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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 9, 2024

COMMISSION:

Wayne Fowler
Mike Bishop
Muriel West - Absent
Neil Larder
Lauren Avery

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Knickle – Absent

GUESTS:

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

OPENING

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair asked for a review of the April 11, 2024, Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER AVERY, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mural Project

Commissioner Avery met with the two artists to discuss the details of the project. They discussed the logistics of preparation and the parking lot during paint days. The artists asked about wrapping the mural around the wall a bit. It will incorporate flowers and word(s). It will be completed the week before Steer BBQ.

Hwy 101 Village Signs

The Village obtained the rights from the artist and will be using her mural of the Steer that sits in the library as part of the overall design. The graphic artist and the artist had a meeting with Clerk and Chair to discuss details.

Power Poles on Sidewalk

One pole has been removed so far.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair asked for any additions to the agenda.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

The Village will fix the sewer situation at the Lions Club and Legion and if it ventures into their property, they may be invoiced accordingly.

Accessory dwellings are becoming more popular with the housing crisis and new County zoning bylaws. Owners will have to hook onto their own sewer line to get out to the road. They will still be required to purchase a sewer permit. If they are unable to hook onto their own line, they will have to pay to have their second lateral out to the road.

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

The Village is still waiting for the manhole on Westwood Street to be repaired by the NS Department of Public Works. They have a temporary grate on it.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Sign for Duck Pond

Commission agreed to use the “Do Not Feed the Ducks” sign presented by the Recreation Coordinator for Stronach Park to keep wildlife wild and healthy.

Steer BBQ Ball Caps

The Steer BBQ hats with logo are ready and will be available for sale at the Steer BBQ. Suggestion was made to have a disc reader machine for payment at the BBQ.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – See Full Report

Outdoor Concerts

Suggestion was made for staff to promote the outdoor concerts on valleyevents.ca etc., to gain more attendance at the concerts.

Business Group Update

Commission would like to have an update on the status of the business group and if they have been asked to volunteer at the Steer BBQ movie night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steer BBQ

- The golf tournament will be held again this year.
- The hot water issue has been resolved.
- The next meeting will be held Wednesday May 15th at 4:30pm.

- The Valley Credit Union staff may be able to provide manpower support for the movie night. Commission requested that community development staff apply under the Valley Credit Union site and the contact is Laura Zeldon.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

N/A

Kingston Area Advisory Committee (KAAC)

There was a meeting last night and the committee agreed to the zoning request to the County of Kings from R1 to R2 for a build on a vacant lot on Windsor St.

Audit Committee

N/A

Soldiers Memorial Hospital (SMH) Foundation – Dr. Recruitment Committee

Their annual general meeting will be held at 6pm on June 13th at the Lions Club.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

N/A

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

2024/25 Tax Rates

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP THAT THERE BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2024/25 RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 32.0 CENTS.

THAT THERE BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2024/25 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 41.3 CENTS.

THAT THE RESIDENTIAL SEWER TAX RATE BE SET AT \$365 AND THERE BE NO OTHER INCREASES TO THE 2024/25 SEWER RATES.

MOTIONS CARRIED.

Paving Tender

Tender closed May 8th, 2024, at 2:00PM

Tender bids (2024-201-VOK) received (\$\$\$ + HST):

Valley Paving and Excavation	\$103,962.00
Howard Little Excavating	\$145,000.00
Bowlby Paving Ltd	\$94,438.00
Dexter Construction	\$91,150.00

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER AVERY AND COMMISSIONER LARDER THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION AWARD THE PAVING TENDER (2024-201-VOK) TO DEXTER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF 91,150+HST. MOTION CARRIED.

Tractor Replacement Tender (2024-401-VOK)

Village received 3 bids:

Nova International (Kubota L5460HSTCC)	\$63,375.00+HST
Green Diamond (John Deere 4052RCAB)	\$70,838.53+HST
MacKay's Truck and Trailer (Bobcat CT5555EHST)	\$54,691.01+HST

- Although the Bobcat tractor is ~\$8,700 less than the Kubota, the tender bid did not state any warranty or service costs, which were required as part of the tender. The tractor would either need to be transported at our cost to Halifax (Bobcat Atlantic) or Truro (MacKay's Truck and Trailer location) for any service work. The Nova International bid is under budget, and they listed the warranty requirements correctly.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER AVERY THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION AWARD THE TRACTOR REPLACEMENT TENDER (2024-401-VOK) TO NOVA INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,375.00+HST. MOTION CARRIED.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (AGM)

The location for the meeting will be St. Peters - September 20-21, 2024.

Village Election and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The candidates for the two commissioner openings at the upcoming election are Maggie Travis, Brad Beardsley, and Wayne Fowler. All three candidates will have an opportunity to speak at the Annual General Meeting.

Advance Poll	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Annual General Meeting	Thursday, May 23, 2024
Election Day	Saturday, May 25, 2024

Capital Projects – See Full Report

It has been a busy month getting tenders out for various projects. The UV Room Flooding Mitigation is out for tender for the second time, since there was only one bid received the first time. It closes May 15th.

The LED permanent lighting tender has been issued and the Village received two tender bids. Commission agreed to replace lighting for the bandstand with the library.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The province agreed to increase funding to NS libraries and award \$500,000 in bridge funding and an additional \$800,000 for operating assistance in 2024/25.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER