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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2025

COMMISSION:

Wayne Fowler - Chair
Mike Bishop - Vice Chair
Maggie Travis
Neil Larder
Laurie Green

Mike McCleave - Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Ferguson - Admin Assistant

Presentations

Julia Merritt- Library update

- Over 2000 people participated in the summer reading program which is up over last year.
- The provincial government has not provided a budget to the libraries; they put in an emergency request and were granted \$800k.
- Libraries had to cut 12 full time employees and cut programs by 50%.
- They have been in contact with MLA's to help and our Commission has offered support in what ever way is needed.

Riley Peckford

- A significant increase in population is expected due to the federal government's plans to expand the base in Greenwood and the County is looking to stay ahead of infrastructure with things like municipal water and upgrades to our sewer system.
- Prime Minister Carney has a push to build infrastructure.
- Working on a plan for the pickleball courts, looking at a possible "Gala Dinner" for fundraising.
- It was noted that the commission is hoping that Kingston will get more attention going forward when discussing plans for the Valley.
- Garbage cans have been ordered to be placed along Hwy 1.
- Splash pad has been shelved and won't be revisited until there is municipal water available. The cost of treating and recycling water is too great.
- Washrooms at the arena are kept locked due to vandalism, every time they have been left unattended there has been toilet paper jammed in the toilets along with other messes. We would need a plan in place in order to have them opened to the public.

ELECTIONS

Laurie Green was sworn in as Village Commissioner.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS, THAT WAYNE FOWLER SERVE AS COMMISSION CHAIR. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS, THAT MIKE BISHOP SERVE AS COMMISSION VICE CHAIR. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No questions, concerns, errors or omissions.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER LARDER, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report

PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Commissioners noted that the dugouts look great, it was nice to see the time capsule recovered and happy to hear it was added to and returned to be found the next time the dugouts are redone.

Staff had the opportunity to voice concerns over the purchase of the new tractor. When it comes to preferences on brands, without specific quantifiable problems stated, the commissioners will vote for the most fiscally responsible option to save taxpayers dollars. In the future, Clerk will confirm with public works staff on which specifications are more important than others.

Bids for sidewalk repair came in at \$85k and \$112k

RECREATION – See Full Report

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

It was suggested that with our FB following rising, doing “meet the commissioners and staff” posts would be helpful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Steer BBQ

Plans are moving along; next meeting is Wednesday June 18 at 430pm.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

Amy to go to meeting on June 11, no updates.

Audit Committee

Along with community member Chris Fowler the audit committee met and completed the audit.

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

These two committees are officially amalgamating.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Clerk looked at budgets and price per capita for the new employee, this is still ongoing.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Admin Assistant will notify schools that Debbie is retiring so that the kids have an opportunity to say goodbye

Quote from Mid Valley came in with mark ups on tariffs, Clerk will send it back and ask for a revision

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE LLOYD SMITH AS OUR TOWN CRIER, MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report.

DISCUSSIONS:

Commissioner Travis asked about moving the meeting time forward, starting at 6pm instead of 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bishop motioned to adjourn at 9:10pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER