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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF December 11, 2024

COMMISSION:

Wayne Fowler - Chair
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair
Maggie Travis
Neil Larder
Lauren Avery

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Knickle – Admin Assistant
Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant

OPENING

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chair asked for a review of the November 14, 2024, Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER AVERY, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Seasonal groundskeeper decided to stay for one more season.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair asked for any additions to the agenda.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Christmas decorations look beautiful.

It was noted that the lamp posts are dark at night, and it was suggested that perhaps a reflective tape could be added for safety. It was suggested that more decorations could be added west of the lights at Bridge St and Main St.

Steve Mosher is collecting information on the treatment of the trees in Stronach Park.

RECREATION – See Full Report

It was asked to clarify the Valley Rec meeting held in HRM, and for more information on the Valley South Shore planning committee.

Hall of Fame committee has begun to meet; Village will work with the finances for the first year. Parameters around submissions were clarified.

There was good feedback online about the Santa Drive-through.

The Commission approved the purchase of 3 more silhouettes for the streetlamps.

There were suggestions for the job description to include “enthusiastic” and “outgoing”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Steer BBQ

Update in January.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

N/A

Kingston Area Advisory Committee (KAAC)

N/A

Audit Committee

N/A

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

They are reworking the constitution.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

There was a meeting to discuss a paid position as well as the possibility of co-hosting the AGM with the Village of Greenwood in the future.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

New Admin

Thank you to Janice Knickle for her years of service.
Welcome to Paula Ferguson.

Property tax

Clerk is working to recover arrears. After two years of arrears the properties are eligible to go to tax sale. The Village can reach out to mortgage companies and advise them of the arrears.

VICE

An amendment was made to lower the Village's amount by \$5000 for this year, but it will return to the full amount next year.

Capital Projects – See Full Report

STP – UV Room Flooding/E, V, M Project

No start date yet by Mid Valley Construction. Next step is for the Clerk to reach out to the County to ask for a second extension so that the grant is not lost. Village will reach out to the construction company to discuss the ramifications.

Bridge St Crosswalk

DPW is set to begin this Spring.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commission was invited to join the volunteers for the Christmas Eve breakfast at the Lion's Club.

DISCUSSIONS:

Thank you to the community group and Commissioner Travis for the beautiful Christmas decorations that were added to the planters.

Location of new Indian restaurant, dollar store and other possible ventures

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Avery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER