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June 11, 2020

Commissioner J. Pierce
Commissioner M. West
Commissioner W. Fowler
Commissioner M. Bishop
Commissioner B. Beardsley

Dear Commissioner Members:

Attached for your review is the Agenda for the regular Village meeting scheduled to take place at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Due to the potential spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting will be held using Zoom and will not be open to the public.



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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING June 11, 2020

AGENDA

1. Review of Minutes of Meeting held May 14, 2020
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Consent to Agenda Items
4. Committee Reports
 - i. Wastewater
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Recreation
5. Clerk's Report
6. Discussions
7. Correspondence
8. Adjournment



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**KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE – DUE TO COVID-19**

COMMISSION:

John Pierce
Wayne Fowler
Muriel West
Brad Beardsley
Mike Bishop

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Due to Covid-19 the meeting was not open to the public.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair Pierce asked for a review of the April 9, 2020 Regular Session meeting minutes.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FOWLER AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY
THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OF APRIL 9, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Pierce asked for any business arising from the minutes of April 9, 2020.

Funding for Bins

Clerk stated the Village has received funding for the bins that were available to the public after Hurricane Dorian.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY THAT
THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS – See Full Reports

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

Clerk stated the technician from Pennecon has been going around to all of our lift stations and upgrading the controllers. We are waiting for a response from the Department of Transportation and NS Power about installing one of the power pole antennas on Old French Rd and Acadia Dr. Once that is installed they will be able to connect everything up wirelessly. Four lift stations will be linked to the power pole antenna on Old French Rd and that antenna will be linked to the one at the Village Office.

Chair asked about the status of sewer replacement along north Main St from the new Village office to Magee Dr. Clerk stated there are still residents to contact and advise them of the work involved, but the project will most likely begin after the SCADA system upgrades.

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Staff will confirm with Atlantic Arborists that the remaining trees at the Westwood St playground are safe to remain. Commission agreed that some of the pine trees in that area should be removed and new hardwood trees planted to replace them.

Clerk stated there was a \$500 difference between the two quotes for the boom lift.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Clerk stated the online photo of Kingsley the steer wearing a mask made by Commissioner West has been seen by over 30,000 people.

CREDIT UNION CENTRE UPDATE

Commissioner Fowler stated they will be receiving a grant for a wheelchair accessible washroom at the arena. The reopening of the arenas for hockey may be as late as the beginning of January 2021 due to Covid-19.

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

CLERK / TREASURER REPORT

OPERATING BUDGET

ON MOTION OF COMMISSION WEST AND COMMISSIONER FOWLER THAT THERE BE NO INCREASES TO THE 20/21 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AND THAT IT BE SET AT 30.9 CENTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FOWLER AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY THAT THERE BE NO INCREASES TO THE 20/21 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 41.3 CENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT THERE BE NO INCREASES TO THE 20/21 SEWER RATES FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY AND COMMISSIONER FOWLER THAT THE DRAFT 20/21 OPERATING BUDGET DISSEMINATED AT THE APRIL 2020 COMMISSION MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

Audit

Clerk reported the audit, which is being done remotely, is running smoothly.

Library Renovation

Clerk reported the addendum came out for the library to extend it to May 21st. We are in the process of getting a structural engineer to sign off on knocking down some main interior concrete walls. Hopefully the Village will receive the final addendum in a few days. Clerk stated the first priority will be for the library to remove their contents and get it into storage and the second priority will be to set up their temporary library at the Visitor Information Centre. Commissioner Fowler suggested the Library may want to contact Easson's for the possible use of a donated expired container for temporary storage. Clerk stated the Visitor Information Centre shelves and racks have all been emptied and the building is pretty much ready for the library to move in.

Balser Sidewalk Design Update

Commissioner Fowler asked about the status of the Balser Drive sidewalk design. Clerk stated the Department of Transportation is putting a design together and it should be submitted to us by next week. They will not allow soak away pits but the culvert pipes they would use are perforated so that as the water is running downhill, it will be soaking into the ground continuously.

Other Approved Capital Projects 2020-2021 (Budget / Actual Amounts)

Water Drilling Study	\$50,000	~\$50,000
KN5 / KN12 Lift Station Panels	\$40,000	
Installing in the next couple of weeks, will be under budget.		
SCADA System	\$135,000	
Main Street Easement Renewal	\$60,000	
Balser Drive Sidewalk Design	\$10,000	
Main/Maple St RRFB Crosswalks	\$15,000	
Crosswalk going from north side of Main St to the south side will be moved 5 metres closer to downtown away from the intersection for safety.		

Public Works Building \$250,000

Waiting on quotes from two more engineers.

Ravenwood Ball Field Dugouts \$13,000

Awarded to P.M. Spicer Contracting, who will install free of charge and therefore is under budget.

New Village Office Exterior Repairs \$5,000

Public Works staff will do most repairs but will hire someone to do the eaves trough work.

Recreation Storage Sheds \$9,000

Both sheds have been installed and the cost came in at approximately \$7,200 + HST.

Wastewater Lean-to \$5,000

This item may not be necessary as Public Works may use the old shed from the ball fields for storage.

Tow-behind Boom Lift \$40,000

Under budget by \$3,000.

Property Taxes

Commission agreed to wait until the June meeting to decide on extending the property tax due date.

Commission Meetings

Clerk stated that teleconferencing via 'Zoom' can continue for regular commission meetings during the emergency restrictions. Clerk suggested using Facebook Live for the June meeting as a trial run for the public and then use it for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). If we are required to hold the AGM it has to be available to the public. Clerk stated he can port the Zoom meeting to Facebook in order for the public to see the meeting. The public can make comments on Facebook and the Commission can read them in a live feed which can be read to the Commission.

Commissioner Fowler suggested having an announcement a few weeks prior to the AGM and have the public email questions/topics that can be addressed at the meeting.

There are two openings on the Commission, Commissioner Bishop has agreed to re-offer and Commissioner Pierce will not be reoffering. Chair Pierce stated he would like to continue working with the new Kingston Library project.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FOWLER AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT JOHN PIERCE CONTINUE TO BE THE VILLAGE'S LIAISON ON THE LIBRARY PROJECT TO COMPLETION. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner West reported she approached the Combined Charities Fund at 14 Wing Greenwood for a one time donation for the new library and they are awarding the project \$1,000.

Miscellaneous

Clerk reported that for staff/resident protection from the coronavirus, the front desk will be getting a sneeze guard. Clerk stated he also ordered a new debit machine so that residents and staff don't have to interact with the same machine.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Election

Nomination Period	May 28 th – June 10 th , 2020
Nomination Day	Wednesday, June 10 th , 2020

Advance Poll	Tuesday, June 23 rd , 2020
Election Day	Saturday, June 27 th , 2020

Annual General Meeting Thursday, June 25th 2020

These dates are set as a requirement of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leaves/Brush

Commissioner Fowler brought forward a request from a resident to have door to door service of leaf pickup. If not, is there a place they could take their leaves? Clerk stated the Village would have to hire out that service and the Village does not have a location that the public could use for drop-off of leaves/brush. Commission agreed the bin service could be revisited as the emergency restrictions are gradually lifted. Clerk also suggested the bins could be left for a longer period of time in the fall. Commissioner West suggested having a list of people on the Village website that can be hired to pick up leaves/brush.

Garbage

Commissioner West noticed the excess garbage on the old rail bed trail and found out it is normally picked up by local school children. This year, with the Covid-19, that has not been possible. Commissioner West suggested sending a thank you to the schools whenever they take the time to clean the trail.

Commissioner West also asked that something be done about the excess garbage at some of the Housing Authority homes on Lincoln Street and Lincoln Court. Clerk stated staff can contact Valley Waste to look into the situation.

Apartment Building

Commissioner Fowler asked about the status of the improvements to the green apartment on Main St. Clerk stated the owner is waiting for government grant funding to replace windows first and new siding will be completed after that.

Businesses Opening

Chair reported The Roof Hound and the Green Elephant are open for take out recently.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY THAT
THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:21PM. MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **June 11, 2020**
Re: **Environmental Services Report**

New Panels

May 26th received new lift station panels from Pennecon. Staff booked scopes with Nova Scotia Power (NSP) for panel installation on May 28th. Removal of old panels and installation of new panels can be carried out without NSP main line disconnect because both stations have their own shut off switch. Staff have been in contact with electrical contractor and the only delay is waiting on the EYS fittings which are mandatory when installing new panels. EYS fittings seal off electrical cables coming from lift station to prevent sewer gases from entering panels where spark is generated when pumps come on. Delivery is expected to be 2-3 weeks.

SCADA System

Pennecon has been installing new pump controllers and removing Crystal Ball Omni Site controls in preparation for new radio frequency SCADA system. Contractors have been replacing about 2 per week and will likely finish when parts are received to install new panels. Scope with NSP took place for new antenna pole location and location has also been approved by Department of Transportation for installation within the street right-of-way. Once Nav Canada approves, pole can be installed.

Treatment Plant

Staff had to repair a small section of the clarifier where the V-Notch weir bolts to the concrete and holds pressure against gasket when tightened. Big piece of concrete broke out with anchor bolt that holds weir plate against concrete. Staff used hydraulic cement with new anchor bolt cemented in place so plate could be bolted tight. Worn out gasket was replaced in this section and weir was tightened back up against gasket to stop leaking. The gasket is the last challenging thing staff needs to replace on the clarifier and will be carried out this year, but with sections of concrete breaking away a new clarifier should be considered sometime in the distant future.

Replaced aerator bearings located at the bottom of the shaft just above prop. Bearings are replaced every 2 years as a preventative maintenance measure to prevent further damage to housing. Aerators run 24/7 and replacement of bearings and shafts is ongoing.

Daily duties at the treatment plant are ongoing with some increase in washing down of clarifier and UV channel this time of year with steady algae bloom. Pumps are maintained on a weekly basis by draining and removing stringy build up. Monthly testing and quarterly reporting to Environment Climate Change Canada is ongoing.

Lift Station Maintenance

Lift stations were cleaned this week as part of preventative maintenance. Stations are cleaned twice a year to remove grease and grit which causes wear on pump impellers and wear plates.

Up Coming Projects

Staff have been in contact with Evangeline Excavating about installing 2 directionally drilled sewer laterals on Pine Ridge Ave for 2 new duplexes being constructed this summer. Staff is trying to coordinate a time for contractor to install laterals and also do the pipe bursting under the garage behind Pharmasave. Staff would like to get this portion of job done before French Bakery opens back up.

Lift station panels to be installed when parts arrive as mentioned above.



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From: **Danny Lundrigan, Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **June 11, 2020**
Re: **Public Works Report**

Landscape / New Digital Sign

Public Works staff landscaped area where trench was dug for underground electrical for new digital event sign and seeded. Shrub bed was also created at the base of sign. Shrubs were planted along with flowers for colour and then mulched.

Hanging Baskets / Ground Bed Flowers

The 18 hanging baskets were installed by staff throughout the downtown core area. All ground beds and planters were also planted with annuals. Weeding and watering is ongoing.

Tow Behind Boom Lift

May 27th Tow behind boom lift was delivered. Staff arranged Aerial Lift Training seminar at the Village office with McFarland's training personnel. Training included classroom time with a small exam at the end of class and then practical training with the Haulette boom lift. There was also instruction on daily routine inspection before use and general operations.

Public Works Barn Door

Public Works staff priced automatic door opener for Public Works barn in February. Remote door opener will speed up the time when loading up with salt to spread on sidewalks for operator and help get product down faster. Door opener was installed this week.

Bandstand Maintenance

Public Works staff received quote from Maritime Blasting to vapour blast the wood on the bandstand that has turned black. Staff generally sand all the wood with vibrating sander which is very time consuming. A small section was demo-ed for staff last fall and staff felt it did a very good job. Staff will stain wood using new boom lift once blasting is complete.

Miscellaneous

Grass mowing and trimming is ongoing and most of the picnic tables have been distributed to different areas.

Recreation coordinator has indicated that ball fields may be opening up June 15th for minor ball practice with certain physical distancing rules in place including not using the dugouts and having only up to 10 people on the field at once for the first phase. Seasonal staff will start dragging ball fields.

Ball field dugout roofs have not been replaced and contractor had mentioned it would likely be August before work begins.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Glen Abriel, Recreation Coordinator**

Date: **June 11, 2020**

Re: **Recreation Report**

MOVING OFFICE AND VIC

- Recreation staff assisted with the following:
 - Transporting file boxes upstairs that were brought over from old office
 - Painting storage room in the new office space
 - Transporting equipment, boxes, antiques, etc. from the VIC to the new office

2020 COVID-19

- Recreation Department continues to:
 - Update and disseminate updated and relevant COVID-19 information on Village social media and websites as information changes.
(Kingston/Greenwood Isolation and Support Network, Kingston/Greenwood Community Health Board, Kings County Senior Safety Manager, etc.)
 - Collaborate with all Recreation Departments throughout the Annapolis Valley, using weekly ZOOM and conference calls to discuss what Recreation looks like moving forward throughout the pandemic.
 - Work within the confines of the Provincial COVID-19 Emergency Measures regulations under the direction of the Clerk/Treasurer.
 - Attend various Webinars including “Splash Pads within your Community” and “Creating a Re-Opening Plan to Deal with COVID -19”.

KINGSTON LIBRARY B-FIT KITS

- Kingston Recreation and the Kingston Library have partnered to offer the B-Fit Family Kits for the public to sign out. There are 5 Family Kits available and can be signed out at the Village Office. Each Family Kit contains equipment for various activities including: Dance, Throwing, Yoga, Parachute and a Variety Kit. The kits can be signed out for one week time periods and are disinfected by recreation staff each time they are returned.

KINGSTON PARKS & TRAILS SIGNAGE COVID-19

- Kingston Recreation is working with Kings County Recreation and Wild Roots Nature Instructor Marina Myra to have a Self-Directed Nature Walk/Story Book Panel placed throughout Stronach Park. Recreation Department has notified Public Works and will be investigating a theme for these panels for Marina to create the book panels and the story.
- Kingston Recreation has ordered new replacement outdoor beach volleyball poles with the proper cable winch with removable handle. Recreation has also ordered new replacement basketball poles, backboards and nets for the basketball courts.
- Recreation Department, in consultation with the Public Works Department, has and will continue to place updated COVID -19 restrictions signage throughout Village parks and on sports court facilities reminding users of the physical distancing requirements.

- Individuals had removed the caution tape surrounding each of the fitness structures within Stronach Park. Recreation staff replaced the caution tape and signage stating that all structures are off limits due to the provincial COVID-19 health restrictions.
- Staff also placed group limitation signs at the Village tennis and basketball courts.

POTENTIAL ADULT PROGRAMMING SPRING 2020

- Staff may look at offering some “modified” Adult Fitness in the Park programs with Helen Malo. All programs would fall within provincial restrictions of 6ft distancing, etc.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2020

- Recreation Department has hired a Summer Day Camp Intern to begin planning summer activities and put together a COVID-19 plan. This plan will consist of modified hours, number of participants, activities and locations in order to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.
- Recreation staff will be submitting this plan to the Clerk and Commission for approval. Once approved, the plan will then be submitted to NS Public Health for approval.
- To prepare for the possibility of holding a Summer Day Camp, the Recreation Department will be posting ads for 2 additional summer day camp Counsellors. This would bring the total number of potential day camp staff to 3.

LOCAL PROVINCIAL SPORTS 2020 – COVID-19

- Recreation staff met with the Kingston Area Baseball Association President on June 8th. Baseball NS has released a COVID -19 phased plan to reintegrate youth back into baseball. Some of the basic PHASE 1 modified restrictions include: Only 10 individuals on a field at a time, no equipment sharing, no games and no dugout usage. The local baseball association will be reaching out to see if their membership will be participating this year.
- Recreation staff reached out to the other organizations that utilize our softball fields to see if they have a plan to use the fields under COVID-19 health restrictions for this summer.

SOCIAL MEDIA – ACTIVE AT HOME OPPORTUNITIES

- Recreation staff posted 6 “Where’s Kingsley Challenges” where residents are given a picture clue (online) of where Kingsley was and they are asked to walk or bike to that location with their family and post a picture of themselves at that location.
- To date, 6 gift cards have been awarded from local Kingston restaurants.

KINGS COUNTY REGIONAL VIRTUAL CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

- Recreation Departments throughout Kings County are collaborating to create a “virtual Canada Day Celebration” that may include, a backyard scavenger hunt, a trivia challenge, a Canada Day craft and a variety of local entertainers throughout the day. This will be an online broadcasted event, hosted by Kings County Recreation in partnership with Valleyconnect.ca. There is also the possibility of connecting to the live broadcast of the National broadcast from Ottawa at various times throughout the day.
- Kingston Recreation has reached out to the NOVA 7arts group and they are very interested in doing the craft instruction for this event.
- Kingston Recreation has also secured Joclynn Sampson – a local youth musician who will be performing online for this event as well.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Mike McCleave, Clerk/Treasurer**
Date: **June 11, 2020**
Re: **Clerk Report**

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE DRAFT 2019-20 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY OUR AUDITOR, LAWRENCE LAKE.

THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE INTEREST RELIEF FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020 AND REVIEW THE NEED FOR EXTENDING THIS INTEREST RELIEF AT THE JULY COMMISSION MEETING

Ministerial Order

See attached correspondence. In summary, Village Annual General Meetings (AGM) and Elections are deferred until the provincial state of emergency is lifted. Villages will have 90 days after the end date to schedule and hold such events. Current commissioner's terms are extended until the AGM/Elections take place. The newly elected commissioner's terms will be shortened by the same duration.

Property Taxes / delayed payments

Many municipalities have provided interest relief for property owners during the provincial state of emergency. Our neighbouring municipal units have provided the same relief until the end of July, 2020. The Kingston Village Commission has already, by motion, provided for interest relief for the months of May and June 2020.

Miscellaneous

Sneeze guards have been ordered from Workplace Essentials
Village staff are ordering PPE products as required

Library Renovation

The new closing date for the Library Tender is June 22, 2020. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the tender should be awarded shortly thereafter.

Main Street RRFB Crosswalk

DTIR advised that there will be an added cost to the project. Crosswalks of this style have upgraded thermoplastic crosswalk lines that are etched into the pavement. DTIR has estimated the cost to be approximately \$3,500 extra.

Approved Capital Projects 2020-21 (Budget / YTD Actual Amounts)

- Water Drilling Study	\$50,000	\$17,661
- KN5 / KN12 Lift Station Panels	\$40,000	\$32,647
- SCADA System	\$135,000	
- Main Street Easement Renewal	\$60,000	
- Balser Sidewalk Design	\$10,000	\$8,448
- Main/Maple RRFB Crosswalks	\$15,000	
- PW Building	\$250,000	
- Ravenwood Dugouts	\$13,000	
- Village Office Exterior Repairs	\$5,000	
- Recreation Storage Shed(s)	\$9,000	\$7,200
- Wastewater Lean-to	\$5,000	
- Tow-behind Boom Lift	\$40,000	\$38,291

**Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency**
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
(20-007)

Under my authority in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, I order that this Direction (20-007) repeal and replace the Direction (20-00X) regarding village commissions issued on May 20, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that, effective as of May 20, 2020:

1. A village commission shall not hold any statutorily required meeting of electors during the declared state of emergency and may postpone such meeting without penalty or recourse, provided that the meeting is held within a period of 90 calendar days after the last date of the declared state of emergency.
2. When a postponed meeting is rescheduled, notice of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting must be given in the manner and with the amount of advance notice which would have been required for the meeting if it had not been postponed.
3. If a village commission has not, by by-law, provided for the village commissioners to be elected on a day within one week following the annual meeting of the village commission, the election of village commissioners is postponed to the date of the rescheduled annual meeting.
4. If a village commission has, by by-law, provided for the village commissioners to be elected on a day within one week following the annual meeting of the village commissioners, the election of the village commissioner is postponed to such date as may be established by the village commission by resolution, which must be within one week following the rescheduled annual meeting.
5. If a village commission has, by by-law, provided for the nomination of candidates on a day preceding the day on which the election is to be held, the nomination day is postponed to such date as may be established by the village commission by resolution.
6. The term of office of a village commissioner holding office as of the May 20, 2020 is extended to the date on which the village commissioner's successor takes office or, if there is no successor, until the date on which the village commissioner's successor would have taken office if there was a successor.
7. The term of office of a village commissioner elected at a postponed election shall run from the date on which the election would have been held if it had not been postponed.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated May 26 , 2020.

original signed by

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



June 4, 2020

Mike McCleave
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Dear Mr. McCleave,

Thank you for taking the time to contact us about the possibility of a cannabis store in the Kingston/Greenwood area. Expanding our network of cannabis stores is a priority and there are many factors we consider when selecting communities for new cannabis stores. Population, distance to other cannabis stores and whether the existing NSLC store is large enough to accommodate a cannabis section. Right now, we are planning to add 14 new cannabis stores across the province to better serve our customers.

You will be pleased to know that the Kingston/Greenwood area is on our radar as a possibility. I was touring the valley recently and I believe there is an opportunity for us to offer cannabis in this area. We are focusing on the implementation of the 14 new stores so it will take some time before we can consider the next round of cannabis stores.

I will keep your contact information on file, and we will be in touch as soon as we have more news to share on the expansion of our cannabis stores.

Best regards,



Greg Hughes

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