called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Clerk/Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Comm. Peckford nominated Comm. Kinsman. Comm. Kinsman accepted the nomination. Seconded by Comm. Nickerson.

Comm. Craig moved that the nominations cease.

As there were no further nominations, Clerk/Treasurer declared Comm. Kinsman as Chairman.

Clerk/Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Comm. Peckford nominated Comm. Craig. Comm. Craig accepted the nomination.

As there were no further nominations, Clerk/Treasurer declared Comm. Craig as Vice Chair. Clerk/Treasurer turned the meeting over to the new Chair of the Village Commission.

PRESENTATIONS:

Byron MacDonald – Central Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce

Mr. MacDonald made a presentation on the Kings County Trade Mission to Stirling, Scotland from June 2nd to June 9th, 2007. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- The mission will be showcasing Kings County as a place to do business
- Destination Southwest Nova Scotia will be promoting tourism

- Acadia University will be promoting advantages for foreign students
- Energy and environmental issues will also be discussed

Mr. MacDonald left the meeting at 7:20PM.

Diana Brothers – Kings County Councillor cancelled her presentation and sends regrets. Her presentation will be on June's agenda.

COMMISSIONERS PORTFOLIOS:

Chairman Kinsman explained to the new Commissioners how each Commissioner is responsible for a certain portfolio. After a brief discussion, the portfolios are as follows:

Comm. Kinsman - Chairman
Comm. Craig – Tourism
Comm. Peckford – Public Works
Comm. Nickerson – Recreation
Comm. Lowe – Wastewater Services

MINUTES:

Chairman Kinsman moved the minutes of April 10, 2007 be adopted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION – UPDATE

Comm. Peckford gave a brief update on the meeting with the Department of Natural Resources and the Village's surveyor on the plotting of the trail right-of-way on the downtown property. Survey work is still in progress.

MEMBERSHIP WITH DESTINATION SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA

Clerk asked if the Commission had made a decision to take out membership with Destination Southwest Nova Scotia. After a discussion, **Comm. Peckford made a motion to pay a membership fee for Destination Southwest Nova Scotia for 2007. Seconded by Comm. Craig. Motion Carried.**

CHANGES TO KINGS COUNTY SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION POLICY

Clerk stated that the final report for the new changes to Kings County Sidewalk Construction Policy had been distributed to the Commission. After a discussion, the Commission decided that a meeting regarding sidewalk construction needed to be scheduled.

TRIM FOR NEW TRUCK

Clerk presented two quotes for detailing on the new Village truck. **Comm. Peckford made a motion to have the Village Crest only put on the truck doors by Auto Trim Design. Seconded by Comm. Craig. Motion Carried.**

The job is to be completed by May 22nd.

MAIN STREET WEST SEWER LINE INSTALLATION

This item was tabled, as the Commission did not receive the information from the engineer by meeting time.

STEER BBQ UPDATE

Clerk stated that because of insurance costs the Western Kings Arena would not be hosting the Steer BBQ dance this year. There are alternative venues being looked at by the Committee. Clerk stated that the Recreation Department was hoping to plan a “Battle of the Bands” contest for July 13th for Steer BBQ this year and they would like to request \$500.00 for prize money.

After a discussion, **Comm. Nickerson made a motion to contribute up to \$500.00 toward the Battle of the Bands on July 13th. Seconded by Comm. Lowe. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

Comm. Nickerson asked for a garbage can to be put at the Ravenwood Postal Kiosk. After a brief discussion, the Commission asked that a letter be sent to Canada Post regarding garbage concerns around their group boxes in the Village.

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

TOURISM – Comm. Craig reported on the following:

- The 50th Anniversary Celebration planning is ongoing, including the stamp cancellation ceremony, a tree planting and the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival Tea.
- The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on souvenir booklets and has ordered 50th Anniversary flags for the celebrations.
- There is also a quilt in the works for the 50th anniversary.
- Princess Kingston's Wardrobe Tea will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at the Kingston Lions Hall at 7PM.
- The Visitor Information Centre Counsellor applications close on May 11th.
- There is a new sign being renovated for the Visitor Information Centre.
- Comm. Craig would like to order a recycling/garbage container for the Visitor Information Centre and one for Stronach Park. **Comm. Craig made a motion to order 2 recyclable containers to a maximum cost of \$745.00 each plus HST and shipping. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Defeated.**
- **Comm. Craig made a motion to purchase one recyclable container for the Visitor Information Centre. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Defeated.** There was some discussion regarding alternate, less expensive types of garbage and recyclable containers.

CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Kinsman attended the RCMP D.A.R.E. Graduation at Kingston Elementary School on May 3rd, 2007.

CLERK/TREASURER

- On April 12, 2007 Clerk attended a Water Committee Meeting.
- On April 13 and April 17, 2007 Clerk attended Budget Meetings.
- On April 18, 2007 Nomination Day was held.
- On April 20, 2007 the Municipal Audit was held.

- On April 25, 2007 Clerk attended a budget meeting.
- On April 25, 2007 Clerk met with the lawyer regarding Oakhurst Subdivision.
- On May 2, 2007 Clerk attended the Annual General Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CENTRAL ANNAPOLIS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER

Comm. Craig made a motion to purchase tickets for any Comm. and spouse that may wish to attend the Central Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Carried.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Clerk read a letter from the Kingston Water Committee containing the recommendations from the first phase of the Water Study. Comm. Kinsman stated there would be a public presentation of the Water Report on June 13th at the Kingston Firehall at 7PM. Dillon Consulting will be present at the presentation.

LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

Clerk read a letter to be sent to the Department of Transportation regarding the terrible condition of Hwy #1 through the Village of Kingston.

VALLEY MUNICIPAL RECREATION SEMINAR

Clerk asked if any Commissioner was interested in attending the Valley Municipal Recreation Seminar on June 14, 2007. Comm. Nickerson will attend with the Recreation Coordinator.

ANNUAL REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ON PATROL

Clerk read a request from Citizens on Patrol for their annual funding.

Comm. Craig made a motion to give \$500.00 to Citizens on Patrol for 2007. Seconded by Comm. Lowe. Motion Carried.

The Commission will also send a letter with the cheque requesting that the “Speed Control” have more presence in Kingston.

FUNDING LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD

Clerk read a letter from the Village of Greenwood confirming their funding for the Visitor Information Centre for the 2007 Tourist Season.

REQUEST FROM THE VON

Clerk read a letter from the VON requesting a member of the Commission bring greetings at their annual Volunteer luncheon. Comm. Craig will bring greetings on behalf of the Village of Kingston.

REQUEST FROM 517 CADET SQUADRON

Clerk read a request from the 517 Cadet Squadron for a representative from the Commission to attend their Annual Ceremonial Review. Comm. Lowe will attend.

ISSUES RAISED AT THE MAY 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to the June Regular Session meeting.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Craig wanted prices for flooring. Comm. Peckford will look after this.
2. Comm. Craig requested a donation from the Village to Byron MacDonald for his Scotland trip with the Central Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce to help offset expenses. **Comm. Craig made a motion to contribute \$300.00 to help offset costs for the Kings County trade mission to Scotland payable to the Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Comm. Peckford. Motion Defeated.** Clerk will obtain more information and this issue will be discussed at the next meeting in June.
3. Comm. Craig suggested that the Village should not be paying the library’s phone bills and wondered what the agreement was between the Village and the Library Board. The Commission asked the Clerk to gather some data on users of the library, including addresses. Clerk will get this information for the next meeting.
4. Comm. Craig requested a meeting to discuss job descriptions. The meeting will be held on May 17th at 3PM.
5. On May 9th McHappy Days will be held at “McDonalds” restaurant. Comm. Peckford will attend to represent the Village and would like to see as many there as possible.

6. The meeting to discuss Recreation will be held on May 17th at 3PM.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Letter from Nova Scotia Scouting Group – referred to Recreation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:35PM.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER