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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF NOV 4, 2021

COMMISSION:

Wayne Fowler - Chair
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair
Muriel West
Brad Beardsley
Neil Larder

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Knickle – Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Martha Armstrong – Councillor, District 4, Municipality of the County of Kings

OPENING

Chair Fowler called the Regular Session to order at 7:05pm and welcomed Councillor Armstrong.

COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG

J-Class Road List

The County has the J-Class road list ready for 2022/23 paving and have proposed supporting Victoria Dr, Varner St, George St, Elm St and Old French Rd (from Katelyn St to CS). After a discussion, Commission agreed with substituting Varner St and George St with either Hillcrest Ave or McMaster Cres. This would result in a completion of paving in either area. Chair asked Commission and staff to assess the condition of both Hillcrest Ave and McMaster Crescent. The NS Department of Public Works (NS DPW) and the County will do a new ranking of roads next year.

NSDPW has suggested de-listing the remainder of Markland (as per Scott Quinn). The Commission, based on this information, has stated that Markland should be dug up and grassed over if they aren't willing to repair the road. NS Power, Loblaws/Superstore, Home Hardware, and New Hope Church will have to be included in the conversation as it may mean a change of address for them. Commission would like to see this work done next year since it was missed this year.

The Villages/County virtual meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 17th.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair asked for a review of the October 14, 2021 Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Fowler asked for any business arising from the minutes of October 14, 2021.

Clerk has not contacted Irving regarding their parking lot.

Scott Quinn, engineer with the County, informed Clerk they are looking into the possibility of Kingston connecting into their Greenwood Water Utility. It would require approval from the UARB and other entities.

The trees for the Elm St playground are here and ready for planting. Commission agreed an arborist should look at existing trees for preventative maintenance.

The design for the new public works building site should be ready in 2 or 3 weeks. Mid Valley Construction is dealing with the land sale/registry and will clear the land by December.

Contractor is still waiting for the bottom section of library siding to arrive to begin work.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair asked for any additions to the agenda.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

As per report, the inspector for Transportation of Dangerous Goods will be doing an inspection.

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Commission asked if staff could place small steps next to bins for easier disposal of bags of leaves.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commission agreed to reach out to businesses explaining that due to Covid-19 restrictions there will only be fireworks for the New Years Eve event. Businesses can then decide if they wish to participate in sponsoring the fireworks since it is a business-sponsored event. Paragon Golf Course has given permission to use their land for the fireworks.

EMILY HARRIS REPORT – See Full Report

The Haunted Night at Centennial Park was a success for its first attempt. If it becomes an annual event, more could be added but would also require more volunteers. The suggestion was made to have more lighting along the trail for better visibility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steer BBQ

King Lion Pat Nixon will present the letter regarding Steer BBQ responsibilities to the Lions Club at their next meeting on November 15th. Commissioner Beardsley will talk to Terry Hearn about whether the Sparky Run will continue since two organizers of the Sparky Fun Run have left the Fire Hall.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Commissioner Bishop attended a meeting last week and reported the survey results are being compiled.

Kingston Area Advisory Committee

The County will organize a meeting soon to discuss the proposed storage unit at 787 Main St.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Balser Dr

Commissioner Larder noted the dip in Balser Dr was likely a result of fill underneath that section that composted and settled over the years. Due to budget constraints, the NS Department of Public Works is only going to put asphalt overtop of that section.

Tim Hortons Intersection

Commission approved the letter to be sent to the NS Minister of Public Works asking for a solution to the safety issue of Tim Hortons patrons obstructing traffic on Main St while waiting to enter the drive-through. The letter was copied to MLA Chris Palmer, the Kingston RCMP and the Tim Hortons owner. One solution might be for DPW to purchase privately owned King St in order to have a secondary turning lane.

Christmas Dinner

The Yellow Leaf was not able to offer their entire dining room so the dinner will be at the Roof Hound and Clerk will confirm a suitable date.

Steer BBQ Funds

The Steer BBQ bank account is now closed and a cheque for \$5008 was brought to the Village to open a new account. Commission agreed to add the \$10,000 budgeted for the 2021 Steer BBQ (cancelled due to Covid-19) to the new account.

Recreation Coordinator

Clerk will advertise the Recreation Coordinator position with no end date until someone is officially hired.

Santa Comes to Kingston

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Village is collaborating with the Kingston Fire Department again this year. Santa will be driven around the Village in a fire truck on December 3rd starting at 6pm.

Village of Greenwood

The Village of Greenwood would like the Village of Kingston to co-sponsor their Canada Day event for 2022. Commission agreed they would co-sponsor the Canada Day Fireworks.

The Village of Greenwood would also like to co-sponsor other events with Kingston so residents of both Villages can feel included.

New Year's Eve Fireworks

The Village of Greenwood agreed to contribute \$5,250 for New Year's Eve fireworks. Since this event has always been majority business-funded, the Village will also reach out to businesses via social media for donation interest, explaining that there will only be fireworks this year. The Village will also ask the County of Kings for funding.

Kings County Villages Meeting

The seven villages in Kings County have agreed to meet before the Villages/County meeting to discuss various issues.

Finance Report – See full report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Fowler received an invitation from the Kingston Legion Branch #98 to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th. Chair confirmed he would attend.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioners Bishop and West attended the doctor recruitment event in Bridgetown on behalf of the Village. There were 50+ people at the event and the Village expressed its appreciation of all the work the recruitment committee is doing to attract doctors to the area.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55PM. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER