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August 1, 2018

Commissioner D. Holmesdale
Commissioner J. Pierce
Commissioner P. Parsons
Commissioner M. West
Commissioner W. Fowler

Dear Commissioner Members:

Attached for your review is the Agenda for the regular Village meeting scheduled to take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Kingston Village Office.



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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING August 1, 2018

AGENDA

1. Review of Minutes of Meeting held July 4, 2018
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Consent to Agenda Items
4. Committee Reports
 - i. Wastewater
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Recreation
 - iv. Tourism
5. Committee Appointments
 - i. Policy and Finance Committee (2 members)
 - ii. Steer BBQ Committee (1 member)
 - iii. Kingston Area Advisory Committee (Chair + 2 members)
6. Policy and Finance Committee
 - i. Autos for Autism
 - ii. RCMP Lift Station Tender Award
7. Finance Report
8. Discussions
9. Correspondence
10. Adjournment



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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 4, 2018

COMMISSION:

Don Holmesdale
John Pierce
Paul Parsons
Muriel West
Wayne Fowler

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Hatfield – Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Martha Armstrong – Councillor District 4 – Municipality of the County of Kings
Kelly Hutton – Village Representative - Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation Board

OPENING

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for a review of the June 6th, 2018 Regular Session meeting minutes and asked if there were any errors or omissions.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER FOWLER THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6TH, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Holmesdale asked for any business arising from the minutes of June 6th, 2018.

Commissioner West asked if the letter of support for parents affected by the impending school bus changes had been sent to the school board. Clerk stated the letter had not yet been sent but that he had communications with the transportation providers who said they were still looking at the situation.

Commissioner West asked what information the Clerk found out about the Kingston homeowner's responsibilities for placing water lines over top of the Village's sewer lines. Clerk stated he put the homeowner in touch with the County to notify them of the situation and that the property owner needs to have easements in order to go over other easements.

Commissioner West suggested advertising the concerts in the park in the Valley Harvester newspaper which is distributed in with the weekly flyers.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

Chair Holmesdale stated there will be an In Camera Session after #9 of the Agenda.

KELLY HUTTON – VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE - SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Hutton presented a copy of the Director's Annual Report outlining the year from June 2017 to June 2018. The report outlines the various programs that the foundation supports including the Annapolis and Kings County Senior Safety Programs, Active Kids/Healthy Kids Program, the Medical Shuttle, purchasing of hospital equipment for Soldiers Memorial Hospital, the hospital staff and physician Christmas Dinner and Dance etc.

The directors also participate in the Healthcare Foundations of NS to build relationships with the NS Health Authority. Kelly Hutton stated he is on a committee with the purpose of designing a new NS Health Authority capital and project planning process and proactively planning fundraising strategies. They are looking to replace the existing medical clinic building next to Soldier's Memorial Hospital with an addition on the hospital building.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS UPDATE

Councillor Armstrong stated County Council has had some long meetings including one for their grants policy which they placed a cap on. This has resulted in a decreased grant of \$2,400 from \$5,000 for the Kingston/Greenwood Visitor Information this fiscal year. With regard to recreation grants, Councillor Armstrong stated council asked that their staff make the application process earlier, instead of so close to budget time, to make budgeting easier. Clerk stated County also needs to decide what they want to fund and suggested non-villages and towns be in a completely separate pot of money. Commissioner Pierce asked that this item be included in the next Village/County meeting. Commission also agreed that they don't approve of the county funding the 14 Wing Day Camp Program.

Commission agreed another item to discuss at the next Village/County meeting is the perception of the Mayor and his personal agenda regarding downsizing local government.

Commissioner Fowler stated he would like to officially thank the County for the arena funding that was received for the new cooling plant.

Councillor Armstrong also stated that County was going to ask the Department of Transportation to hold off on doing a traffic count at the intersection of Main St and Maple St. until school traffic is back in the fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – See Full Reports

WASTEWATER – See Full Report

Clerk stated he is still waiting for tenders from the engineers.

PUBLIC WORKS – See full report

Commission asked that the Department of Transportation be notified to repaint the bicycle lane line on Pine Ridge Ave from Magee to Maple St. as well as to fix the broken guardrail at Exit 17E on Highway 101.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Either Chair Holmesdale or Commissioner Pierce will join the other dignitaries during the Steer BBQ dinner in the arena.

Clerk stated the Summer Day Camp is so busy that for next year they may have to hire a 5th day camp staff person to accommodate the demand. Commissioner Fowler suggested the students from NSCC's Early Childhood Program might be interested.

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

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

Clerk reported on the property taxes that are in arrears and stated there were a similar number of properties in arrears as last year but the amounts were less. Clerk stated he has had success collecting by contacting the mortgage institutions attached to the property to inform them the property is in arrears.

ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA VILLAGES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chair Holmesdale stated he will attend and Commissioner Fowler may possibly attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Holmesdale stated the village received a letter from a potential developer asking if the Commission would consider installing a sewer lift station for his future development. He requested a meeting with the Commission to discuss further. Clerk stated the policy is that the developer is responsible for installing all sewer including the lift stations to the Village's specs and that once completed, the Village would take over ownership/responsibility of the sewer system. Commission agreed they did not have enough information and asked Clerk to let developer know that they would like to know what his plans are. Clerk will also speak to adjacent landowner to see about getting an easement.

WINGS AND WHEELS CAR SHOW EVENT FUNDING REQUEST

Chair stated the Village received a letter from the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society requesting \$200 through the Village's Festival and Community Events and Funding Policy.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PIERCE AND COMMISSIONER FOWLER THAT THE COMMISSION AGREE TO PROVIDE \$100 TOWARD THE WINGS AND WHEELS CAR SHOW EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

IN CAMERA SESSION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

As per In Camera discussion,

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER PIERCE THAT THE VILLAGE PRESENT AN OFFER OF \$125,000 FOR A LOCAL BUILDING AND INCLUDE A LETTER WITH A PLEA FOR COMPASSION TO ACCOMPANY THE OFFER. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PARSONS THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:40PM. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **August 1, 2018**
Re: **Environmental Services Report**

Tenders for the Maple St Lift Station replacement and the Clarifier Parts replacement were put out to tender on July 7th and closed on July 23rd at 3pm. Engineers reviewed the Maple St Lift Station tender documents received and made recommendations to the Village Commission. The Clarifier Parts Replacement tender did not receive any bids. Wastewater staff recommended contacting Dillon Consulting about preparing a more informed tender or getting a recommendation of contractors that specialize in circular clarifier installation. Dillon was the engineering firm that designed the expansion of the sewer treatment plant in 1992. The Village Clerk contacted George Goad with Dillon and he recommended contacting environment about shutting the clarifier down for 3 days so the work can take place. The initial plan was to have contractor pump clarifier down and do the work in intervals. This is very hard to do when it takes about 6 hours to remove the 400,000 gallons and then have to open the valve back up within 4 hours to avoid spilling over aeration tank walls limiting how much work can take place each time clarifier is pumped down.

Wastewater manager then contacted Katherine Macleod with the Department of Environment Compliance Division about the possible by-pass of raw sewer at the treatment plant for approximately 3 days while contractors install new brackets. The reply back indicated that they do not allow release of raw sewer into receiving waters unless treated. Holding tanks or big ground bladders would likely have to be considered along with Loomer's Pumping Service hauling sewer away. At this time of year the plant has about 165,000 US gallons of flow to it a day which, over a 3 day period, is in excess of half a million gallons. Wastewater manager will check into holding tanks and/or ground bladders.

Pump had to be pulled at KN-11 lift station due to a leak seal detection alarm that will not allow pump to start. Leak seal alarm indicates that the mechanical seal is allowing water into the motor housing which saves the chance of damage to the motor. Pump was removed and sent to Xylem to be assessed. Xylem's shop is extremely backed up and the assessment is at least 3 weeks away. Station is operating on one pump.

The treatment plant work is ongoing and wastewater staff is extremely busy keeping the clarifier and UV channel clean. With the very hot humid weather sewer treatment is always a challenge with low flows and algae growth. Impellers and wear plates on the clarifier return sludge pumps were changed as per annual maintenance to ensure full

pumping capacity of return activated sludge, the most important part of keeping a quality effluent.

Wastewater staff was called out to the Visitor Information Center (VIC) because of toilets backing up on Sunday, July 22nd. Sewer pipe from VIC connects into manhole out back and although sewer lines coming into and leaving the manhole were replaced by staff some years ago, the manhole wasn't. The manhole had a mat of roots in the bottom and totally blocked off the VIC sewer pipe. Roots were cut out and blockage was relieved.



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From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **August 1, 2018**
Re: **Public Works Report**

New signs for the entrances coming into the Village have been ordered. Sign contract was awarded to B&H Wholesalers and will be ready to install August 9th. Public Works staff will remove old signs a few days before that date and paint the metal post that the signs will be bolted to. Signs should be installed by no later than the 10th of August.

Dexter Construction completed the sidewalk replacement from the United Baptist church to the corner of Main and Maple St. Public Works staff landscaped the grass boulevards and the other side of sidewalk with topsoil and then seeded. Gravel driveways were also graded for smooth transition onto new driveway aprons for residents. Initially some of the driveway aprons were going to be left in place but after consultation with Dexter's foreman about the quality of the job, it was decided to remove the 6 aprons. Price for the extra was 4000.00 and was still under budget for overall job.

Steer BBQ preparations included installing the portable staging, distributing barricades, delivering the Lions Kiddie Train, picking up recycle bins from Valley Waste and getting sand for the BBQ pit. After BBQ, staging was dismantled and stored away in Public Works barn, train was taken back to Nictaux Lions Club and bins were returned to Valley Waste in Lawrencetown. Public Works staff advised Steer BBQ rep that bandstand structure that stands over top of the portable staging needs to be taken down for stability and safety concerns. A more permanent structure should be considered for the future such as a smaller version of Centennial Park's bandstand with 6x6 post mounted on a concrete pad. Post installed in the ground has a short life expectancy. The wooden portable staging should also be considered for replacement over the next couple of years.

With the dry hot temperatures grass mowing has scaled back but watering flowers has been a daily task, even on the weekends. Hanging baskets, even with watering, have not done well, particularly the Million Bells. Hanging baskets will be reviewed at season's end. Lack of mowing has allowed staff to catch up with some much needed pruning of shrubs and overhanging branches on some of our sidewalks. Calcium Chloride has also been applied on the treatment plant access road and the old DAR line that runs along the golf course edge, the section where homes are located at Prince St and Mosher. Most of the picnic tables were given a fresh coat of paint throughout our parks to freshen them up along with some minor repairs and board replacement. Dugouts at Ravenwood ball diamonds were also painted to cover up some recent graffiti.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Glen Abriel, Recreation Coordinator**

Date: **August 1, 2018**

Re: **Recreation Report**

KINGSTON STEER BBQ & VILLAGE FAIR – Friday & Sat July 13th – 14th

- Wrap up meeting taking place at the Lions Hall on Tuesday August 7th.
- Any thoughts/comments on the Steer BBQ from the Commission are welcome and can be sent to the recreation department prior to the meeting.

SENIORS APPRECIATION PICNIC 2018 – THURS AUG 9TH 3PM – 6PM @ KINGSTON LIONS HALL

- Commissioners are invited to offer their time to attend and assist with serving or in any additional way they may feel comfortable with helping.
- Many thank to local businesses who donated gift cards and prizes to the event.
- Rec Department is currently picking up the supplies for the event.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2018 – Tuesday July 3rd – Friday Aug 24th at 12 noon

- There is a waiting list through the first four weeks. (FULL = 24). As participants are unable to come – those on the waiting list are contacted.
- Multiple compliments by parents on the enjoyment of their children's participation. Common area of concern has been missing/not enough sunscreen.
- Lots of visitors and presenters coming to the day camp to share their expertise with the children.

DROP IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL – Tues/Thurs 7-9pm – ages 14 & up

- Continuing to have 10-12 folks participating on a regular basis.

CENTENNIAL PARK – FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC – NEXT PERFORMANCE THURSDAY Aug 2nd @ 6:30pm featuring S.W.I.G

- Thursday Aug 2nd @ 6:30pm – S.W.I.G
- Tim Vallillie – Sunday Aug 12th @ 2pm – 3:30pm
- Vance McLeod – Thursday Aug 16th @ 6:30 – 8pm
- BJ McLean & 4 way Stop - Sunday Aug 19th @ 2pm
- Bob Deveau & the Hilites – Thursday Aug 23rd @ 6:30pm

Possibly one more with Tim Vallillie but that has yet to be confirmed.

OLDER ADULT FITNESS CLASS 2018

- Recreation Department has been in discussion with our instructor from last year – Helen is happy to instruct again this fall. Helen may be away for the first 3 weeks of September so the classes may begin a little later than normal.

CREDIT UNION CENTRE – SUMMER PROJECTS

- The summer day camp has been utilizing the Rink quite often to keep the kids out of the sun.
- The Credit Union Centre is replacing the cooling plant and equipment through a tendering process. Acadia Refrigeration was the successful bidder. Credit Union Centre staff are assisting with the demolition of the old cooling plant.

ACTIVE KIDS HEALTHY KIDS – FALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Western Kings Active Kids Healthy Kids will be offering additional opportunities for organizations to apply for funding in September. Kingston Recreation chairs this committee in partnership with Berwick Recreation, Kings County Recreation, NS Dept. of Community Culture & Heritage, as well as the Western Kings Memorial Health Society.

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY AUTISM – CAR SHOW EVENT FUNDRAISER – SAT AUG 25TH 8AM – 8PM

- There will be a Large Car show being held at the Kingston Steer BBQ Grounds & Centennial Park on Saturday Aug 25th as a Fundraiser for the Annapolis Valley Autism organization.

KINGSTON LIBRARY EVENTS – OPEN TO PUBLIC

- FUNtastic Fridays – every Friday from 1pm – 2pm – Free for all – various activities
- Thurs Aug 2nd - 3D Printer Demonstration 10am – 12noon
- Tues Aug 7th – Stories with Sarah – 6pm -8pm
- Thurs Aug 9th – Snap Circuits – 1pm -2:15pm
- Thurs Aug 16th – LEGO Mindstorm Robotics – 1pm – 2:15pm
- Tuesday Aug 21st – Stories with Sarah – 6-8pm
- Thursday Aug 23rd – Cubelets & Hexbugs – 1pm – 2:15pm
- Thurs Aug 30th - Ice Cream Social – 1pm -2pm

VILLAGE FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

- Staff will be working on upcoming newsletter for the upcoming tax bill mailings at the end of August. If any Commissioner has anything they would like added to the newsletter please submit to Janice or Recreation Dept.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: Janice Hatfield
Date: June 6, 2018
Re: Tourism Report

Hours of Operation

The hours of operation at the VIC for the month of June were 10am to 5pm and for the month of July the hours were 9am to 5pm, 7 days/week.

New Visitor Information Signs

Staff ordered two new blue and white signs for the Visitor Information Centre to better identify the parking area for travelers coming from the west. Public Works staff put one sign at the parking lot entrance which replaced 3 different signs - the brown question mark sign, the green 'P' parking sign and the green arrow sign. The other sign is located just before the east Superstore entrance indicating parking ahead.

Funding

The Village received word from the County that Council put a cap on their grants policy which has resulted in a decreased grant for the Visitor Information Centre this fiscal year in the amount of \$2,400 from the usual \$5,000.

Statistics

Totals – June 2018	Visitors Counselling
Canada	340
US	32
Overseas	13
Grand Total	385

Totals – July 2018	Visitors Counselling
Canada	552
US	36
Overseas	32
Grand Total	620

Totals	2017	2016	2015	2014
June	405	437	464	579
July	695	649	802	941



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Date: **August 1, 2018**

MOTION:

THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION AWARD THE RCMP LIFT STATION PROJECT TO **DJ LOWE CONSTRUCTION** IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$114,536.55 inclusive of HST**.

RCMP Lift Station Tender

- Tender closed July 23, 2018
- Clerk-Treasurer and Engineer discussed submitted bids
 - o Engineer had no issues with submitted bid
- Budget: \$150,000 (100% Gas Tax)
 - o HST included in below prices
- Lowest Bid: \$114,536.55 – DJ Lowe
- 2nd Bid: \$143,306.50 – Howard Little
- 3rd Bid: \$258,750.00 – Mid Valley Construction
- 4th Bid: \$261,855.00 – Dexter Construction

Festival and Community Events Funding Policy

Autos for Autism – Annapolis Valley Chapter of Autism Nova Scotia

- Requesting \$500.00
- Organizations have applied multiple times in same year in the past
- Autism NS has previously applied for funding:
 - o 2018 – Walk the Walk \$500
 - o 2017 – Walk the Walk \$500
 - o 2016 - Walk the Walk \$400
 - o 2015 - Walk the Walk \$400



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From: **Mike McCleave, Clerk/Treasurer**
Date: **August 1, 2018**
Re: **Monthly Finance Report**

RECOMMENDATION

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER #1 AND COMMISSIONER #2 THAT THE VILLAGE INCREASE OUR CURRENT OFFER TO \$200,000 FOR THE CIBC BUILDING.

That this report be received for information.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

As it is early in the year, variances cannot be generally determined at this time. However, there are a few items which can be reported on.

Revenues:

Summer Day Camp revenues are higher than expected at this point in time due to the camp being fully booked for the 8 weeks.

Interest Earned (bank account interest) is higher than budgeted due to low budgeting and carrying a high bank account balance.

Expenditures:

Steer BBQ expenditures are slightly under budget, but all bills may not have been received as of yet. Apple Blossom Princess/Festival expenses are also currently under budget.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Sludge Disposal fees are currently on budget.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

CORRECTION: The ANSV AGM will take place on Friday September 14th and Saturday September 15th in the Village of St. Peters. Any decisions on who will be attending this conference with Don Holmesdale and Clerk?

CIBC – Building Purchase

A Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Village Office to discuss the CIBC building purchase and if an increase to our current offer would be supported by the Village Commission.

Property Tax Bill Requests

The Village has seen an increase in requests for copies of tax bills.

Real Estate agents use the copy to show prospective buyers
Mortgage companies are using the copy for pre-approving the mortgage.

Instead of getting a verbal confirmation or requesting a tax certificate (at a cost of \$35), property owners and real estate agents are requesting a duplicate copy of their tax bill, circumventing the tax certificate cost. It sounds trivial, but it is currently a cumbersome procedure to print or email one tax bill. Many municipalities have also seen this increase and some have instituted a policy to charge for copies of tax bills. The President of the Municipal Tax Collectors Association of Nova Scotia, which we are a member of, has had his municipal unit institute a policy to charge \$10 for a copy of a tax bill.

Capital Projects

STP Clarifier Refurbishment	\$75,000	(100% Gas Tax)
RCMP Lift Station	\$150,000	(100% Gas Tax)
Main Street Sidewalk Renewal	\$80,000	(67% Gas Tax)
Public Wi-Fi/Camera Expansion	\$19,000	
Village Signs Replacement	\$8,000	
Office Lights to LED Conversion	\$15,000	
Website Redesign	\$7,000	
Community Needs Assessment	\$50,000	
Ravenwood Lower Field re-dressing	\$12,000	
Stronach Park Fitness Equipment	\$7,000	
New Truck	\$55,000	
Ravenwood Fencing	\$10,000	
MT-6 Blower Replacement	\$11,000	



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DISCUSSIONS

3 Brookridge Place – Tax Reassessment / historical refund

Mike McCleave

To: Danny Lundrigan
Subject: RE: Barb's Bench Program

From: Mosher, Dolly
Sent: July-25-18 1:02 PM
To: Danny Lundrigan
Subject: Barb's Bench Program

Good Afternoon Danny

My name is Dolly Mosher and I am the chair of Silent Witness Nova Scotia (SWNS). Our organization was created to honour and remember women in Nova Scotia who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. Presently we have four chapters in Nova Scotia in Cumberland County, Pictou County, Cape Breton and Metro and have interest from the Annapolis Valley and the South Shore to create chapters.

In 2016, we started a program called Barb's Bench after the family of Barbara Baillie who was murdered by her husband in 1991 wanted to place a bench in Long Lake Park on the 25th anniversary of her death not only to remember her but to bring awareness of domestic violence to the forefront to those using the park, but peacefully so as they could sit on this particular bench, painted purple. The following year in partnership with HRM, a second bench was placed in Shubie Park in Dartmouth in memory of a woman who was murdered in that park and last year we placed a bench in New Glasgow in the park there in memory of a woman who lived in that area. The bench has a plaque on it (seen in the attached photo) to remember all women but also has a number that anyone in Nova Scotia can call to receive help if they are trying to flee a violent situation.

The purple bench has become so popular that the program has reached international status and they are now popping up all over

Australia! https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.communitynews.com.au%2Ffremantle-gazette%2Fnews%2Fpurple-benches-to-be-installed-throughout-perth-to-commemorate-domestic-violence-victims%2F&h=AT3UEknzuXzUPC4hQvWlyCP4AuWGP5qW4EHb2Tw_0RHshUzsVPvB2teC-k-xTyoeATixnt44MOPrwMoDWy-2sNp0jkQR_2Q2cafeg4GL7jig4NS9XyQFuNDzPB6aIWA

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One of Barbara Baillie's son's Chad lives in Greenwood, just minutes away from Stronach Park and he has asked if allowed, if there was a possibility that a purple bench could be placed there to bring awareness to the project. I am asking if your village would be interested in partnering with Silent Witness Nova Scotia to place a bench in your park? We have a small budget that has been provided to us through a partnership with the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women to purchase the bench and would be looking for your help to have it installed.

During the third weekend of October every year we host an event called the Remember Me Walk to honor those women we have lost and educated and support those living in violence and would host this year's walk at your park if allowed.

I was hoping if this is a project the Village of Kingston would be interested in that we could have a conversation and start planning now to order the bench and have it placed in time to be unveiled in the park for the event on October 20th. The event has brought quite a bit of media attention each year and various levels of government have attended the event and the unveiling.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read through my email and the links and photo's I have attached. I appreciate it during what is likely a busy time of year for you as well!

Kind regards,
Dolly Mosher
Chair, SWNS

Dolly Mosher



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