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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025

COMMISSION:

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

Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant
Jason Haughn, Municipal Affairs Advisor

OPENING

Chair Fowler welcomed Jason Haughn, Municipal Affairs Advisor. Mr Haughn said that he was only here to be present and answer any questions that may arise. It was explained that his role is to help Commission and staff to understand rules and regulations surrounding municipal government. He offered to come and have individual or group meetings for learning.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

No questions, concerns, errors or omissions

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER GREEN, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was asked if the deed transfer tax has begun, Chair Fowler stated that he is going to petition to raise the \$10,000 substantially.

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

Pickleball Court- It was asked if we are expecting more cracks or seams in the spring when the snow melts, the Clerk doesn't believe there should be any more trouble.
Christmas Lights- Disappointment was expressed that people would steal the lights and it was asked if we have had the same problem in previous years, Clerk said not to this extent.

It was asked if we needed a new budget amount for the sewer maintenance based on report, it is not.

Commission welcomed Greg to the Public Works team, it was noted that a resident came into the office to congratulate the Village on how clean the sidewalks are.

It was asked if all the monies had been paid out on the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades, they have not. We have a 20% "hold back" and are waiting for completion of the project.

RECREATION – See Full Report

Commission commented on what a great event the Night of Lights was and thanks all the office and public works staff and volunteers on their hard work to accomplish what needed to be done. Thank you to the Commissioners for their help volunteering to make the event a wonderful success.

It was noted that the residents are disappointed with the closure of the outdoor rink this year and Commission will look at reasonable solutions during budget talks.

Chair Fowler asked all Commissioners to share the Facebook post about Santa driving through Kingston, this is a great way to help the Food Bank and a great event.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

Commissioners commented on how many people attended the Stories of Kingston/Greenwood event and what a great success that was.

It was asked when we will hear back on the Summer Student Grant, it will be in March.

It was asked if the grant affects how many summer students we hire, no it does not.

It was noted that our Facebook numbers are significantly higher than they were 18 months ago, Congratulations to Amy on this accomplishment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025 Steer BBQ

Next meeting will be in January

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

The meeting scheduled for December 10 was cancelled

Audit Committee

Nothing to report until budget time

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

No updates

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

It was decided that ANSV will hire a dedicated employee. Job posting and pay is still to come in the new year.

Hall of Fame

The Base has agreed to be a part of this event going forward, Chair Fowler commended the Recreation Coordinator, Liz Wright on her efforts with this event and noted that she will be missed while on maternity leave.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Clerk will provide two options for the Staff Christmas Dinner that was cancelled, it will be in January, after the holidays.

The water study is moving forward; there was a budget set aside for this to happen. With the expansion of the base, this will help Kingston/Greenwood to be a place to grow.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

Chair Fowler let the Commissioners know to look at last years budget and to come with wants, wishes and desires to the new budget talks next year

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bishop motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER