



# Village of Kingston



Village Update Spring 2024

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Commission meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Village Office. All meetings start at 7:00pm unless otherwise stated and are open to the public.

#### Village Commissioners:

Wayne Fowler - Chair  
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair  
Muriel West  
Lauren Avery  
Neil Larder

#### Village Staff:

Clerk/Treasurer  
Mike McCleave

#### Administrative Assistant

Janice Knickle

#### Community Development

Emily Harris

#### Recreation Coordinator

Elizabeth Wright

#### Public Works

Danny Lundrigan  
David Feener  
Jeff Hannam  
Steve Mosher

### Village Property Tax Bills Important Information

Village & Kings County tax bills are issued in May (Interim) and Sept (Final). The combined amount covers the fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

Payment options: Online, pre-authorized payment plan, telephone banking, at your bank or in person at the village office. For online banking – Search using only the word “**KINGSTON**”. Choose KINGSTON, VILLAGE OF, NS TAXES (may vary).

The assessment account number (AAN) is the same for both the Village and the County of Kings so be sure to choose the correct payee’s name when paying online or at the bank. (The AAN number identifies your property and cannot change).

For **Pre-Authorized Monthly or Full Amount Debit Payment Plans**, the form is available on our website or at the office. Bring/send completed form and a void cheque or banking information to Village Office.

**Cash, cheque or debit only** are accepted at the office (no credit card payments).

**Mortgage paying your taxes?** Confirm with the village office that you are set up with your mortgage company. You will still receive your tax bill, please read it carefully.

#### Mailing Address Updates:

Property owners must ensure their mailing address is up-to-date to receive their tax bill. Contact PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corp) at 1-800-380-7775 or [pvsc.ca](http://pvsc.ca)

### NS Property Tax Rebate for Eligible Seniors

Apply online or call 1-800-670-4357 after July 1<sup>st</sup> and before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Annual General Meeting - All Welcome!

**Thursday, May 23, at 7pm** at the Kingston Fire Hall on Sparky Street. It is an opportunity to hear from your Village Commissioners, auditor, RCMP, your MLA and County Councillor *and* congratulate this year’s **Volunteers** of the Year!

### Village Commission Openings

There are openings in May for two 3-year terms. Nomination forms at Village Office or on website under the VILLAGE OFFICE heading BYLAWS, then ELECTION BYLAWS.

**Nomination Period** – Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

If there are more than two candidates, an election will be held.

**Advance Poll** - Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 11am - 7pm at Village Office - 655 Main St

**Election Day** - Saturday, May 25, 2024, 9am - 7pm at Village Office - 655 Main St

### Leaf/Brush Bins for Village Residents – at arena north entrance.

Bins are located next to arena on Westwood St. and **available to residents of Kingston** from April 12 to early May. Plastic and paper bags of leaves **must be emptied** into bin and bags disposed of in available can.

### Valley Waste Resource Management

**SPRING CLEANUP – Week of May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> opposite your regular garbage week.**

**Items to be placed curbside on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** For all garbage/recycling concerns call 877-927-8300 or visit [www.vwrm.com](http://www.vwrm.com). Valley Waste has **NO LEAF PICK UP**.

Valley Waste calendars are available at the Village office.

### From Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment Committee:

**Primary Care Clinic** - Short-term primary medical care for people on the Need a Family Doctor Registry list (register online or call 811). Access the Primary Care Clinic at Soldiers Memorial Hospital by appt only Mon-Fri (for residents living between Bridgetown and Aylesford) Call 902-825-5206 or 1-866-400-0060 (virtual/phone or in-office visits).

**VirtualCareNS** – Those on the Need a Family Practice Registry have free access to online and phone appts from doctors or nurse practitioners, until they can be placed with a family practice.

**Primary Care Services** - Shoppers Drug Mart Greenwood is part of the Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic program. Pharmacists can assess and prescribe treatment for health conditions like strip throat, eczema, diabetes, asthma and COPD. They also deal with medication management, lab tests, vaccinations and the administration of medications by injection.

**Mobile Primary Care Clinics** – for non-urgent medical care like prescription renewals and minor infections.

**Free Mental Health & Addictions Services** – peer support, counselling and online, phone, or text resources. Access more healthcare at [NovaScotia.ca/WaysToAccessCare](http://NovaScotia.ca/WaysToAccessCare). Download the app or visit [YourHealthNS.ca](http://YourHealthNS.ca).

Feel free to contact the office or your 5 elected commissioners with ideas or concerns.

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## Kings County Bylaws (Includes Kingston)

<https://www.countyofkings.ca/government/bylaws.aspx>

## Open Burning/Smoke Bylaw 63

Residents must also check the provincial burn website  
[novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://novascotia.ca/burnsafe)

## Dog Tags

Register annually in January at the Village Office. \$10 if spayed/neutered, \$30 if not. Reminder to pick up after your dog!

## Animal Control

1-902-678-3647

## Building/Pool Permits

Call County at 1-888-337-2999

## Village Streetlight Outages

Report to Village Office

## Wastewater

Property owners and residents are reminded that all wipes, including ALL types of flushable wipes, rags, etc. are NOT to be flushed into the Village of Kingston's sewer system.

**FLUSH TOILET PAPER ONLY!**

## Water Testing

Village Office is now a drop off location for Envirosphere water testing. Bacteria/Chemical bottles available for pick up.

## Bus Tickets/Passes

Available at Village Office.

## 2024 Recreation and Community Events – Follow our Facebook page

Call Elizabeth Wright, Recreation Coordinator for the Village of Kingston at 902-765-2800 or email [recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca](mailto:recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca) for questions/concerns.

**Disc Golf Course** - At Ravenwood Park – borrow discs from the office to play!

**Free Summer Games/Equipment Loan Program** - Giant Jenga, Ladder Ball, Washer Toss, Bocce Ball, Tennis and Pickleball equipment, Basketballs, Volleyballs, Disc Golf discs, and more, are available to borrow from the village office for up to a week.

**Bandstand Concerts at Centennial Park** - Wednesdays, as scheduled starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Summer Day Camp** – IS FULL – Waitlist available - Mon – Fri from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Seniors Summer Social** - To celebrate 50+ seniors! Food, entertainment and social activities! Save the Date: Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Kingston Lions Club.

**HopOn**- Partnering with Cycling NS we are planning a games-based cycling program that teaches school-aged kids the joys of cycling safely. Dates and cost TBD.

**Movie Night at Centennial Park** - Join the community in watching a family friendly movie under the stars. Date TBD.

**Terry Fox Run** - Save the date Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00pm.

**Arena Summer Rentals** - available for birthday parties etc. 902-765-2516 or email [cuc.kingston@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.kingston@gmail.com)

**Village of Greenwood - Canada Day Fireworks** – Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Kingston Farmers Market

The market is back again this year on Thursdays from 3pm-7pm at 831 Main St. June 6<sup>th</sup> – October 17<sup>th</sup>. The market team is looking for more volunteers. If interested, please email [kingstonfarmersmarketns@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonfarmersmarketns@gmail.com).

## Anti-Racism Charter

The Village of Kingston has signed on to Recreation Nova Scotia's Anti-Racism Charter. This Charter was created to help organizations address racism in recreation with a proactive and systemic approach. We are committed to acknowledging and addressing racism in our community and are working to sustain a safe community of inclusion.

## Sewer Issues? Call us first, it could save you money!

The first call should be to the Village of Kingston office from 8am to 4pm, 902-765-2800. After hours? Listen to message for instructions. Staff will inspect the main line first to determine if the problem is in the Village's line. Make sure you have a backwater valve to prevent sewer backups. Sump pumps are **NOT** to drain into sewer.

## Important Resources

**Chris d'Entremont** – MP West Nova – 902-242-3605

**Chris Palmer** – MLA Kings West – 902-375-2554 or 1-888-701-2554

[ns.211.ca/](http://ns.211.ca/) or Dial **211** - Community & social services, and government programs.

**Mental Health Crisis Line** – 1-888-429-8167

**811** – non-emergency health information and services/family physician list.

## Kingston Steer BBQ – Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Volunteer information session at the Village office on **Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm.**

### **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Movie Night in the Credit Union Centre arena! Showing Ferdinand, start time is 6:30pm. Bring your own chair!

### **Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Canada Post Colouring Contest Winner Announcement, Disc Golf Tournament (prizes donated by Greenwood Auto), and the Kingston Library's Open House.

### **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Paragon Golf Tournament, Foam Party on Elm St with Music and Food Trucks!

### **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Kingston Fire Hall Community Breakfast, Craft Market in the Credit Union Centre Arena, Kingston Legion Main St. Parade, Food & Beverage provided by the Kingston Lions Club, Kingston Legion Beer Tent. Afternoon festivities: bounce castles, mechanical steer, live music, basketball competition, Cool Rides BMX, petting zoo, magic show and balloon animals, Treasure Hunt, Domino Man, and ending the day with a dance at the Kingston Legion (19+).

### **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Running of the Steers (5km Fun Run) with new kids run times added! Fundraiser for the Kingston Farmers Market. Register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/75602/running-of-the-steers>

**Steer BBQ Craft Market Vendors** - Village Office at 902-765-2800 to arrange a table! Follow Village Facebook page.

## Important Phone Numbers

Pothole Hotline	<b>1-888-432-3233</b>
NS Transportation	<b>1-844-696-7737</b>
Power Emergency/Outages	<b>1-877-428-6004</b>
Kings County Animal Control	<b>1-902-678-3647</b>

Kings County	<b>1-888-337-2999</b>
RCMP Kingston	<b>902-765-3317</b>
Post Office	<b>902-765-2435</b>
Food Bank	<b>902-765-0303</b>

**All** Village road concerns should be directed to the NS Department of Public Works (formerly NS Dept of Transportation). Call 1-844-696-7737 or email [DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca](mailto:DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca)

**FYI - Village Office is a year-round drop off location for Upper Room Food Bank donations.**