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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2025

COMMISSION:

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

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
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 December 11, 2024, Regular Session meeting minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER TRAVIS AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mid Valley Construction is still working on scheduling the sewer treatment plant capital projects. Clerk sees no reason for the Village to be denied another extension and is expecting to have an answer soon.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Chair asked for any additions to the agenda. Report from Steve Mosher added to agenda

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER AVERY THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGENDA, WITH ADDITION. MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

Clarification on why the alarm didn't trip when the back up happened on Kingswood Lane was requested. It was explained that there was a bad sensor, and the problem is being investigated.

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Commission agrees that staff should fit the garbage at Stronach Park with a new locked lid to help with the dumping of household garbage.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commission asked for an update on hiring a Community Programmer, interviews are still going on and more information will be available later this week.

It was asked that a post reminding residents that the office is open late on Thursdays, by appointment, for borrowing equipment be added to our Facebook page bi-weekly.

Commissioners are looking for new ways to communicate all the wonderful events that happen in Kingston. Discussion topics included updating the website or a digital newsletter/calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Steer BBQ

Meeting to be held Wednesday January 15, 2025, at 4:30pm in the Village office conference room.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS,
THAT THE VILLAGE COMMISSION RE-APPOINT QUENTIN HILL (VILLAGE OF
NEW MINAS) AND ROBERT SEALBY (VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD) AND APPOINT
DOUG MACLEAN (VILLAGE OF CORNWALLIS SQUARE) AS VILLAGE
COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR TERMS ENDING MAY 31, 2027.**

AND

**THAT THE VILLAGE COMMISSION ADOPT THE ACCESSIBILITY PLAN UPDATE
ENTITLED "OUR JOINT ACCESSIBILITY PLAN UPDATE 2025-2028"**

MOTIONS CARRIED

Kingston Area Advisory Committee (KAAC)
N/A

Audit Committee
N/A

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

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)
Commissioner Fowler is preparing a presentation on the benefits of hiring a dedicated staff member for the meeting on January 16, 2025.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

It was noted that the Village is currently below budget for IT.

DISCUSSIONS:

There was a suggestion to encourage businesses to install security cameras to promote community safety.

Commissioner Avery asked for any questions/suggestions for the Steer BBQ Committee meeting, none were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Avery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER