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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

COMMISSION:

Mike McCleave – Clerk/Treasurer
Wayne Fowler – Chair
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair
Neil Larder
Laurie Green
Regrets- Maggie Travis

Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant
Steve Mosher – Incoming Public Works Supervisor

OPENING

Chair Fowler called the Regular Session meeting to order at 7:01pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No questions, concerns, errors or omissions

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUG 13, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Steve Mosher, incoming Public Works Supervisor, is working to update the manual, Commissioner Bishop has offered to help using software he has

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

Additions- J Class Roads, Deed Transfer Tax

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

- Commission has requested more information including a plan to resolve the Pleasant St sewer, and supports a permanent fix
- John Deere tractor should be fixed by mid next week
- Project completion for the two projects at the Sewer Treatment Plant is expected within 30 days
- Cantilever gate will be installed next Tuesday

RECREATION – See Full Report

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

CHAIR UPDATE

- Minister Ritcey will be coming to the Village on Friday September 12; Commissioner's are invited, and it was discussed that having a list of priority projects ready will be helpful
- Commissioner Fowler applauded the work of Commissioners and Staff on the Senior Summer Social – A job well done!
- Commissioners are invited to the Hall of Fame induction on October 25th, Chair Fowler is asking for Recreation Coordinator and Community Programmer for their help leading up to and including the day of the event

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025 Steer BBQ

Wrap up meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, more information to follow.

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)

The AGM is September 19th and 20th. New Minas, Westport and Canning are offering \$0 towards a dedicated ANSV employee, Chair Fowler asked Commission if that information changed their minds regarding the agreement to pay \$8000. It was agreed that the amount was already motioned and accepted but will need to be monitored and perhaps follow up to see if the position will go beyond 2-5yrs. With the amount of money contributed the position will be part-time. The Chair of ANSV is planning to step down and Commissioner Fowler is looking at the possibility of taking on that role.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

- Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades were 40K over budget, this was an expected outcome
- Tenders for Pickleball court are ready, there are 2 parts to the tender
 1. Fencing, installing pickleball system
 2. Paving

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

DISCUSSION

J Class Roads

Three roads were added to the list put out by the County for paving; it was suggested that Varner Road be moved up in urgency. This will be voted for at the October 7th meeting

Deed Transfer Tax

The County will be voting on the Deed Transfer Tax at the October 7th meeting. When asked if Commission supports the new tax, Commission wasn't comfortable answering for the residents without data and suggested that the Commissioners and residents should go to the public meeting to voice any concerns

Arena Update

Arena is up and running, there was a fan that needed replacing which pushed the opening back one week.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was that the Village would pay \$4600 to the arena to cover the cost of heating/cooling over the summer months, at the time that was made the power bills were approximately \$2000, those bills are now upwards of \$12,000 and so the MOU should be updated.

Arena Board may be interested in having the Village take over the arena, this is a preliminary discussion that would require more research to include staffing and charitable status.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Larder motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER