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KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026

COMMISSION / STAFF:

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

Mike McCleave - Clerk/Treasurer
Paula Ferguson - Administrative Assistant

OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

REVIEW OF MINUTES

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS, THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

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

An update on the Woolly Adelgid was requested, wondering how the trees are doing this year.

Guidelines for charges on sewer calls for residents vs the Village were discussed. Clerk is looking into the by-laws of the County as a starting point.

RECREATION – See Full Report

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMER REPORT– See Full Report

Business Association suggestions- more community involvement and beautification, like the wreath contest for example. The Commission looks forward to the goals the Association makes and seeing what they do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025 Steer BBQ

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC)

Audit Committee

Will meet Tuesday May 19, 2026. at 8am

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

Received a donation from the smile cookie campaign

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

New Director has started, just waiting to meet him.

CLERK REPORT – See Full Report

Meeting on May 21, 2026 at the Municipality about rezoning property on Highway 1 if anyone is interested in attending

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER TRAVIS AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2026/27 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE AND IT BE SET AT 32.0 CENTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES, MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER TRAVIS AND COMMISSIONER GREEN THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASES TO THE 2026/27 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE AND BE SET AT 41.3 CENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BISHOP AND COMMISSIONER TRAVIS THAT THE PROPOSED 2026/27 OPERATING BUDGET DISSEMINATED AT THE APRIL 8, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER GREEN THAT INCLUDE ME BE AWARDED \$650 FOR THEIR CELEBRATION OF NEURODIVERSITY EVENT FROM THE FESTIVAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND, MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LARDER AND COMMISSIONER BISHOP THAT THE VILLAGE OF KINGSTON COMMISSION AWARD THE PINE RIDGE SIDEWALK CONTRACT TO VALLEY PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,466.96+HST TO BE FUNDED WITH THE \$45,000 FROM THE COUNTY VICE PROGRAM AND THE REMAINDER WITH CAPITAL RESERVES, MOTION CARRIED.

BIDS

VALLEY PAVING - \$67,466.96

DEXTERS - \$87,320.00

MID VALLEY - \$174,900.00

No election necessary for 2026, Commissioner Bishop and Commissioner Larder elected by acclamation.

Dan Lundrigan's Retirement

Congratulations on your retirement Danny. Thank you for 39 incredible years with the Village of Kingston. Your hard work, dedication, and the genuine care you put into everything you did never went unnoticed. You took great pride in your work and made a lasting impact on the community and everyone who had the pleasure of working with you. Wishing you all the best in this next chapter- you've truly earned it.

2026 Steer BBQ Golf Tournament

Clerk will speak to Deanna Banks as a representative of the Admirals Hockey Club, to see if they would like to be involved in the Golf tournament.

Fishing in the Duck Pond

The Nova Scotia government has rules for fishing, if those laws are being broken the Department of Fisheries should be contacted.

"No Fishing" signs are not an option as there is no one to enforce it.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 28TH, 7PM AT THE FIREHALL IN KINGSTON

FINANCE REPORT – See Full Report

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bishop motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

CLERK/TREASURER