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October 4, 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, October 4, 2017 at the Kingston Village Office.



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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING October 4, 2017

AGENDA

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



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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

COMMISSION:

Don Holmesdale
John Pierce
Bruce Carter
Paul Parsons
Muriel West

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Hatfield – Administrative Assistant

OPENING

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for a review of the August 2nd, 2017 Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CARTER AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2ND, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for any business arising from the minutes of August 2nd, 2017.

Commissioner Pierce asked about the status of the outstanding fire safety issues at the apartment building on Main Street. Clerk stated the final inspection was to be completed this week.

Commissioner Pierce asked if the new truck extras were add-ons. Clerk confirmed they were add-ons. Commissioner Parsons asked if the other tenders included the add-ons. Clerk stated the original tender did not include them and that the truck steps add-on was an afterthought that wasn't realized at the time the tender was issued.

Commissioner Parsons asked about the status of the signs for picking up after your dog. Clerk stated the County's Animal Control office was contacted and they agreed to put more of their standard County By-Law signs up in the village's desired locations. They were asked to be installed around the "square" that is popular with dog walkers and includes Pine Ridge Ave, Marshall Road, Main St. and Sparky Street. Public Works

also installed an extra wooden garbage can at the corner of Pine Ridge Ave and Sparky Street.

Commissioner Pierce suggested having a separate meeting to brainstorm ideas for the Village's needs assessment.

Clerk stated he wrote to Joe Crowell with the Department of Transportation asking if there were plans to install a left turning traffic light at the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Street but has received no response to date.

Clerk stated he would provide a copy of the New Commissioner Manual to each Commissioner as requested.

Clerk stated he will finalize the survey letter for Oakhurst residents regarding green space ideas for that subdivision and hand deliver it.

Commissioner West suggested the Village write a letter to Canada Post regarding the recent changes to the Kingston Post Office.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER PIERCE THAT VILLAGE WRITE A LETTER TO CANADA POST'S DIRECTOR OF ATLANTIC CANADA EXPRESSING CONCERNS THAT THE SERVICES AT THE KINGSTON POST OFFICE HAVE BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY INCLUDING THE DOWNSIZING OF THE RETAIL AREA AND THE ELIMINATION OF ONE POSITION WITH NO CONSULTATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Pierce asked the Clerk about the possible conflict of interest in hiring a staff family member. Clerk stated there is no conflict of interest according to the Village's Human Resource Policy, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act and the Municipal Government Act which states an employer cannot discriminate based on family status (parent/child).

Commissioner Carter asked if there are now several properties up for tax sale. Clerk stated yes the Village will have to proceed with tax sale proceedings with some properties.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

Commissioner Parsons asked when Victoria Street is going to be paved through the County's J-Class road paving plan and if it was ever on a top priority list for paving. Clerk stated the previous 5-year plan has changed considerably due to a shortage of funding and that the County has a new policy and scoring system in place. He stated the Village could recommend the road be included on a high priority list along with

Mathews Lane and Moody Court. Commission agreed to send a letter to the County requesting the Village's priority streets be considered for J-Class road paving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – See Full Reports

WASTEWATER – See Full Report

Clerk stated, as per staff report, the replacement of parts in the clarifier would be based on approval from the Department of Environment. Clerk stated the first step is to get the engineers to assess the condition of the parts.

Commissioner Pierce asked if staff was doing the sewer line replacement on Elizabeth Avenue and Palmer Drive. Clerk confirmed Village staff will be doing the work.

PUBLIC WORKS – See full report

As per Public Works staff report, Clerk stated the cost for the leaf/yard waste dumpster delivery and pickup would be \$150.00. After a discussion the Commission agreed to have two bins placed on each side of the barn driveway on Elm Street. One bin will be used for leaves and the other for yard waste and will be provided during the last two weeks of October and if necessary, the first week of November. Clerk stated it is free to dispose of leaves at either Loomer's Pumping Service or at the Valley Waste Management Centre in Lawrencetown. The Management Centre charges \$97.00 per ton for the disposal of yard waste.

Commission held a discussion and agreed with staff suggestions for resurfacing the outfield on the upper ball field in Ravenwood Subdivision. As per public works report it was advised that the Village use compost instead of topsoil and mix it into existing surface. There were three types of compost that were discussed and Commission Parsons suggested the public may have an incorrect perception of one type of compost being sold in the area and advised getting references. Commission also agreed to use Geoff Hennigar of Hennigar Farms to spread, level and seed the soil since he has all the proper equipment.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Clerk stated as per Recreation report that the Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held in Kingston this year along the Harvest Moon Trail (the old rail bed) on Sunday, September 17th with the starting area at the G.W. Sampson building.

Commission pointed out that, in the report under the heading Kingston Credit Union Centre, the date should read Tuesday, September 5th rather than Friday, September 5th for the start date of the ice installation process at the rink.

Commissioner Carter stated the United Church is still interested in donating their piano to the Village to be placed in a public location. Commissioner Parsons suggested placing it outside the Visitor Information Centre under the overhang and the Commission agreed this would be a good central location for the public to access it and also store it for the winter. Commission suggested Recreation Coordinator contact John Morash to work out the details.

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

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

Revenues

Bank interest earned is currently \$2,500 higher than budgeted (\$6,400).

Expenditures

Variances to be reported on include:

Village Beautification budget – favourable variance of \$1,000

Parks Repairs and Maintenance budget – favourable variance of \$4,500

Outdoor Concert Series budget – unfavourable variance of \$200

Summer Day Camp budget – favourable variance of \$500

Sewer Operations

Sludge Disposal budget – unfavourable variance of \$2,800

Collection Maintenance budget – favourable variance of \$10,300

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were filled:

- **Policy and Finance Committee** – Chairman Holmesdale and Commissioner Pierce agreed to sit on the committee for another term.
- **Steer BBQ Committee** – Commissioners West and Pierce agreed to sit on the committee.
- **Kingston Area Advisory Committee** – Chair Holmesdale, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Carter agreed to sit on the committee.

SEWER DESIGN – GREENWOOD ROAD AND RAIL BED SEWER FORCE MAIN

Clerk reported the engineering draft design of the rail bed sewer force main and the Greenwood Road gravity sewer design have been completed.

DISCUSSIONS:

- Western Valley Minor Hockey Association Golf Tournament - has been rescheduled for September 17th - the majority of the Commission will be attending the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Conference and won't be able to attend.
- Stronach Park Fishing – Clerk stated a resident and her two grandchildren were fishing in Stronach Park and the Village Office received a few complaints from visitors at the park. After a discussion the Commission agreed to leave it alone unless it becomes more of a problem.
- Christmas Dinner – Commission agreed to hold the Christmas staff dinner at The Crossing Restaurant in Kingston on Thursday, December 14th if it is available.

- October Regular Session Meeting – Commissioners West and Carter stated they will be away for the October 4th meeting.
- Kings Transit – Commission agreed they would like to send a letter to County Councillor Martha Armstrong requesting that Kings Transit consider making the existing detoured bus route from Greenwood to Middleton along Hwy 1 a permanent route.
- Commissioner Carter suggested the RCMP attend a village meeting. Clerk will make the request.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COUNTY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Chair stated the Village received notification of three County of Kings' public meetings with the final one to be held at the Kingston Fire Hall on Thursday, September 14th. It is a public participation meeting to discuss Land Use By-Law and Municipal Planning Strategy changes. Some Commissioners will be away at the ANSV Conference but Commissioner Parsons stated he will try to attend.

CAMP BRIGADOON INVITATION

Chair stated the Commission was invited to attend an event at Camp Brigadoon on November 17th.

DISCUSSIONS:

Commissioner Parsons asked if the Commission would agree to send a letter to the County of Kings confirming that Victoria Road is still a high priority on the J-Class Road Paving list. Commission agreed. Clerk stated the County may have had a 5 year priority list but that they can only approve year one. Clerk advised the commission to look at the County agenda to see the new J-Class Road Paving scoring system.

Commissioner West asked how residents are to dispose of their old lightbulbs. She stated the Greenwood Recycling Depot does not accept them and would like to find out from Valley Waste why they're not accepted there. She suggested putting a bin at the office as a convenience to residents.

Commissioner Pierce asked about scheduling a meeting regarding the Village's needs assessment. Commission decided to meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PIERCE THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:05PM. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **October 4, 2017**
Re: **Environmental Services Report**

Elizabeth Ave sewer easement line was replaced the last week of September. Three hundred and twenty feet of 6 inch asbestos pipe was removed and replaced with 8 inch PVC gasket sewer pipe. Old pipe was disposed of at the Torbrook dump. During excavation it was discovered that Naureen Marcipoint's lot has 2 lateral connections. One service runs south through the neighbour's yard and connects on with neighbour's sewer line and the other lateral runs east into the easement line replaced. As far as staff can tell, line that runs through neighbour's yard is for the sump pump and the laundry room. The rest of the sewer comes out through the other connection. Pipe going through neighbour's yard is old No-Corrode pipe and may cause Marcipoint problems in the future. Topsoil was spread and levelled throughout the construction area and seeded.

Wastewater manager noticed in the minutes from September's meeting that sludge disposal was an unfavourable variance of \$2800.00. Administrative assistant checked and noticed the pumping down of the clarifier was in sludge disposal account instead of sewer treatment plant maintenance account. Adjustment to proper account was made and clerk will report updated variance.

Miscellaneous items include two sewer inspections for new homes on Greenwood Rd. Lift station pump had to be pulled in Oakhurst subdivision. Rags were wrapped around the impeller causing it to trip out on overload. Rags were removed and pump was installed back into station. Treatment plant has been working good and well within compliance values for the final effluent. Washing down the clarifier, cleaning UV bulbs and return sludge pump maintenance is ongoing. Lastly, resident on Foster St who had sewer backing up in his basement this past April because our main sewer was plugged, asked at the office if we were going to video and make sure pipe is not partially collapsed or has a dip in it. Resident was assured that line will be looked at before the end of fall. Resident has since installed a back water valve.



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From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **October 4, 2017**
Re: **Public Works Report**

The upper ball field in Ravenwood was tilled, leveled, seeded and rolled the last week of September as per budgeted item. Job went as planned and will help with future budget to fix outfield at lower ball field next year. Seventeen loads of compost were used to till into the existing soil. Loads of compost were 17-18 yards per load.

New Stronach Park fitness trail piece of equipment was installed by Public Works staff. Holes were excavated by staff, sonotubes installed and cement ordered for job. Wood chips were used around base of apparatus for landing area. Thank you to Atlantic Arborists for allowing Public Works staff to haul wood chips from stock pile in Bowlby Park subdivision.

Hanging baskets were removed the early part of September and after this past weekend's frost a lot of the ground bed flowers were removed due to frost damage. With the frost, the leaves will be falling and Public works staff will be busy raking, storing things away for winter and removing fountains from the duck pond. Foul ball nets were also removed after final weekend of Minor Ball. Nets are stored in equipment room at Ravenwood.

There has been some minor vandalism in some of our recreational gravel parking lots. Cars are doing power turns or long burnouts. One of our new 45 gallon drum garbage cans was a victim of cars spinning their tires and it was smashed into with the back or front end of a car. The areas of vandalism were Ravenwood ball fields and Stronach Park parking lots. Public Works staff reported to the office and the Recreation Coordinator posted vandalism on Face Book urging residents to report such activity.

Public Works staff stripped the old float of decorations and stripped the plywood skirting off the sides. Trailer was donated to local farmer for hay. Public Works staff has also asked Nova Millwrights for a price on a new float trailer as per budgeted item. Price should be received this week. Complaint was received by the Village office about the safety issue at crosswalk at Tim Horton's. It is a very valid, ongoing complaint that should be addressed somehow to make it a safer crossing. Staff would suggest asking DTIR if just single flashing amber lights can be installed overhead on both crosswalks. It would show some due diligence, if anything. Crossing from the north side of Main St to Tim Horton's is the most dangerous, especially if a big truck or van is turning left

onto Maple. The through traffic eastbound cannot see the pedestrian until they step out past front of vehicle turning left.

Public Works staff have been very busy over the last few weeks and have not been able to check out how difficult the task would be to remove piano from church and move to the VIC. Staff would also point out that the overhang at the VIC is only about 5 feet and that some type of tarp should be custom made for the piano to be protected from weather elements.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Glen Abriel, Recreation Coordinator**

Date: **October 4, 2017**

Re: **Recreation Report**

KINGSTON SCHOOL – DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (DPA)

- After discussions with School Administration and due to the fact that Daily Physical Activity has become part of the school curriculum – Glen will now work on mentoring teachers on (DPA) ideas on a per month basis. (For example: the months of November, February, April & June)

PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING – FRI OCT 6^H 1:30 – 3PM

- Glen is partnering with Pine Ridge Middle School to have the students volunteer at various locations throughout the community. Locations include – Kingston Recreation Grounds, Stronach Park, Kingston School, Sidewalk & Trail cleanup surrounding Village and Fall Cleanup of the United Church Community Garden Project.
- Glen is also working with Pine Ridge Administration and Volleyball NS on planning and implementing a Volleyball program and also a MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS ONLY MULTI SPORT afterschool program.
- Glen has been assisting Pine Ridge Middle School with funding initiatives surrounding the purchase of some new playground equipment to be installed in the spring.

WEST KINGS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS MEETING

- West Kings Family of Schools meeting taking place on Monday, Oct 23rd at Dwight Ross School 2pm- 4pm.

WEST KINGS HIGH SCHOOL MULTI – SPORT FIELD RENOVATION

- Fence has been installed at the field and now Glen will be organizing a meeting with stakeholders and user groups in order to discuss next steps for funding and renovation.

SENIORS FITNESS 2017/18

- Senior Fitness has begun for the fall of 2017. First day we had over 30 participants.

RECREATION MEETINGS –THURS OCT 12TH 10AM – 3PM BERWICK

- Glen will be attending monthly Valley Recreation Meeting in Berwick
- Glen will be attending Annual Valley & South Shore Recreation Coordinators meeting at the Digby Pines Thurs/Fri Oct 26th/27th overnight.

WESTERN KINGS ACTIVE KIDS HEALTHY KIDS

- Glen is the chair of this committee which distributes funds to local community groups towards youth physical activity initiatives throughout Kings County. Final reports are due at the end of the month and Glen will be chairing a meeting at the beginning of November.

KINGSTON CREDIT UNION CENTRE

- Adult skating will begin on Mon Oct 23rd @ 10:30am
- FREE public skates to begin soon.

OUTDOOR RINK PLANNING

- Glen is beginning to communicate with Lynn Little of West Kings High School O2 Program to begin the process of having the framework for the outdoor rink installed during the months of Nov/Dec as temperatures permit.
- Collaborating with Village Public Works Department – the decision has been made to have the O2 program build the framework but for the Village Staff to install the tarp at a later date when the temperatures are more favorable for making ice and to reduce leaf infiltration on the tarp.

KINGS COUNTY DINNER THEATRE BUS TRIP – WED NOV 23RD – 3:30PM

- Tickets have been sold out for this trip.

14 WING GREENWOOD MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – FAMILY EVENT

- Glen assisted with some of the safety measures surrounding this event as there are many folks attending and parking near the Duck Pond on Sun. Oct 1st – 1pm–3pm.

COMMUNITY BADMINTON –AT PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

- Glen is searching for a badminton volunteer to re-start the evening Community Badminton program at Pine Ridge Middle School

COMMUNITY MEN'S BASKETBALL – BEGAN MONDAY Sept 25th AT WEST KINGS SCHOOL GYM @ 6:30PM

- Continues to be a popular program with 12 – 20 individuals participating weekly.

1ST KINGSTON SCOUTING – REC HUT USAGE.

- THE Cubs/Scouts have requested to use the Rec Hut in late November.

OAKHURST SUBDIVISION QUESTIONNAIRE

- Glen will hand deliver Oakhurst subdivision questionnaire to residents by month's end.

KINGSTON UNITED CHURCH – COMMUNITY GARDEN & WEEKLY SOUP LUNCH

- Glen has been investigating, along with John Morash, potential funding initiatives to assist with a 2018 outreach/employment program for those who may be struggling with various socio-economic barriers within our community.

ADULT TAI CHI – MONDAYS & THURSDAYS – KINGSTON DISTRICT SCHOOL

- Beginner Class - Mondays @ 6pm - 7pm Kingston School Gym – 7 to 9 participants
- Advanced Class – Thursdays @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm – Kingston School small cafeteria with 8 to 10 participants.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: Janice Hatfield
Date: October 4, 2017
Re: Tourism Report

Hours of Operation

The hours of operation from September 1st to the 15th were 10am to 5pm 7 days/week.

Statistics for September

The number of visitors counselled during the first 15 days of September:

Kingston / Greenwood VIC Visitation			Total
Canada			183
New England			9
Other USA			20
Overseas			17
Grand Total			229

September 2016 – 346 Visitors (Open Sept 1 - 18)

September 2015 – 196 Visitors (Open Sept 1 -11)

The total number of visitors for 2017 was 2,147.

	2017	2016	2015	2014
May	144	190	250	277
June	405	437	464	579
July	695	649	802	941
August	674	610	621	1136
September	229	346	196	122
Total	2147	2232	2333	3055

Provincial Statistics

So far this year Nova Scotia has seen an increase of 95,000 visitors compared to 2016. Tourism Nova Scotia's target market of Ontario is responsible for nearly half of these visitors (46,000), contributing more growth than any other market. For the year-to-date July 2017, 1,481,000 licensed room nights were sold in Nova Scotia, an increase of two per cent compared with the same period in 2016.

Kingston/Greenwood VIC

Comments from the guest book were extremely positive and visitors were very appreciative of the personalized service that was provided. The knowledgeable VIC staff, Maggie Rio and bilingual student Maxim Roy, helped visitors with information on such things as hiking/bicycle trails, whale watching, things to do in the area, directions, camping sites, picnic areas, tide times, wine tours, cemeteries, accommodations, restaurants and museums etc. Staff also handed out tourism literature that is provided by the NS Distribution Centre but they also took the initiative to order brochures directly from the tourism business owners that did not use the Distribution Centre.

Maggie Rio also provided many added touches to the VIC such as fresh cut flowers from her garden and free apples donated by a local market. She also has a running slide show on the TV of scenic photographs that she took from all over the province which prompt visitors to travel to many of the locations shown.

Tourists also appreciated the organization of the centre, the clean facilities and services offered including internet, printing services, laptop station, children's colouring table, washrooms and picnic table. Many visitors also took interest in the older photographs of the area and the antique displays throughout the centre.

There were a few complaints from visitors regarding the signage for parking at the VIC - not knowing where to enter to park. It may be helpful to put a sign by the east Superstore entrance with an arrow pointing out that parking is further up for those coming from the west. Staff would also like to request a larger sign at the parking area indicating "Tourist Bureau Parking Only" as those spaces were often being used by commuters and a big sign might be more visible with visitors heading west.

During the closed/cleanup procedure Maggie continued to have visitors looking for information. The warm, sunny days in September may have brought out more travelers so staff wondered if the Centre could have stayed open a little longer. Maggie and Max very much enjoyed the opportunity to help visitors, local and otherwise, and look forward to opening up again in May 2018.



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From: Janice Hatfield

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Re: Apple Blossom Report

Since the Village did not receive any applications for this year's Apple Blossom Leadership Competition, the Kingston Apple Blossom Committee, with approval from the Commission, decided to design a float celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. The committee was very fortunate to have the carpentry skills of Yves Perreault, who volunteered to build the large wooden 4 layer cake, the focal point of the float.

The hours the 4 member committee spent planning and building the parade float were well worth the effort. The prizes included Most Outstanding Float at the Steer BBQ parade, Most Canadian Float at Middleton's Heart of the Valley parade and Most Artistic, Most Outstanding and Judges Choice awards at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition parade in Lawrencetown.

Public Works staff have taken the float apart since a new trailer will be purchased and used for parades next year.

The fall Village newsletter included an article stating the Village will be looking for candidates at the beginning of the year to run for the 2018 Apple Blossom Leadership Competition. The article also advertised for volunteers interested in helping to build the float next year or help with the candidate and the Teas.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Mike McCleave, Clerk/Treasurer**
Date: **October 4, 2017**
Re: **Monthly Finance Report**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THIS REPORT BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Through the first 6 months of the year, there are some known variances which can be reported on. Overall, the year end position is expected to be favourable.

Summer Day Camp has an unfavourable variance of \$6,100. This includes revenues of \$17,800 and expenditures of \$23,900.

Revenues:

There are no new revenue variances to report for September.

Expenditures:

Banking fees have a favourable variance of \$800.

Steer BBQ has a favourable variance of \$900 (Budget \$3,500)

Public Works Wages account has an unfavourable variance of \$4,900 (Budget \$51,900)

Sewer Operations:

Sludge Disposal was misreported at the September meeting. The draining of the clarifier for maintenance was erroneously posted to the Sludge Disposal account. There is a favourable variance of \$1,800 once corrected.

CLERKS DISCUSSION

J-Class Roads Priority List

How does the Commission want the roads in the Village prioritized? Does the commission want to drive/walk each road and make recommendations, or should staff prioritize based on their experiences? How do we take into account resident complaints? Does the squeaky wheel get the oil, or does each road get treated with equality.

Maple – Main Street Intersection

Should we look at installing crosswalks only, forgetting traffic lights? If so, DTIR could install traffic lights in the future which would force the removal of our crosswalks and possibly render the crosswalk hardware useless (for us).

Fall Cleanup

Staff feel that the bins should be put out later in the month as the trees are still green at this point. We are thinking late October and probably into the middle of November.

Legion Tax Exemption Request

The Kingston Legion has requested a tax exemption. This could fall under the Kingston Tax Exemption By-Law #3.

By definition (in By-law #3)

“Non-Profit Organizations” is defined as a non-profit community, charitable, fraternal, educational, religious, cultural or sporting organization that, in the opinion of the Commission, provides services that might otherwise be a responsibility of the Commission.

“Partial Exemption” is defined as the difference between the Village Commercial Tax Rate and the Village Residential Tax Rate.

And:

Non-Profit Organizations shown in Schedule B are eligible for the Partial Exemption.

In the Legion’s general by-laws (amended to December 2016), section 103a, it states “The Corporate structure of the Legion as created by the Act, currently qualifies Commands and Branches in Canada as non-profit organizations under the Income Tax Act of Canada”.

Does the Village Commission concur that the Legion be considered a non-profit organization which would be included in the Village of Kingston Tax Exemption By-Law #3 for a partial exemption?

Property Tax Sales

A Property Tax Sale list will be distributed to Commissioners and will be made public at the November 2017 Commission meeting of all properties that are eligible for tax sale within the Village of Kingston.



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DISCUSSIONS

Good afternoon,

I am writing to find out a bit of how village politics works for a specific request, firstly, then possibly contact information for the councils or forward my email to the various villages throughout the province, as the municipal link online doesn't work and no one knows why. Your name and email was given to me through Mr. Benedict and Darlene as the go-to guy!

Why I am asking, is for a particular reason with a bit of a long story behind it, so bear with me.

My daughter, Grace, was born under dire circumstances at 26 weeks back in 2013. She was an unexpected, late in life surprise, and originally she was a twin. We found out early that the twin had the possibility of a Trisomy disorder. Due to a food borne illness that I contracted at 17 weeks, my water broke, the twin didn't survive, and Grace had a long haul at the IWK before being released at seven and a half months old. Fast forward three years, and Grace is a happy, healthy, normal child, with only a bowel issue as a remnant from her NICU days, and even that had been downgraded in early December to just minor followup.

Then, December 28, we took Grace in to emergency with what EVERYONE thought was just another minor bacterial infection to her bowel, only to have her die 18 hours later. It turned out that, between a rare disorder that no one knew she had, and invisible scar tissue forming around her bowel that no imaging could detect, her bowel was compromised and caused her death.

Upon the advice of a grief councilor, I got away for awhile, so went to family in the UK. While there, I happened upon a couple of memorial gardens, one for premature infants, stillbirths and miscarriages, and another for organ and tissue donors and recipients, both that parents and families could add names to. Coming home, I wasn't really able to find anything similar, so, I guess you could say a cause of sorts was born.

I and a number of both former NICU mothers and bereaved mothers who have either had stillbirths or miscarriages have formed Gardens of Grace, and we are advocating for bereaved parents with the provincial hospitals and the government and community, as well as establish memorial gardens around the province where parents could name their lost children if they so wish...a VERY important part of the grieving process, when years down the road, families can acknowledge the fact publicly that their child WAS, as well as making miscarriage, stillbirth and child death something less of a taboo. We are also in contact with the leading advocacy group in the UK, a group called SANDS, who have been around for 40 years...they will be aiding us in any way they can. We have also consulted with the leading group from Ontario, PAIL, on what they do, as they have traveled to England to train under SANDS.

One of our aims is the proposed gardens. The other aims would be coordinating with local hospitals and counselling groups to improve access to both families and

professionals, and improve how child death, still birth and miscarriage are dealt with in public, workplaces, etc, bereavement photography, memory boxes...

We also want to shine a light on International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, which is October 15. Elected PC MLA Tim Houston attempted to introduce a bill in the legislature last year to recognize this day provincially, but unfortunately, the bill didn't go anywhere. He has been reelected, and I have been consulting with him to reintroduce the bill in the next sitting. The difference this year will be the effort we will be making to create a larger awareness of how serious this situation really is. MPP Mike Colle was instrumental in helping Ontario pass a groundbreaking Bill 141 that does just that, as well as putting a large amount of funding into research and care...we would like Nova Scotia to follow suit!

We have started approaching town and municipal councils around the province to ask them to make proclamations recognizing October 15, and we will try and get as many landmarks lit up in pink and blue as possible on the evening of October 15, for the hour from 7-8, as part of the International Wave of Light, where candles are lit for one hour in every time zone around the world, creating a continuous wave of light to commemorate the lost children and honor their grieving families. So far we have approval for HRM City Hall to be lit, as well as the three churches in Mahone Bay and Truro library will be voted on next week.

If village councils make such proclamations as the towns and municipalities do, I would need the contact information so we could send request letters, or if there are any landmarks or buildings we could request to be lit for the Wave of Light. I have sample letters already drafted for the proclamation and lighting requests that can be adapted to each recipient, as well as a proclamation wording suggestion list that as many or few points can be chosen as the council would feel would represent the community.

If you could get back to me on your thoughts regarding this, or, if you have any questions or would like to discuss it further, we would really appreciate it.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: Safety Issue Kingston, NS

Hi Leo, Martha & the Village of Kingston

After stopping in a couple of times to talk to Leo at his office, regarding a safety issue in Kingston, he suggested that I contact all 3 of you with hopes that something can be done to improve the safety of those using the 2 crosswalks at Maple and highway 1, in the Village of Kingston.

At present there are no lights at this very busy intersection where vehicle drivers are in a real rush to get gas or coffee and get back on highway 1 or the 101. Very little respect is given to anyone crossing in either pedestrian crossing. I feel there is a real need for lights as not only adults are using this crossing but young children on their way to and from the two schools in this area.

Thank You for your time and I hope that you will combine your efforts and we will soon see the much needed lights installed at this very busy intersection.

Regards, Jean Alcock



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