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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2024

COMMISSION:

Wayne Fowler
Mike Bishop
Muriel West
Neil Larder
Lauren Avery

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Knickle – Administrative Assistant

OPENING

Chair Fowler called the Regular Session meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Resident Concerns

Commission will send correspondence to resident expressing that they will speak to County Councillor Martha Armstrong and MLA Chris Palmer about his concerns. The concerns were outside of the Village of Kingston's authority, which is to provide services for Village of Kingston residents. The Commissioners are dedicated to spending revenues, collected from constituents, as responsibly as possible.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair asked for a review of the December 14, 2023, Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WEST AND COMMISSIONER AVERY, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair asked for any additions to the agenda. No additions.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER WEST THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Bus Shelter

The bus shelter was shipped from Ontario on January 10th.

Sea Container

Staff will research cost of a sea container for storage. Commission will discuss during budget meetings.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Santa's Drive Through Kingston

Commission suggested starting the drive through at 5:30pm in order to get to the children at the other end of the village earlier.

Senior's Social

Commission would like to open the event to Village of Greenwood seniors. Staff can work out the details regarding registering ahead of time or not.

Standardized Park Signage

Commission asked that staff research the cost and present at budget time. The signs could be added over a three-year period.

Staff Clothing

Commission will discuss clothing at budget time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – See Full Report

New Year's Eve Fireworks Complaint

Regarding complaint from resident about the noise from the New Year's Eve fireworks, Commission advised staff to advertise the location and time weeks in advance, to give residents time to prepare.

Business Holiday Wreath Decorating Competition

The winner of the contest was Fraser's Pro Home Centre. They were presented with a certificate and received advertising on the LED sign for two weeks.

Business Meeting

Commission would like to have staff confirm attendees before the business mixer on January 16th. Commission would like to have staff advertise the meeting beforehand on Facebook. Chair Fowler, Commissioner West, Commissioner Bishop, and Clerk will attend.

Foam Party at Steer BBQ

Commission approved the \$200 cost increase of the foam party for the Friday night portion of the 2024 Steer BBQ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steer BBQ

N/A

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER LARDER THAT THE COMMISSION ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 AS PRESENTED AT THE JOINT ACCESSIBILITY MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, 2023, AND INCLUDE THE AMOUNT IN THE VILLAGE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024-2025. MOTION CARRIED.

Kingston Area Advisory Committee (KAAC)

Commission did not have any concerns with the development of properties on Mosher St. by Peckford Holdings. The County was informed that the Village's sewer system can handle the development.

Audit Committee

N/A

Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation – Dr. Recruitment Committee – See full report.
Commissioner West will attend the meeting next week.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Clerk attended a virtual meeting today. The Village of Bible Hill will reach out to all villages to see if there is an interest in funding a staff person.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

The Village received a copy of a letter that was sent by AVRL to the Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage asking for an increase in funding. Commission agreed with AVRL's arguments for more funding and asked that staff write a letter of support to the minister and copy to those on AVRL's list. Commission also asked staff to arrange a meeting with MLA Chris Palmer to discuss the expansion of hours at the Kingston library, the possibility of a nursing home for the Kingston/Greenwood area, a sidewalk for the west end of Kingston, , a water system, new bridges for Bridge St and issues with the NS Department of Public Works.

Planning Application

The County of Kings sent a notice of an application for a development by Peckford Holdings Inc. on Mosher St. Commission agreed there were no concerns with this development.

Meeting with MP Chris D'Entremont

Clerk and Chair Fowler met with MP Chris D'Entremont to discuss future ownership possibilities for the arena, a water system for the Village and getting updated, accessible bridges on Bridge St.

Reschedule February Commission Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts the next commission meeting will take place a week earlier on Thursday, Feb. 1st at 7pm.

DISCUSSION:

New Boardroom Table

Staff to research further.

Cards for Fire Department

Commission agreed to send a thank you card to Watson Armstrong for his 22 years of service as Chief with the Kingston & District Fire Department. Commission also agreed to send a congratulations card to Troy Bruce, for his new position as Fire Chief.

101 Highway Sign for Kingston

Discussion took place regarding a possible sign for the Village's two Highway 101 exits and a potential design. Further discussion will take place at budget time.

Walking Tour Idea

Commission discussed the idea of having historical pictures contrasting with present pictures in various locations around the Village for a walking tour, guided by a brochure and map.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER