



Village of Kingston

Village Update Spring 2023

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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 Commissioners:

Wayne Fowler - Chair
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair
Muriel West
Lauren Avery
Neil Larder

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

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:

- **Monthly payment plans** - Pre-Authorized Debit form (available on our website or at the office) and a void cheque or banking information.
- **Cash, cheque and debit** are accepted at the office (no credit card payments).
- **Online banking, telephone banking or at your bank.** Online Banking – Search using just the word 'KINGSTON' - choose: KINGSTON, VILLAGE OF, NS TAXES (may vary)

Village Commissioner Openings

There are two openings in May for 3-year terms. Nomination forms at Village office or on website under the VILLAGE OFFICE heading BYLAWS, then ELECTION BYLAWS.

Nomination Period – Thursday, May 11 – Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Advance Poll - Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - 11am - 7pm at Village Office - 655 Main St

Election Day - Saturday, June 10, 2023 - 9am - 7pm at Village Office - 655 Main St

Village Annual General Meeting - All Welcome!

7pm on Thursday, **June 8, 2023** at the Fire Hall on Sparky Street. It is an opportunity to hear from Village Commissioners, auditor, RCMP, your MLA and County Councillor *and* congratulate this year's Volunteer of the Year – Harley Hazelwood!

Valley Waste Resource Management

SPRING CLEANUP – Week of May 15th – 19th (Opposite Regular Garbage Week!)

Items to be placed curbside close to or on Sunday, May 14th. Garbage/recycling concerns – 877-927-8300 or visit www.vwrm.com. Valley Waste has **NO LEAF PICK UP**.

Leaf/Brush Bins for Village Residents – Arena (north entrance)

Bins are located next to arena on Westwood St. and available from April 15th to early May. Available to residents of Kingston. Plastic bags of leaves **must be emptied** in bin and bags disposed of in available can. Paper leaf bags can go in.

Sewer Issues? Calling us first could save you money!

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

Village J-Class Road Paving 2023

Bishop Avenue, Prince Street, Mosher Street, and Polaris Court have been prioritized by the County of Kings and the NS Dept. of Public Works for resurfacing this year as part of the J-Class road paving.

From Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment Committee:

A primary care clinic provides short-term primary medical care for people on the **Need a Family Practice Registry** (register online or call 811 to be added to the list). To access the Primary Care Clinic at Soldiers Memorial Hospital by appointment only (for residents living between Bridgetown and Aylesford):

- A) Call Monday to Friday 902-825-5206 or 1-866-400-0060 to make an appointment and inform the receptionist of your symptoms. A doctor will return your call. They offer virtual medical appts (Zoom and Phone), as well as in-office visits.
- B) **VirtualCareNS** provides people on the Need a Family Practice Registry with online access to a family doctor or nurse practitioner. NS Health contacts people on the registry by email to participate. For more information, visit www.virtualcarens.ca
- C) Shoppers Drug Mart in Greenwood is now part of the Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic program. They are able to provide a range of medical services for those currently without a doctor such as assessment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, management of chronic conditions, medication management, lab tests, vaccinations and administration of medications by injection.

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

Wayne Fowler commissioner.fowler@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Mike Bishop commissioner.bishop@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Muriel West commissioner.west@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Neil Larder commissioner.larder@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Lauren Avery commissioner.avery@kingstonnovascotia.ca

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

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KINGS COUNTY BYLAWS (Includes Kingston)

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

Open Burning/Smoke Bylaw 63

Residents must also check the provincial burn website
novascotia.ca/burnsafe

Dog Tags

Register annually in January at Village Office. \$10 if spayed or neutered, \$30 if not. Reminder to pick up after your dog!

Animal Control

1-902-678-3647

Building/Pool Permits

Call County at 1-888-337-2999

Street Light 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 of Kingston's sewer system.

FLUSH TOILET PAPER ONLY!

Water Testing

Village Office is now a drop off location for EnviroSphere water testing. Bacteria/Chemical bottles available for pick up.

Bus Tickets/Passes

Available at Village Office

New! Kingston Farmers Market!

The new Kingston Farmers Market will be held every Thursday from 3pm-7pm on the lawn of the Aurora Inn (831 Main Street) starting June 1 and running until October 12. 35+ vendors, live music, workshops and more. EVERYONE WELCOME to enjoy the atmosphere and connect with your community. Looking to get involved? Email kingstonfarmersmarketns@gmail.com or find us at kingstonfarmersmarketns.com

NS Property Tax Rebate For Eligible Seniors

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

2023 Recreation and Community Events

Call Elizabeth Wright, Recreation Coordinator for the Village of Kingston at 902-765-2800 or email recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca for questions/concerns. Check out our Facebook page for all updated events and times!

NEW Disc Golf Course! - At Ravenwood Park – borrow a disc from the office to play! Grand Opening Saturday, May 13th at 1pm.

Equipment Loan Program - Free lawn games and equipment available to borrow from the office such as: Giant Jenga, ladder ball, washer toss, tennis racquets, and more!

Kingston Walk Group - Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. Meet at the 510 Main St. parking lot. Register at hikenovascotia.ca.

Bandstand Concerts at Centennial Park - Sundays and Wednesdays as scheduled starting July 5th.

NEW Play Boxes – Pilot Project (Coming Soon) – Outdoor play items (ie basketballs, tennis rackets) stored in a bin free for community use to encourage activity. Please return items to playboxes after use for the next person. The playboxes will be on Elm St. and at Ravenwood Park. Feel free to donate more toys to the boxes.

Summer Day Camp - Mon – Fri from July 4th to Aug 25th - Ages 5 to 12

Seniors Summer Social - To celebrate our seniors! Food, entertainment and social activities! For Kingston residents 50+. Save the Date: Wednesday, August 30th

Movie Night at Centennial Park - Join the community in watching a family friendly movie under the stars. Date TBD.

Summer Arena Rentals - available for birthday parties etc. 902-765-2516

Village of Greenwood - Canada Day Fireworks - Friday July 1st

Terry Fox Run - Save the date Sunday, September 17.

Important Resources

Chris d'Entremont – MP West Nova – 902-242-3605

Chris Palmer – MLA Kings West – 902-375-2554 or 1-888-701-2554

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

Mental Health Crisis Line – 1-888-429-8167

811 – non-emergency health information and services/family physician list.

Kingston Steer BBQ - Thursday July 6th – Sunday July 9th

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Canada Post Colouring Contest Winner Announcement and Kingston Library Open House

Friday, July 7th – New Events!

Paragon Golf Tournament, Elm St Foam Party, Music and Food Trucks! Kingston Legion Dance (19+)

Saturday, July 8th – New Activities!

Kingston Fire Hall Community Breakfast, Craft Market in the Credit Union Centre Arena, Kingston Legion Main St. Parade, Food & Beverage provided by the Kingston Lions Club and Kingston Legion. Afternoon festivities: axe-throwing, Craft Fair, bounce castles, mechanical steer, live music, 3-point basketball competition, Cool Rides BMX, magic show and balloon animals, Domino Man, Touch a Truck, & more!

Sunday, July 9th

Running of the Steers (5km Fun Run) - hosted by Kingston Farmers Market and Core Endurance AND Centennial Park Summer Concert Series

Steer BBQ Craft Market Vendors - Call Muriel at 902-765-8554 to arrange a table! If your group or club would like to participate, please contact the Village Office. Watch our Village Facebook page as plans evolve. Volunteers needed for various duties! Please contact the Village Office.

Important Phone Numbers

Pothole Hotline	1-888-432-3233
NS Transportation	1-844-696-7737
Power Emergency/Outages	1-877-428-6004
Kings County Animal Control	1-902-678-3647

Kings County	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 (formerly NS Dept of Transportation). 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