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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025

COMMISSION:

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

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant

OPENING

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No questions, concerns, errors or omissions.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Addition of email correspondence

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER TRAVIS AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – See Full Report/PUBLIC WORKS – See Full Report

Commission was glad to hear that the capital projects are moving along. Clarification was given on the ceiling being removed and that no further work will happen until the full spectrum of the job can be seen and work quoted.

Clerk updated that there are 3 tenders submitted for the cantilever gate project.

No overnight parking signs were discussed and it was noted that with 2 licensed businesses in the strip beside the parking lot, for safety reasons, it may benefit the Village to allow some overnight parking. The Clerk will deal with those who abuse this privilege on a case-by-case basis. Considering a “No Long Term Parking” sign.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commission is happy to see that grants are coming in for the pickle ball courts and looking forward to a Gala Dinner being planned in the fall to raise the balance.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

It is disappointing that the Pride Scavenger Hunt wasn’t popular, but glad for the positive feedback on offering inclusive events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Steer BBQ

Plans are coming together; everyone is looking forward to a great event this weekend.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

No updates.

Audit Committee

No updates.

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

No updates.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Nominations are coming for positions; they are looking for new members and still working on a dedicated staff member to keep the ball rolling. AGM will take place in Port Williams this year, next year in Kingston/Greenwood.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Committee Appointments

Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation – Wayne Fowler
Steer BBQ – Maggie Travis, Neil Larder
JAAC - Mike Bishop
Equity and Inclusion- Laurie Green
Audit Committee - Wayne Fowler, Mike Bishop
ANSV – Neil Larder, Wayne Fowler

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER GREEN THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION AWARD THE OFFICE GENERATOR TENDER CONTRACT TO 1ST ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,421.60, MOTION CARRIED.

PICKLE BALL COURTS

The Lion's Club has committed to \$15,000.00 on top of the one's listed in the report. Bringing the Village's contribution down to \$20,000.00. Commissioner Fowler is hoping to have a Gala Dinner to raise money to cover as much of that as possible.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER GREEN AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PICKLEBALL RESURFACING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00, MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION FROM THE AUDIENCE-Could we put a tennis net at the basketball courts in Ravenwood?

It is something that could be looked at, it would not be able to be permanent. The Village will try to have different options than Greenwood to offer a variety for both villages.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

DISCUSSIONS:

Commission took some time to go over how J class roads are chosen for paving. The County chooses the 10 worst roads in their area and the Province will let them know how many roads are in their budget, this year Kings County had 2 of the 10 roads approved for paving, neither were in Kingston.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commission revisited the reasoning behind removing the sidewalk project on Balser Dr from the Capital Project list in order to respond to the letters that were received by residents Denise Francis and Amanda Ward.

When the Village did the planning, it was discovered that there is no where for the water to go. It was going to cost 1.5M for the project and 2/3 of that cost was for stormwater management, on top of that there would be upkeep and ongoing costs. There are no other subdivisions within Kingston that have sidewalks, so it was decided to abandon this project. This project will not be going back on the Capital Project List at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER