

# Village of Kingston



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Village Update Fall 2024

# TWO PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Residents of Kingston receive two property tax bills, one from the Village and one from the County of Kings twice a year. Tax bills are issued in May (interim) and September (final). The combined amount covers the fiscal year of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

County of Kings Property Tax Rebate - For eligibility requirements contact the County of Kings at 1-888-337-2999

### Province of NS Property Tax Rebate - For Eligible Seniors

The application is available online or call 1-800-670-4357. Apply after July 1st and before Dec 31st,

### **HOW TO PAY YOUR VILLAGE TAX BILL**

### Important!

Your 8-digit Assessment Account Number (AAN) is the same for both the Village and the County of Kings. When paying online be sure to choose the correct payee's name!!

#### **Payment Options:**

- •At the Village Office Cash, Cheque or Debit only, sorry, no credit cards.
- •Online Search using ONLY the word "Kingston". Choose KINGSTON, VILLAGE OF, NS TAXES (may vary).
- •At Your Bank Make sure they pay the correct payee!
- Telephone Banking
- •Pre-Authorized Payment Plans Full amount or monthly CONTACT OFFICE

### **Mortgage Paying Your Taxes?**

Please <u>confirm</u> with both the Village Office and the County of Kings that you are set up with your mortgage company. You will still receive your tax bill for information purposes. Please read it thoroughly.

### **Keep Your Mailing Address Up to Date**

Property owners must ensure their mailing address is up-to-date. If there is a change, contact Property Valuation Services Corp (PVSC) 1-800-380-7775 or at pvsc.ca. PVSC also sends out Assessment Notices in January - your taxes are based on those assessed values.

# **FALL CLEAN UP**

### Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

- FALL CLEANUP (Kingston) Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Opposite Your Regular Garbage Week.

  Items should be placed curbside on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and will be picked up that week. For all garbage concerns or for new green carts call -1-877-927-8300, https://www.vwrm.com/
- **NO LEAF PICK UP** by VWRM, but you can bring bagged leaves to their Management Centers in Lawrencetown or Kentville for free OR mulch and leave them for a healthy lawn.
- Valley Waste information calendars are available at the Kingston Village Office. 2025 calendars will be available late December.
- Christmas Trees can be cut into 4ft lengths, bundled and set out for regular collection.

# **LEAF/BRUSH BINS for KINGSTON RESIDENTS**

Two bins (one for leaves and one for brush) will be located next to Credit Union Centre arena (north entrance) on Westwood St. **late Oct/early November. All bags (paper or plastic) of leaves must be emptied** in bin and bags may be disposed of in the available can.

# **WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**

During winter months, help Village Public Works' efforts in keeping the sidewalks free of snow by removing green carts from sidewalk immediately after garbage pickup.

Village Office - 655 Main Street, Box 254 Kingston, NS B0P 1R0 (902) 765-2800 or info@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Kingston Public Free Wi-Fi - downtown area - Wi-Fi ID: KINGSTON-MESH

# Village Meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7pm

# **Dog Tags - County of Kings Bylaw**

Register each January at the Village Office. Reminder to pick up after your dog! For violations call Animal Control – 1-902-678-3647



Kings Co Bylaw #63 online for details and Provincial requirements: https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/

# <u>Vulnerable Persons Registry – For Disasters and Emergencies</u>

A free and confidential service aimed at improving safety of vulnerable persons during emergencies and disasters. Visit <a href="https://www.KingsREMO.ca/vpr">www.KingsREMO.ca/vpr</a> or call 902-670-1514

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# Kingston's Sewer Treatment Plant

Reminder – Flush toilet paper only – NO WIPES. Do you have a backwater valve to prevent sewer backups? Sewer Issues? The first call should be to the office at 902-765-2800 even after hours – instructions on answering machine.

### **Water Testing Service**

Pick up bottles at Village Office and drop back off for courier to bring to Envirosphere lab in Windsor.

# KASA – Kingston Area Seniors Association

For those interested in social activities, volunteers with KASA host fun afternoons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from September to June. They take place at the Kingston Legion Branch #98 starting at 1pm at a cost of \$2. Open to seniors 50 +, enjoy an afternoon of cards, games, easy conversation, and light refreshments. Please contact 902-765-4228 or email <a href="mailto:icrawford@ns.sympatico.ca">icrawford@ns.sympatico.ca</a>. If you leave a message, someone will contact you.

# <u> Upcoming Village Events – Follow us on Facebook!</u>

- •Outdoor Movie Night Friday, September 20th at 7:30pm, showcasing The Lorax
- •Terry Fox Run Sept 15th Register at G.W. Sampsons for 1pm run/walk.
- •Haunted Trail, Centennial Park Oct. 24 6:30-8pm
- •Santa's Drive Through Kingston Dec. 6 (subject to change)
- •Santa Comes to Kingston, Credit Union Centre Arena Dec. 13 (subject to change)

# Free Recreation Games & Equipment Loan Program:

The Village office has a variety of equipment and games to borrow for free including Discs for Disc Golf, Washer Toss, Giant Jenga, Pickleball Net, Pickleball Paddles and Pickleball Set, Ladder Ball, Bocce Ball, Tennis Racquets, Volleyballs, Basketballs, Shuffleboard Set, Snowshoes, Cross-Country Skis/Poles/Boots and Walking Poles.

# **Fall Fitness Class**

45-minute Boot Camp followed by 30-minute Yoga at the Kingston Fire Hall with Sandye Prout.

Wednesdays starting Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Mondays starting Oct 21st – 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Register and receive punch cards at the Village Office.

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

Wayne Fowler – Chair
Mike Bishop – Vice Chair
Neil Larder
Lauren Avery
Maggie Travis

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Village road concerns should be directed to the NS Dept. of Public Works.

Call 1-844-696-7737 or email <a href="mailto:DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca">DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca</a>

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

