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April 8, 2026

Commissioner W. Fowler
Commissioner M. Bishop
Commissioner N. Larder
Commissioner L. Green
Commissioner M. Travis

Dear Commissioner Members:

Attached for your review is the agenda for the regular Village meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.



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**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
April 8, 2026**

AGENDA

1. Review of Minutes of Meeting held March 11, 2026
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Consent to Agenda Items
4. Departmental Reports
 - i. Wastewater
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Recreation
 - iv. Community Programming
5. Committee Reports
 - i. Steer BBQ
 - ii. JAAC - Joint Accessibility Advisory
 - iii. Audit Committee
 - iv. Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation
 - v. ANSV - Association of Nova Scotia Villages
6. Clerk's Report
7. Correspondence
8. In-Camera Discussion (if required)
9. Adjournment



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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2026

COMMISSION:

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

Paula Ferguson – Admin Assistant

OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

It was asked what the expense and urgency of the pipes need to be changed out is and clarification on how that affects the budget. Clerk informed it is not a budget line but considered part of “maintenance”

It was asked if the lift station problem was fixed, Clerk indicated it was.

It was asked if there is an action plan for the manhole covers and if we should be addressing the storm water drains, perhaps a letter to DPW since there is a new area manager. Clerk agreed and will send an email

RECREATION – See Full Report

It was asked if it seems likely that provincial grants would still be available for things like the staging. No decision will be made for at least a month, and we should expect a 20% cut in what we would normally receive. It's not likely that we will be able to count on grant money going forward

It was suggested that for the short term we could request to borrow staging from Greenwood

Commissioner felt the amount for the Steer BBQ signage seemed high and asked for 3 quotes on that before agreeing to it, but all were in support of the purchase after that has been done

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

Commissioner Travis asked if it would be helpful for her to join the business FB group to encourage engagement

It was asked if Valley Ren was still active

Agreed that Food Bank volunteers should have a criminal record check

Suggested that soccer watch party would be better served in a school gym since we don't have the technology to project in the daytime

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025 Steer BBQ

Looking forward to an update on plans at the April meeting

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

Meeting was scheduled during this meeting, Community Programmer is attending

Audit Committee

Nothing to report until budget time

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

No updates

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

A recommendation will be made for the new employee at the next meeting

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER GREEN THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON AWARD THE PICKLEBALL COURTS RESURFACING CONTRACT TO PLAYTECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,300+HST AND WILL COVER THE AMOUNT NOT COVERED BY THE GRANT FROM THE RESERVES UP TO \$36,000, MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

ADJOURNMENT

Administrative Assistant was excused from budget talks at 8:10pm

Commissioner Larder motioned to adjourn at 9:15pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Stephen Mosher, Incoming Public Works Supervisor**

Date: **April 8th, 2026**

Re: **Environmental Services Report**

Treatment Plant

Digester Pump Upgrade

After a series of meeting with Gorman Rupp engineers to determine relevant head loss calculations in our system, we are expecting a quote on the digester pump upgrade in the next week.

Smith N Loveless

Treatment operators intend to perform a full pump down on secondary clarifier this summer for maintenance, cleaning, and to replace parts that were previously noted as degraded. After making several requests for parts quotes from Smith N Loveless in Kansas,USA, we still have yet to get any pricing or availability. The initial quote request was made at the start of October, as recently as last week we have assurances that pricing is incoming.

Painting Bar Screen

In order to put the finish touches on last years STP refurbishment project Dan Gaudet has been contracted to paint the bar screen room in the headworks building. This is expected to be done within the next week.

Ongoing Maintenance

Ongoing daily and weekly maintenance includes taking flow readings, washing down clarifier and UV Channel twice per week, cleaning out sludge pumps when needed, coordinating with Loomer's to haul sludge, and sending in monthly effluent samples to BV Labs for analysis.

Post winter clean-up is ongoing at the Sewer Plant as well.

Collection System

1447 Westwood - Small Options Home

March 21st staff received a call from Devon Palmer. He informed us the small options home at 1447 Westwood Street was experiencing slow flowing drainage.

Public works explained that if the issue was only slow drainage, Village staff would be attending first thing Monday morning to clear the line if needed. At this time, we asked the plumber to provide the residents with contact information in case the blockage became worse.

This particular property has a very long private lateral with low grade, with portions above the frost line. Although the line is insulated with Styrofoam, the length and limited flow can make it more prone to blockages. For this reason, the village previously installed a manhole with cleanout roughly halfway along the lateral (approx. 150 ft from unit).

Plumber was advised that the Village will deal with it and would not be responsible for any investigation the residents wanted to carry out. The plumber acknowledged this but was still requested to camera the line. When he arrived, he determined the situation was not just slow flow but a complete blockage.

By 11:30, Village staff arrived on site. We opened the cleanout to verify the backup and immediately augured the line. The blockage was located approximately 80 ft from the cleanout. Once cleared the sewer lateral drained and returned to normal operation.

April 2nd we returned with a camera to video the line to further determine the means of blockage and discovered that the lateral itself has a dip in before it reaches the main line.

Backup Flygt 3085

Staff have ordered parts in order to do an in-house refurbishment on an old 3085 600V lift station pump. This will give us a redundant pump for failures at a variety of lift stations, including the primary lift station KN-1.

Line Flushing

Public works staff have spent a number of days out flushing sewer lines now that the weather has improved.

A letter was requested to be sent from the office to the owners of 1507 Palmer to address their specific abuses of the sewer system. Due to this issue staff had to return multiple times to clear the sewer easement using thousands of gallons of water. Inappropriate flushing may have been the cause of the previous blockage in winter.

The lateral at the visitor center was due for a cleanout, and in the process of flushing we discovered significant tree root infiltration on the Pleasant St easement, causing the line to back up. Staff immediately augured out the roots and good flow returned to the area. When a manhole was replaced on this easement, contractor joined the previous concrete pipe to PVC a few feet outside of the manhole, allowing for roots to reinfiltrate the joint. We have already spoken with the homeowner (527 Varner) about our intention to excavate and fix properly.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Stephen Mosher, Incoming Public Works Supervisor**
Date: **April 8, 2026**
Re: **Public Works Report**

Ongoing Maintenance and Seasonal

This month we interviewed and hired for our seasonal groundskeeper position. Our successful candidate is Gage Drew. We look forward to him joining our team. He will be starting on the 7th of April, with Curtis Alride returning on the 20th.

With the snow gone we were able to install the proper post caps on the pickleball court that Eastern fence dropped off mid-winter. Public works will need to cut the remaining post down to the new asphalt surface as operators from Eastern fence left the posts sticking several inches above the court.

With the windows of warmer weather appearing throughout the month, we have been able to complete a considerable amount of post winter cleanup around town (sod, asphalt, garbage etc). This work continues through the spring with a focus on cleaning up plow damage.

The village's plow truck has also been dismantled for another year, given rainy days and rising temperatures.

Village staff have begun street and lot sweeping on non-curb roads and village owned areas.

Public works staff has reopened the Ravenwood Recreation facility and prepared it for the upcoming Easter event and baseball season.

By request, public works staff is fabricating a 4' by 8' by 12" platform for Kingsley to ride higher on the float.

Ongoing Tree Maintenance

Village office received a complaint about a widow maker in a black locust tree over the sidewalk at the corner of Old Brook and East Main. While the village staff were able to remove the immediate hazard, staff also contacted Atlantic Arborists who in turn contacted DTIR, who covered the cost of removal of the entire tree(s).

Ongoing Fleet Maintenance

With the onset of sweeping season, we have had to order a new brush for the sidewalk tractor. The previous brush had significant wear from last years clean up.

The new parts for the MT-6 have arrived and been installed, alas this did not resolve our issue. Since that time, we have had the MT-6 sent to K and J truck center for further assessment.

In checking a number of systems for us, the mechanics at the truck center believe they have found the cause of our issue, being related to the pressure in the master cylinder, and were able to perform tests that indicate this was a correct diagnosis. A new master cylinder has been ordered.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Elizabeth Wright, Recreation Coordinator**

Date: **April 8, 2026**

Re: **Recreation Report**

Recreation/Other

- Kingston Greenwood Sports Hall of Fame; ordered and received items for the display at the Credit Union Centre arena, in addition a pop-up banner for the base to use for promotions. E-mailed all the people who were nominated but are not being inducted. Will be gathering the information and creating the information pages for the program again this year. A total of 8 nominees in place this year, 2 more than last year. Induction night will be on October 3rd at 14 Wing Annapolis Mess.
- Valley South Shore plans are all in place and I will be attending the meeting in May.
- Recreation Coordinator has finished time with the Kings County Trails Society and has communicated that if anything is needed from the group, especially with the grant for patching the potholes in Kingston on the trail, to be directed to Mike McCleave, John, the chair has Mike's contact details. Will resume with this group once back.
- Booked First aid course for staff, half day recertification, and for those that need full course- blended version online. We reached out to the Arena staff and Greenwood to see if they would like to join as well.
- Ball fields are starting to be booked by schools, Pine Ridge and West Kings for ball until the end of the school year.
- Public Works staff will be putting out the playbox in Ravenwood. Once the coating surface is completed on the courts on Elm st. the 2nd playbox will go there (basketball side, corner close to red barn).
- Assisted with Board Game night on March 3rd, with not many in attendance, not likely an event we will repeat.
- Met with the Village of Greenwood and the Kingston Greenwood Soccer club to go over event ideas and logistics for a FIFA World Cup Community Party – see at end their grant application.

Fitness Classes

- 50+ classes will wrap up on May 12th and 14th. We had 1 more join late and adjusted the cost accordingly.
- Sandye's class ending this month, still regular 12 that go consistently.

Grants

- We are receiving \$48,378.00 from the province towards the acrylic surfacing and line painting of the pickleball courts on Elm St.
- Grand opening of pickleball courts - would be nice to do a photo opportunity with the partners who have funded/helped with this project (Kings County, Lion's and the

Province). Idea to do a soft opening at the Steer BBQ. Either before the start of the Inaugural Tournament on Saturday July 11 at 9:30am, or the Thursday evening, July 9 try-it event from 6-8pm. It would be nice to have a commissioner say a few words before one of these events gets started, I have an official grand opening banner we can use for the photo opportunity as well.

- Completed the Kings County Parks Playground and Trails grant to include Gazebo for Oakhurst, Beaman Bandstand work, and tree clean-up in Forest Brook.
- Started the Community Recreation Programming Grant.

Senior Bingo and Social with Kings County

- March 11th was the last scheduled Bingo in Kingston with 67 seniors in attendance. A great turnout!
- Kings County lost the staff they had helping us with Bingo, and we are unsure at this moment with myself going on leave if this is something we will continue.

Skating

- The Sensory skate and sledge try-it with Include Me, went ok with a couple families. A lot of the ones who registered had to cancel.
- March Break Skates – 4 over the week, were not as busy as the Christmas skates, but with over 50 people in attendance each. Chris Palmer sponsored the skate on March 18th and brought free hot chocolate and timbits for those in attendance.
- Drop-In skate ended on Tuesday, March 24th, with the last few skates being the busiest it's been all year with upwards of 18.
- Organized and went through our supplies – got rid of any broken equipment.

Easter

- Kingsley's Easter Scavenger Hunt on the 2nd, full update will be on next report.
- Lion's will have over 9 volunteers to help with this event, most for the trail, and some for hot chocolate out of the canteen.
- We will have Kingsley in attendance as well.

Concert Series

- Created a Microsoft form for the fundraising groups to use, and so far, have 5 of the 7 dates are covered.
- Will start promoting the concert series and will run a few ads in the Auroa newspaper.

Steer BBQ 2026 – 65th

- Please find attached detailed report as requested on the Steer BBQ this year.
- Advertising the pre-order of the limited-edition t-shirts for the 65th anniversary.
- Preparing the new program, finding old photos, searched at the Lions Club, ordered the new flagpole banners, lawn signs, and t-shirts.
- Confirming things like donations, shaved ice, meeting set to discuss the Sunday activities times and locations for the Running of the Steers and Autos for Autism.

Festival and Community Events- Grant Application

Please find attached the application for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Community Watch Party, \$1000 request.



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Amy Spurrell**

Date: **April 8, 2026**

Re: **Community Programmer Report**

After School Program

Our SPAP invoice was submitted on March 12th and has been approved. I asked Rachel, Addison and the principal, Bernice Jackson, for feedback, and all had only positive things to say. Some feedback was also relayed from students who said they were sad it was ending. Hopefully this funding will be available again and we can run programs in the fall and winter next school year.

Anti-Racism & Equity

At our meeting on March 25th, I brought information on the grant ideas discussed at the previous meeting. We decided to move forward with a series of multi-cultural food demonstrations in the Superstore kitchen, and we will partner with the Women's Place Resource Center. The grant application was submitted Monday, March 30th and we were approved the following day. Funds will be sent in about two weeks. We are now working to schedule all the sessions.

Businesses

I continue to post weekly prompts in the Facebook group with little to no responses. I have added Commissioner Travis to the group.

Dalhousie Community Wellbeing Roundtable

I attended this roundtable on March 12th at NSCC in Middleton. The people in attendance represented different Nova Scotia Health services, Restorative Justice Nova Scotia, Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education, Military Family Services, PeopleWorx, Middleton Rotary Club, Annapolis County, Town of Middleton, The Upper Room Food Bank, local churches and more. The facilitators from Dalhousie wanted to hear about the challenges we face and how they can help find solutions.

One of the main takeaways was creating an interactive resource map. We discussed there being areas of overlap and gaps in services, and also difficulty knowing everything that's available. Having everything compiled into one map that anyone can access online would allow us all to see the bigger picture. This is something Dalhousie seemed to keen to help facilitate through student projects.

I also learned that Military Family Services at 14 Wing have meeting spaces available for free during the week. I have reached out for more information and have passed it along to everyone in the office to be relayed to anyone we interact with that is looking for meeting spaces.

Another big take away from this meeting was from the Town of Middleton. They have a program in place with the Capital Pub that allows people facing food insecurity to have an "emergency" free lunch. I've reached out to the Town of Middleton's Active Living Coordinator for more information and plan to approach some of our local restaurants to see if we can replicate this program in Kingston.

Dental Hygiene Week

The exterior decorative lights on the Village Office building are purple from April 4-10 in support of Dental Hygiene Week. We were emailed this request by Mandy Janes, a Registered Dental Hygienist in the Western Zone.

Department of Opportunities and Social Development

I had a meeting Thursday, March 26th with Gwendolyn Fells who is a Community Living Facilitator with the Department. She covers the Western region, helping support people with disabilities that are moving out of institutions and into alternative living arrangements as part of the Remedy (learn more here: <https://www.dsp-transformation.ca/remedy-overview>, <https://humanrights.novascotia.ca/remedy>). She wanted to learn more about what's available in our area. I connected her with landlords, churches, service groups, programming and other activities. I also shared her information with the Valley Recreation cohort, and the folks from Dalhousie who organized the roundtable so they could further discuss resource mapping.

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

We met virtually on Wednesday, March 11th at 6pm. We had a presentation on the Remedy by Linda Jensen, Regional HUB Manager for Western. Katie MacArthur, Accessibility Coordinator with the County of Kings, reviewed the draft recommendations for an Accessibility Standard in Information and Communication & Public Transportation. Committee members shared their feedback including ideas around internet connectivity/internet access, financial implications, the use of AI in interpretation, bus passes for alternative transportation (ie. Kings Point to Point), and the differences between city and rural transportation. Councillor Bob Best was introduced as a new member of the committee. The next meeting is June 10, 2026 at 6 PM in Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex.

March Break Day Camp

For the most part everything went well! We had a couple of incidents with one camper that were addressed. This camper has attended before and will likely register again. I will update the summer staff on the details of the incidents if the camper registers for the summer.

Municipality Business Cards

I asked the County of Kings if we could get general business cards with their generic email address and phone number for customer service. These would be helpful for walk-ins that have questions about a service the municipality offers. The cards have since been delivered.

Presentation

The All Saint's Anglican Church Easter Bonnet Tea on March 21st was a lovely event! I gave a 10-minute presentation, letting attendees know general information about the village and highlighted some of our programs and events. Many in attendance weren't familiar with all we offer so it was a good group to bring information to.

Registration & Equipment Loan Platforms

Unfortunately, the registration platform is not free to us in Canada. There's also the concern of storing people's personal information on platforms outside of Canada. The equipment loan platform may work for us. We will continue to explore it.

Steer BBQ

The Recreation Coordinator and I met with Commissioner Travis separately about the float and volunteer coordination. Designs for shirts and new signs are complete. Designing of the program is in the works and content will be submitted by committee members at our next meeting. We will start advertising in April for volunteers and non-profit organizations to help with the event. Unfortunately, we will not be getting grant money from Atlantic Lottery.

Student Recreation Position

The job ad has been posted and we've received a couple applications. You can find the description on our website. I haven't heard back from Acadia's cooperative education department yet to learn more about hiring one of their students during the academic year. I've also reached out to Dalhousie and am waiting to hear back from them.

Summer Day Camp

All staff positions are full. Anna MacMichael will return as supervisor and Ava Cheeke and Kalim Watson will return as counsellors. Rachel Price, who was the junior leader, will move into a full-time counsellor position and Addison Beardsley will become the new part-time junior leader. Tentative training dates have been sent out by Valley Recreation.

We've had a handful of guardians reach out about registration. Registration will open on Monday, April 20th at noon. This will be the first year everything is only available online. However, if requests are made for accommodations, Paula or I will help.

Union Church Cemetery

I've been in communication with Dona Daugherty, MHP, Senior Consultant and Historian with WSP who are conducting the feasibility study on relocation of the Union Church Cemetery at 14 Wing. I let her know we have documentation of the burials. Pam Muise, Secretary / Treasurer of the Tremont Community Cemetery Society, also came looking for the documents

and in her investigations for Dona, was able to find original documents on the burials, including some that are unmarked. Pam sent them to me and I have added them to our binder.

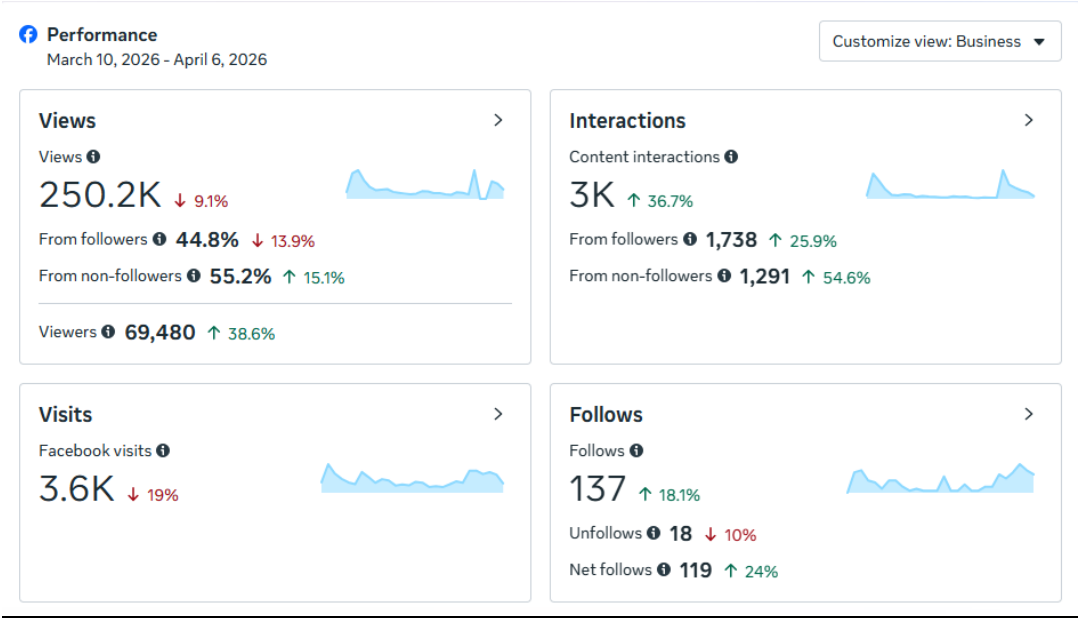
Valley Pride

I reached out to the events coordinator to offer information about inclusive spaces where they could hold events in Kingston.

Volunteer of the Year

We’ve received 7 nominations! I also helped John Pierce submit his nomination to the county.

Overall Facebook Performance for the Month





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REPORT TO VILLAGE COMMISSION

From: **Mike McCleave, Clerk/Treasurer**
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Re: **Clerk Report**

MOTION: THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION APPROVE THE 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET WITH GROSS EXPENDITURES OF \$462,000; TO BE FUNDED THROUGH SEWER RESERVES OF \$130,000, CAPITAL RESERVES OF \$201,000; AND COUNTY VICE FUNDING OF \$131,000.

2026-27 Budget Schedule

April 8	Proposed Operating Budget Released
	Capital Budget Debated, Approved or Deferred
April 22*	Any further discussions or budget deliberations prior to approval
May 13	Approval of 2026-27 Capital and Operating Budgets.
* Special Meeting	

2026 Commissioner Election

Two Commissioner positions are open this year. Commissioner(s) Bishop and Larder terms are expiring in May. The Clerk has set aside these dates for the Election and Annual General Meeting.

April 30 – May 13, 2026	Nomination Period
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Nomination Day
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Advance Poll
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 30, 2026	Election Day

Village Streetlights

I have a new contact for streetlight repairs. NS Power requires certified linemen to work on streetlights due to the proximity with their power lines. I was given a Chris Chute's contact info last month. We have been using Black and MacDonald for our streetlight installation and repairs in the past.

Kingston Library

The library called to ask if they could spend some of our donated money on floor mats for the kids programming in the multipurpose room. Clerk provided permission and has requested an update on the fund balance.

The Glass King (TGK)

Clerk hired TGK to fix both library doors (Village bill) and arena doors (arena bill). Tibbs Tumblers pricing has been higher than expected for the last while. TGK pricing was very competitive and will probably use their services more often.

Village Group Insurance

Clerk was advised that our health and dental benefits are increasing by 25% this year. We are part of the County's benefits program.

Maternity Leave

Clerk is requesting direction on how to provide our group health benefits to staff who are on maternity leave. During leave, the County of Kings covers health and dental, but the employee re-pays bi-weekly once they return. The employee can still contribute to pension, but the County does not match the contribution.

Total cost per month: \$211.46 (single); \$625.78 (family) - (usually shared 50/50)
Employee would still be required to pay the LTD/Life monthly coverage/

Festival and Community Events Funding

Kingston Greenwood Soccer Club – 2026 FIFA World Cup Community Watch Party
Requested: \$1,000.00

Capital Projects:**DNR Greenspace Purchase**

DNR is working on list of encroachments - 04-16-2025

Pickleball Acrylic Surfacing Project

Contract was awarded to Playteck in the amount of \$73,300 (as per last meeting). We received funding from the Province under the Strategic Funding Initiative (Communities Culture Tourism and Heritage).

Kingsley Steer Purchase

Clerk has ordered a new steer from Quebec. This is the same company (Peau de Mouton) that we had purchased our current steer.
Benoit Thibideau – 819-795-5516

Embrook Sidewalk

Waiting on NS-DPW response to see if we can be exempt from provincial standards on sidewalk design due to geographical constraints in the area.

Embrook Road Access

Applications have been submitted to purchase road access properties for Embrook development. This development is projected to bring 178 more units to Kingston. Embrook Investments are required to cover all expenditures during this process.

2025-26 Projects	Budget	Tender w/ HST portion	YTD Actual	Status
Office Generator	30,000	22,939	22,939	Z
Garbage Bins and Picnic Tables	11,000	8,000	14,454	Z
PW Fence Compound	10,000	6,890	7,117	Z
STP – Cantilever Gate	20,000	19,500	21,279	Z
Snow Plow for Truck	10,000	10,386	10,386	Z
Ravenwood Dug-Outs	12,000	11,155	12,986	Z
Rec-Hut Planning	30,000	deferred		Z
#5 Lawn Mower Replacement	45,000	38,319	38,319	Z
Sidewalk – Main St (Westwood to Marshall)	80,000	88,241	93,196	Z
Asset Management (Surveying / GIS Design)	20,000	n/a	n/a	Z
Pumps & Laterals	25,000	n/a	8,295	Z

Year	Multi-Year Projects	Budget	Tender w/ HST portion	YTD Actual	Status
2008	DNR Greenspace Purchase	n/a	n/a	7,691	C
2023	Bridge Street Crosswalk	30,000	32,497	32,497	Z
2023	STP – E, V, M	303,500	388,769	457,103	Z
2024	STP - UV Building Flood Mitigation	340,000	353,529	342,745	Z
2025	Pickleball Courts	130,000	146,069	74,009	C
2025	Kearne Avenue Streetlights	8,000	5,380		C
2026					

T - Tendering Process
C - Work started / Construction

Z – Finished
Y - project deferred or cancelled

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Commission Finance Report
March 31, 2026**

General Operations

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Annual Budget	Notes
Revenues					
Residential/Commercial Taxation	1,093,800	1,093,300	500	1,093,300	
Dog Registrations	200	500	(300)	500	
Rentals	7,200	7,200	-	7,200	
Interest on Investments and Taxes	16,400	10,000	6,400	10,000	
Miscellaneous Income	17,100	11,800	5,300	11,800	
Recreation Revenue	32,800	32,100	700	32,100	
Arena Revenue	1,000	1,300	(300)	1,300	
Administration Revenues	70,000	70,000	-	70,000	
Grants from Other Governments	137,900	73,300	64,600	73,300	Kings Vision Grant (Capital)
Contributions from Reserves	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	
Total Revenues	1,391,400	1,314,500	76,900	1,314,500	
Expenditures					
General Government					
Legislative	20,400	25,200	4,800	25,200	
Administration	192,200	204,500	12,300	204,500	
Professional Fees	12,600	11,500	(1,100)	11,500	
Insurance (General)	23,200	24,200	1,000	24,200	
Civic Building Expenses	11,600	14,800	3,200	14,800	
Crossing Guards	22,200	23,000	800	23,000	
Miscellaneous	9,000	10,600	1,600	10,600	
Taxation Charges	9,100	10,200	1,100	10,200	
Library	25,400	24,000	(1,400)	24,000	
Total General Government	325,700	348,000	22,300	348,000	
Public Works & Transportation					
Public Works	175,100	183,700	8,600	183,700	Staffing changes
Village Maintenance	38,300	46,500	8,200	46,500	
Sidewalks & Crosswalks	11,100	14,100	3,000	14,100	
Snow Removal	73,100	84,300	11,200	84,300	Staffing changes
Street Lighting	18,500	21,200	2,700	21,200	
Capital from Operating	-	-	-	-	
Total Public Works	316,100	349,800	33,700	349,800	
Community Development					
Visitor Information Centre	4,700	5,600	900	5,600	
Other Development	16,500	17,300	800	17,300	
Apple Blossom Festival	1,600	2,000	400	2,000	
New Years Eve Event	9,100	10,000	900	10,000	
Steer BBQ	22,800	20,700	(2,100)	20,700	
Total Community Development	54,700	55,600	900	55,600	
Parks					
Parks Repairs and Maintenance	44,300	61,900	17,600	61,900	
Arena Rental Charges	5,600	5,600	-	5,600	
Total Parks	49,900	67,500	17,600	67,500	
Recreation					
Recreation Administration	167,700	175,800	8,100	175,800	
Outdoor Rink(s)	200	4,500	4,300	4,500	No outdoor rink this year
Arena Expenses	-	-	-	-	
March Break Day Camp	300	1,200	900	1,200	
Summer Day Camp	3,600	4,600	1,000	4,600	
Youth Programs	900	1,000	100	1,000	
Adult Programs	7,100	10,300	3,200	10,300	
Seniors Programs	5,600	6,200	600	6,200	
Total Recreation	185,400	203,600	18,200	203,600	
Fiscal Expenses					
Transfers to Reserves					
Operating Reserves	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	
General Capital Reserves	135,000	135,000	-	135,000	
Sidewalk Construction Reserve	140,000	140,000	-	140,000	
Building Reserve	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	
LTD - Principal	-	-	-	-	
Total Fiscal Expenses	290,000	290,000	-	290,000	
Total Expenditures	1,221,800	1,314,500	92,700	1,314,500	
Surplus/(Deficit)	169,600	-	-	-	

**Village of Kingston
Finance Report**

Sewer Operations

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Annual Budget
Revenues				
Sewer - Taxation	606,300	606,400	(100)	606,400
Sewer - User Fees	15,200	15,200	-	15,200
Sewer - Connection Charges	5,500	5,100	400	5,100
Total Revenues	627,000	626,700	300	626,700
Expenditures				
Environmental Health				
Administration	202,900	217,200	14,300	217,200
Treatment	34,900	38,300	3,400	38,300
Treatment - Electricity	78,900	85,000	6,100	85,000
Treatment - Disposal	90,200	101,200	11,000	101,200
Collection System Costs	34,600	35,000	400	35,000
Total Environmental Health	441,500	476,700	35,200	476,700
Fiscal Expenses				
Sewer Reserve	150,000	150,000	-	150,000
LTD - Principal	-	-	-	-
LTD - Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Fiscal Expenses	150,000	150,000	-	150,000
Total Expenditures	591,500	626,700	35,200	626,700
Surplus/(Deficit)	35,500	-	-	-



LIONS CLUB

P.O. BOX 339
KINGSTON, NOVA SCOTIA
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Chairman Wayne

You and a guest are invited to attend the 65th Annual Charter Night Banquet of the Kingston Lions Club on the 18th April 2026 Timings and other pertinent information are outlined as follows:

Dress: Men – Jacket tie / Ladies Equivalent

Cocktails: 6: PM. To 7: PM.

Dinner: Chicken Cordon Bleu

Presentations: President Butch Fleury

Note: Complimentary tickets will be available at the door.

RSVP no later than 10 April 2026 to:

Lion Rick Haiplik Phone 902-765-0890 or
Email r.haiplik@ns.sympatico.ca

Sincerely

Lion Rick Haiplik
Past President

Lauren Avery and Sarah Naesmyth, co-organizers
Kingston Farmers Market Society
831 Main Street
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April 8, 2026

Kingston Village Commission
655 Main Street
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Dear Commissioners,

Since its inception, the Kingston Farmers Market has served as more than just a place to shop; it is quickly becoming a community hub. The benefits to our village are multifaceted:

- **Economic Vitality:** We provide a low-barrier marketplace for local farmers, artisans, and small businesses, keeping dollars within the local economy.
- **Social Connection:** The market acts as an outdoor community gathering space, fostering social connection, one of the social determinants of overall health
- **Tourism & Foot Traffic:** We consistently draw visitors from across the Valley and beyond, many of whom stay to visit other local businesses in Kingston after the market closes.

We are proud to report that the market has not only met but exceeded the goals set at its conception. We have consistently seen vendor applications and community engagement grow over the past three seasons.

This year, we have a dedicated team of volunteers bringing various theme weeks and community workshops to life. These theme weeks are points of difference for the Kingston Farmers Market and they not only keep people coming back, but draw in new crowds as well. We're keeping things fresh and fun and as welcoming and inclusive as ever.

However, the success of the market and the growing patron and vendor base has meant that we require two portable toilets several weeks out of the year. In the past, the Village Commission graciously agreed to financially support the Kingston Farmers Market. We are formally requesting financial assistance from the Village Commission to help cover the costs of portable toilet rentals for the 2026 season.

As we shift from Lauren and Sarah leading all aspects of the market to training staff to carry out and sustain the long term vision for the Kingston Farmers Market, our budget is increasingly

directed toward the staffing required to run a safe and successful event. We are looking to the Village Commission to help us with this basic health and safety component of the market. Last year, the fee for one portable toilet each week was \$193.80. We expect to need two portable toilets for at least five weeks this year, resulting in \$4070 in rental fees for the 2026 season. We are asking for \$1500 from the village to help cover these costs.

This support will allow the market to continue its upward trajectory, ensuring that Kingston remains a vibrant, welcoming destination for all. We would be happy to discuss this further at any time.

Sincerely,

Lauren Avery and Sarah Naesmyth

Co-organizers of the Kingston Farmers Market