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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2025

COMMISSION:

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

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant

Presentation

Peri Bowman, from the Municipality of the County of Kings, presented an application for rezoning.

Application to permit the change from general commercial (C1) to mixed commercial residential (C3) at 836 Main Street, Kingston.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BROUGHT FORWARD BY COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP, MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No questions, concerns, errors or omissions.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER AVERY AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

There was discussion around the sidewalks, crosswalks and what the plans are for replacement in terms of accessibility and materials used.
The overages and time for capital projects were questioned.

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commissioners commented on what an amazing Easter event the Rec team put on.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Steer BBQ

There will be no canvassing of businesses for money per a previous vote by Commission.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

N/A

Audit Committee

N/A

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

N/A

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

There is a hard push for a full-time employee to keep things moving forward.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Election

It was reported that only one person was nominated for Commissioner.

BUDGET

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2025/26 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 32 CENTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES.

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2025/26 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE AND BE SET AT 41.3 CENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2025/26 SEWER RATES FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

THAT THE DRAFT 2025/26 OPERATING BUDGET DISSEMINATED AT THE APRIL 9, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER AVERY THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET MOTIONS AS PRESENTED, MOTION CARRIED.

LAWN MOWER REPLACEMENT TENDER

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT TENDER TO NOVA INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,100+HST, MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report.

DISCUSSIONS:

Chair Fowler thanked Commissioner Avery on behalf of the Commission, for her time accomplishments and dedication during her term.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Avery motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER