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May 3, 2017

Commissioner D. Holmesdale
Commissioner J. Pierce
Commissioner B. Carter
Commissioner P. Parsons
Commissioner M. West

Dear Commissioner Members:

Attached for your review is the Agenda for the regular Village meeting scheduled to take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Kingston Village Office.



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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MAY 3, 2017

AGENDA

1. Review of Minutes of Meeting held April 5, 2017
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Consent to Agenda Items
4. Committee Reports
 - i. Wastewater
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Recreation
5. Finance Report
6. Discussions
7. Correspondence
8. Adjournment



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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2017

COMMISSION:

Don Holmesdale – Chair
John Pierce – Vice Chair
Bruce Carter - Absent
Paul Parsons
Muriel West

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Hatfield – Absent

GUESTS:

Ann-Marie Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Annapolis Valley Regional Library
Andrea Leeson – Manager, Kingston Library

OPENING

Chair Holmesdale called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for a review of the March 1st, 2017 Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER PARSONS THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for any business arising from the minutes of March 1st, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce asked if Commissioner Carter had met with the Girl Guides to discuss locations for tree planting. Clerk informed the Commission that the Guides were not successful with their grant application. Commissioner West agreed with Public Works staff that the green space location in Oakhurst Subdivision would be a good fit for the tree planting if the opportunity arises again.

Commissioner Pierce asked about the status of one of the delinquent property tax accounts. Clerk stated he spoke with the business owner who explained he was now caught up with the County and is now trying to catch up with the Village with post dated cheques. Clerk stated he is going to try to arrange preauthorized payments with him.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Holmesdale asked for a motion to approve the agenda items as presented.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PIERCE AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY PRESENTATION

CEO Ann-Marie Mathieu gave a presentation on the value of having a library in the community and spoke about the evolving roles and responsibilities of libraries in a modern community. She outlined that libraries are not just a resource for information but they also hold fun-filled programs for children and technology sessions for seniors. She then provided statistics on branch activity throughout the valley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – See Full Reports

WASTEWATER – See Full Report

Commissioner West stated she was given an extensive tour of the treatment plant by the Wastewater Supervisor which she found very educational. Commissioner West commented that the Supervisor, with 30 years of experience, would be difficult to replace with someone without extensive training. She stated she was impressed with the tour and the dedication of the staff. Clerk stated Loomer's Pumping Service is another indispensable business that would be missed because his is the only service of its kind in the valley and with the proper certification.

Chair Holmesdale asked about the status of the profile drawings for the easement line behind the Village Office. Clerk stated the surveyors will get them done with the tenders.

Clerk stated the LED light fixtures were replaced at both the Sewer Treatment Plant and the Rec Hut and that the new lights are a lot brighter than the old ones especially for viewing at night and camera recording. Clerk stated the maintenance was becoming an issue and the lights themselves had yellowed.

PUBLIC WORKS – See full report

Commissioner West commended the sidewalk snow removal staff for a job well done this past winter.

Commissioner West asked about the status of a parade float since there is no candidate for Apple Blossom. Clerk asked the Commission if they would like to have a parade float reflecting Canada's 150 birthday celebration for the Steer BBQ or just have the steer on the back of the new truck. Clerk also stated Public Works staff was wondering if a new float trailer was even necessary to purchase, particularly if there is the possibility of a decline of Apple Blossom candidates. Commission stated the existing

float would have to suffice for this year. Commissioner Parsons suggested a trailer could be purchased for around \$5,000 at an auction.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commissioner Pierce suggested the leaf drop-off location should be mentioned in either the upcoming newsletter or the September newsletter. Commission agreed to have library information included in the upcoming newsletter as well as the multi community Canada 150 celebration on Canada Day in the Village of Greenwood.

Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Holmesdale will attend the next Steer BBQ meeting.

APPLE BLOSSOM – See Full Report

Clerk asked if the Commission would prefer to have a parade float or to just have the steer on the back of the new truck. Commissioner Pierce and West suggested that if a committee can be formed the steer could be put on the float with the red and white tent and then finished with Canada's 150 birthday colours. Commissioners Parsons and Holmesdale agreed on keeping it simple.

Wastewater, Public Works, Recreation and Apple Blossom reports were received as presented.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

Clerk asked if there were any questions regarding the report on variances for revenues or expenses. Commissioner Parsons asked about the transfer of operations to Capital Reserves in the amount of \$70,000. Clerk stated it was approved at March's meeting. It was pointed out that the motion was not included in last month's meeting minutes. Clerk will add the motion to the March minutes.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Clerk reported there are still invoices to be added but overall the year-end position is favourable.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) LAND PURCHASE

Clerk stated he is still waiting on an update from DNR regarding the force main easement installation along the rail bed.

RESIDENT'S DRIVEWAY CONCERNS

Clerk confirmed the Department of Transportation would not be installing a driveway for Fady El Bittar and that it is a civil matter between the two landowners.

LAND BEHIND VILLAGE OFFICE

Clerk stated he included this item as a placeholder. Since the Commission held a discussion at the last meeting on the possible need to have some type of a multi-purpose community centre in the village, Commissioner Pierce made an inquiry about the availability of the land behind the office. He reported the land is available for purchase, all or part parcel, and is just a matter of sitting down with the landowner to let him know what the Village is interested in. Clerk asked the Commission to consider a vision for the land. He also stated that if the land is sold to another owner, the Village would miss the area for dumping snow and that the snow would have to be hauled away each year at a cost. Commissioner Parsons stated that purchasing the land would be premature and suggested the Village let the landowner know there is interest in purchasing but just not at this time. Commission agreed.

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Clerk reported the April 19th meeting will be for public input and budget deliberations and the May 3rd meeting will be for budget deliberations and then approval of the operating budget.

Clerk stated the possible election dates are all based off of the Annual General Meeting date of May 24th. Clerk stated Commissioner Holmesdale and Commissioner Pierce's three year terms are up this year and nomination period begins April 27th (correction for last month's report which stated May 4th) and ends May 10th.

UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD (UARB) MEETING – SCOTT PECKFORD

Clerk stated the UARB hearing with Scott Peckford is open to the public and is to be held at the Kingston Fire Hall on Tuesday, May 30th and possibly into Wednesday, May 31st.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Clerk stated the meeting on May 24th will be an opportunity to promote public Wi-Fi and honour the Volunteer of the Year Lynda Pierce.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – SEWER EASEMENT

Clerk stated a local developer approached the Village about connecting his potential development into the Village's current lift station at 321 Main Street which is a trailer park. Clerk stated the Village's 1959 easement document does not clearly state that the easement extends to the developer's property. Clerk stated one option would be to have the easement clarified by a lawyer or ask the owner of 321 Main Street to sign a new easement which would extend to the developer's property. Wastewater staff has confirmed that the sewer system could handle the 50 or 60 proposed homes.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Clerk stated he was approached by someone who is interested in redesigning the Village's website for a cost of \$5,000. He would then host and maintain the website for

a couple of hundred dollars a year. The Municipal Website Venture, who does the vast majority of municipal websites in the province, would charge \$3,000 to design the website and another \$3,000 annually to maintain it. Clerk stated the \$5,000 cost is cheaper in the long run but that right now the website is free to maintain. He suggested the Commission think about the possibility of revamping the website but that it would be at a cost.

RAVENWOOD BALL FIELD

Clerk stated there are residents who use the Ravenwood Ball Field as a dog park throughout the winter so when he posted online that baseball season is starting soon many residents responded that they would like to have a year round dog park in the area. Commissioner West suggested these residents should attend the Annual General Meeting to voice their request for a dog park. Clerk stated Greenwood has a Facebook page with 139 signatures on it requesting a dog park in the area.

TENDERS

After a discussion, the Commission decided to defer the motion for the dump trailer tender until more information is received on the specs of the trailer, particularly the capacity.

Clerk stated the Village received 4 tender bids and that Bruce GM was the lowest price by \$800.00 with a trade-in and a 6 to 8 week delivery. After a discussion, the Commission suggested it would be best to sell the truck privately. Commission agreed to have the Clerk contact Bruce GM and ask to have the trade-in value removed and accept their bid.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PIERCE AND COMMISSIONER PARSONS THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON AWARD THE 2016-202 PICKUP TRUCK TENDER TO BRUCE GM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 AS QUOTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,712.00 + HST WITHOUT THE TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PARSONS AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON RECOGNIZE LYNDIA PIERCE AS THE 2016 KINGSTON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk stated she will be formally awarded at the Annual General Meeting on May 24th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

KINGSTON & DISTRICT HEALTH AUXILIARY

The Commission noted that it was unfortunate that the Kingston and District Health Auxiliary will be dissolving due to lack of membership and that their fundraising efforts were very much appreciated over the years.

THANK YOU FROM ANNUAL SQUASH CF PUMPKIN LAUNCH

It was noted that the coordinator for this annual Cystic Fibrosis event had presented the Village with a framed certificate and sticker for its participation.

LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHARTER NIGHT

The Chairperson stated he received an invitation to the Lions Club Charter Night Banquet on April 22nd.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Clerk presented the proposed balanced budget report for General Operations and Sewer Operations. Commissioner West asked why there was such an increase in expenses for Adult Programs. Clerk stated the new Tai Chi classes have contributed to that increase and that to break even the cost for the class would have to be \$11.00 per person. Clerk stated municipal units are finding it very difficult to be cost neutral with recreation programs.

Clerk also explained that Apple Blossom expenses were left in the budget as a placeholder for next year.

Clerk stated the increase in the Steer BBQ expenses would be for Friday night activities. Commissioner West stated the event is not always well attended and asked how to best get the word out. Clerk reported that the event is advertised on the Steer BBQ posters; and that many residents follow the Village's Facebook site or they check the Village website.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PIERCE THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:35PM. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **May 3, 2017**
Re: **Environmental Services Report**

Wastewater staff received quote from The Panel Shop for 3 submersible transducers as per capital budget planning for lift stations. Submersible transducers eliminate float switches that turn pumps on and off. Quote includes installation of transducer with wastewater staff help.

Wastewater staff had an onsite meeting with surveyor Eric Morse and engineer Robert Balcom behind The Crossing's restaurant. Meeting was to clarify different aspects of the job and preparation of the job tender that engineers are preparing. Parts of the tender will include underground directional bursting of old pipe to install new poly pipe. The reason is that one home is over main sewer line. Also the section that runs out to the Main Street island for traffic lights will be directionally drilled to prevent tearing up roadway and island. Tender documents should be received by the end of the week and the permit to the Department of Environment has been submitted by engineers.

Wastewater plant manager received official written warning from the federal Department of Fisheries to comply with the order to report effluent testing. Plant manager received the email in 2013 that stated any plant that has an average daily flow of 100 cubic meters or more must report online to federal department. Our plant has an average daily flow of 700 cubic meters. This was ignored by staff because at the time it was felt that if they need information that they could easily attain from the provincial environment department who we report to quarterly. This was not the case and treatment plant staff has begun the online reporting to the fisheries department. The items they want reported on are Unionized Ammonia testing, longitude and latitude locations of our effluent pipe discharge and any overflow pipes at any of our lift stations, which would only involve the lift station at the treatment plant. Lisa Langille, the Compliance Officer with the County of Kings is helping with the online reporting and also had their in-house surveyor do the longitude/latitude locations. The ammonia test was also done along with our other monthly samples and the number is very small (.0014mg/l). Ammonia test is to prevent fish kills and with the low reading, we hope that only annual reporting will be required. Federal report is almost complete and Fisheries Officer has been notified.

As reported last month, treatment plant manager attended the annual MPWWA conference in Halifax on April 23rd to April 26th. Conference consists of trade show, educational workshops and member's banquet. While at the conference, staff received call from resident on Foster St on April 24th that sewer was backing up in their basement. Dave was called out and managed to unplug the sewer main on his own. Easement line is the line that runs north and south across from Avery's Farm Market where fence was erected last year. Line will need to have a video to determine where and what the problem is. Wastewater staff feels it is a sag in the main sewer line. It was obvious the home did not have a back water valve.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **May 3, 2017**
Re: **Public Works Report**

The Village's two seasonal employees are back to work and very busy with raking, spreading topsoil and seed, dragging ball fields, tree pruning, fertilizing and lime application. Outdoor arena was also dismantled and stacked away, tennis courts and parking lots swept, and painting of benches and picnic tables before distribution.

Through a Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) program for student job placement, the Village has received a student for 4 weeks at no cost to the Village. Ryan has been working along with Devan grinding brush with a wood chipper on the Fitness Trail at Stronach Park. They also fixed up and top dressed with top soil around the perimeter of tulip bed installed by Cub Scouts where ATV vandalized last fall. Student has also been helping with spring clean-up and installing bird deterrent spike pads on steel beams under eave where pigeons perch at the Day Camp/Rec Hut building. The student program is for a 4 week period that started on the 17th of April.

Pricing was received for concrete curb installation along Pine Ridge Ave from Magee Dr to Sparky St. Public Works staff and Village Clerk reviewed tenders and passed on recommendation to Commission. Mid Valley Construction was awarded curb replacement tender.

Public Works staff turned water on at the Ravenwood Ball Field canteen/equipment room building. Water tests are to follow for all village buildings with water.

Upcoming spring jobs include, preparing flower/shrub beds for the planting of flowers and mulch application, installing fountains and island duck house at Stronach Park, installing steer and changing seasonal banners. Work will also be needed on infield for ball diamond behind the arena as staff were just informed that minor ball would be using this year. Infield is grown in with weeds and grass because of zero use. Public works staff will also be planting flowers and installing hanging baskets and distributing park benches and picnic tables.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Glen Abriel, Recreation Coordinator**

Date: **May 3, 2017**

Re: **Recreation Report**

WEST KINGS HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

- Glen will be formulating a committee with School Principal Barry Squires and various stake holder groups to provide leadership and direction on how to proceed in order to have a fence installed around the school property.

RECREATION HUT 2017

- As part of improving Steer BBQ logistics – a small committee met at the Recreation Hut to look at potential improvements which could be made within the building. More discussion is required but some possibilities include improving various electrical strengths and maybe installing additional utility windows, etc. on interior walls.
- Village has purchased BIRD-X ® Bird deterrent spikes to be installed on I-beams at Rec Hut and possibly the eaves.

KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Spikes Volleyball program for grades 4-5 is taking place at Kingston School on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school until June 1st. Two West Kings students, a teacher and a community member are doing the leadership for this program. There are 20 students participating.

PINE RIDGE SCHOOL

- Pine Ridge Volleyball after school club starting on Mondays. There are 12 students participating. Two West Kings Students are providing the leadership for this program under the supervision of Cathy Rafuse, the Vice Principal.

KINGSTON CREDIT UNION CENTRE

- Credit Union Centre ice has been removed and non-ice programming includes: Female Roller Derby practices, 14 Wing Military Ball Hockey practices, warm room meetings, Valley Thunder Lacrosse, Free Public Roller skating and In-line skating, etc.
- NS Skills Summer Student funding provided a student to the Credit Union Centre for maintenance support for manager as well as to provide some recreational opportunity supervision at the Arena for the Village of Kingston Recreation.

KINGSTON LEGION – 2017 CHASE THE ACE – SATURDAYS 1PM – 3PM – DRAW AT 3:30PM

- Kingston Legion branch 98 is hosting a Chase the Ace fundraiser for 2017 which continues every Saturday until ACE is drawn again.

STEER BBQ MEETING 2017 – TUES May 9th @ 6:30PM – KINGSTON LEGION

- Fundraising of local businesses has begun.
- No fireworks this year.
- Contact will be made next week for Crafters & Home-based business tables.
- Glen investigating potential “acts” – like Buskers, etc. for Friday night entertainment.

KINGSTON POTENTIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS 2017

- KangaROO Tennis adult tennis program
- Outdoor Basketball - Wednesday evenings
- Beach Volleyball – Tuesdays/Thursdays
- Shuffleboard equipment will be available at the Elm St shuffleboard court

2017 KINGSTON UNITED CHURCH – WEED, WATER & WHISPER WEDNESDAYS

- Every Wednesday @ 10am providing Community Gardening leadership and opportunity.

KINGSTON CENTENNIAL PARK OUTDOOR CONCERTS SUMMER 2017

- Glen has made initial contacts with previous performers including: Sonlight Ministries, Matt Lunn, The Furniss Sisters, Next Generation Bluegrass, Left of Centre. Many have remarked how much they enjoy the venue & positive feedback from their performances.

KINGSTON/GREENWOOD MINORBALL – RAVENWOOD EQUIPMENT BUILDING

- Water has been turned on by Public Works
- Minor Ball has begun as of April 23rd
- Ladies Ball will begin by the end of the month on Thursday evenings

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2017

- Alxys Chamberlain will return as Day Camp Supervisor on Monday May 15th.
- Website has been updated with preliminary information. More information will be added as Alxys plans the Day Camp.
- Canada Summer Jobs has provided 50% of minimum wage for one student position for the Summer Day Camp and one student position for the Visitor Information Centre.

2017 VILLAGE OF KINGSTON FACILITY WATER TESTING

- Glen will begin water testing this week for the 2017 season.

KINGSTON GREENWOOD COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

- Glen will be attending KGCHB Community Chat at the Kingston Fire Hall on Thursday May 4th from 10am – 12noon.
- Mental Health Symposium will be at the Kingston Legion Friday May 5th 9am – 3pm.

2017 KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY PARK DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Glen has applied to the County of Kings for the annual CPDP Grant program for \$12,000.00 in funding which goes to assist with Parks Repair and Maintenance with the Village of Kingston.

2017 VILLAGE OF KINGSTON PARK SIGNAGE

- Glen is working with Clerk/Treasurer to come up with standard signage and information design for the various park locations throughout the Village.

2017 VALLEY YOUTH FUN RUN

- Glen has been assisting with the organization of the Valley Youth Fun Run which will be taking place on Sat May 6th in Greenwood from 10am – 1pm. Glen will be unavailable on the day of the event but has been involved with the organization.

2017 ADULT/SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Older Adult Fitness continues on Tuesdays & Thursdays - 10am at the Kingston Legion.
- Adult Tai Chi continues on Mondays at the United Baptist Church and Thursdays at the Kingston Elementary School at 6:30pm.
- Walking Wednesdays @ 1pm – Social Walk & Talk meet each Wednesday at the Village Office to walk at various locations throughout the Village.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Mike McCleave, Clerk/Treasurer**
Date: **May 3, 2017**
Re: **Monthly Finance Report**

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received for information.

Canada 150

Do we want Canada 150 banners in the Village this year?

Audit

Lawrence Lake was at the office May 1 to collect information and audit our accounting. Draft financial statements will be available prior to the AGM.

DNR Easement for Foremain on Railbed

DNR has stated that they would offer the Village a letter of consent with the foremain design to be DNR approved prior to an easement being offered.

Fady El-Bittar Driveway Update

Scott called and was asking if we had a formal reply from DTIR that they would not allow a driveway entrance on the "race track right of way".

Operating Budget

- Deliberations

Operating Budget Motions

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2017/18 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 30.9 CENTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES.

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2017/18 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE AND BE SET AT 41.3 CENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2017/18 SEWER RATES FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

Expropriation

UARB Hearing with Scott Peckford (Public Meeting)
Kingston Fire Hall Tuesday, May 30th, 2017
Kingston Fire Hall (if needed) Wednesday, May 31st, 2017

Capital Projects Update

Line Replacement – Iron Pot Pub Area

Danny has had meetings with Eric Morse about the scope of work, tender documents and drawings should be ready by end of May

Greenwood Rd Design– new gravity line

Engineering quotes deadline is May 7

KN14 Forcemain Design

Engineering quotes deadline is May 7

Pine Ridge Curbing

Contract has been awarded to Mid Valley Construction for \$80,340+HST. Lowest bidder, Standard Paving, did not submit their security deposit nor did they return my phone call requesting an update on the security deposit.

Truck #2 (Dave's truck)

Contract has been awarded to lowest bidder, Bruce Chevrolet for \$29,712+HST.

Dump Trailer

Contract has been awarded to lowest bidder, Shay Tirecraft for \$8,268+HST. Trailer has been delivered and is in use. Old dump trailer has been sold for \$2,400.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Election

Nomination Period	Thursday, April 27 th , 2017 to
Nomination Day	Wednesday, May 10 th , 2017
Advance Poll	Wednesday, May 23 rd , 2017
Election Day	Saturday, May 27 th , 2017

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017



The Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival aims to be the premier family festival in the country.
85th Apple Blossom Festival "Rooted in Tradition" – May 24– May 29, 2017

April 25, 2017

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Welcome to the celebration of our 85th Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival, May 24 – May 29th. The theme this year is "Rooted in Tradition".

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your guest for the following special events. We would be honoured to have you attend any or all of these events. Please **RSVP** our Apple Blossom Festival Office no later than **May 15th**, by email (info@appleblossom.com) or by phone (678-8322), so we may recognize your presence at our events.

The **Official Opening** will take place on Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Annapolis Valley First Nation Recreation Centre at 64 Goo-ow Lane, Cambridge NS. The official opening is free to the public.

The **Valley Tea** will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hantsport School, 11 School St, Hantsport, NS. The cost is \$10 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The **Coronation Ceremony** will be held at University Hall, Acadia University, on Friday, May 26th at 7:15 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Acadia Box Office, and at the door. The cost of tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under.

The **Reviewing Stand**, located in the Save Easy (Independent Grocer) parking lot, Main Street, Kentville, is available for you and your guest, or your appointed delegate, to view the Grand Street Parade on Saturday May 27th. The parade should pass the reviewing stand at approximately 1:30 pm.

We look forward to your attendance and thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival.

Sincerely,

Alxys Chamberlain
Interim President

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