

# MUNICIPAL MEMOS

## Municipality Launches New Online Application, Permitting Portal

The Municipality recently launched a new online application and permitting portal supported through Clariti Launch. Applications for building, development, subdivision, planning and Municipal services (including sewer, driveway and water) can all be submitted online through the portal. The portal guides applicants through the process and helps them track the status of their application. To get started today, visit: [www.countyofkings.ca/apply](http://www.countyofkings.ca/apply)



## Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Ongoing

The Municipality continues to work with Regional Partners to upgrade the Regional Wastewater Treatment system in New Minas. Crews finished installing approximately 1.5 kilometres of new pressurized wastewater piping this winter, completing the Regional Force Main Replacement Project and renewing a significant stretch of the collection system. At the Regional Treatment Plant, 4,594 tonnes of biosolids sludge waste was removed from Lagoon 2 in the fall, and seven new aeration lines were installed in Lagoon 1 this winter. The Municipality expects to receive a report outlining the results of an in-depth engineering study examining the current and future needs of the Regional system this summer. For updates, visit [www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates](http://www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates)



**Only flush human waste and toilet paper.**

### What You Flush Matters

Help protect sewer equipment and prevent problematic odours and destructive clogs. Learn more about What Not to Flush here: [www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates](http://www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates)



**Never pour fats, oils and grease down the drain.**

### Is your civic sign posted and clearly visible for emergency responders?

Municipal By-law 96 requires property owners to ensure visible civic number signs are posted at their address. The civic number is to be reflective or illuminated. For more on how to order and display civic signs, visit [www.countyofkings.ca/civics](http://www.countyofkings.ca/civics)

## Financing for Water Supply Improvements

Has your well gone dry due to an inadequate supply of water? You could qualify for a loan of up to \$20,000 through the Municipality's new Water Supply Improvement Program.

The new financing program helps eligible residential property owners living in the Municipality improve their access to a clean and reliable water supply at home. Successful applicants can take up to 10 years to pay the amount owing, including interest, back to the Municipality through equal monthly payments.

For more about who can apply and how, visit: [www.countyofkings.ca/water-supply-improvement](http://www.countyofkings.ca/water-supply-improvement)

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## New Strategic Plan Outlines Municipal Priorities for 2025-2029 Term

Municipal Council has approved a Strategic Plan that establishes the Vision, Mission, and Values at the core of the day-to-day work of Council and staff at the Municipality of the County of Kings.

Strategic Plan 2025-2029 is a call for action supporting five Key Strategic Priorities: Strong Communities, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Development, Financial Sustainability, and Good Governance.

The new Strategic Plan lists several projects and initiatives that will result in meaningful outcomes, including new approaches to generating revenue, the establishment of an Engagement Strategy, upgrades to internal systems and critical infrastructure supporting service delivery, the advancement of green energy projects, and important growth in commercial assessment.

For more about the Municipality's Key Strategic Priorities leading into 2029, check out Strategic Plan 2025-2029 at [www.countyofkings.ca/government/strategic-plan](http://www.countyofkings.ca/government/strategic-plan)

### Applications Open for Personal Property Tax Reduction Program

Property owners living in a residence they own in the Municipality can qualify for a Personal Property Tax Reduction of up to \$630 if the total gross household income does not exceed \$48,000. The deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2026. Apply at [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca) or call 902-690-6144 for more information.

### STAY CONNECTED

Don't miss out on daily, weekly and monthly updates the Municipality shares online.

For news about programs and services, follow @KingsCountyNS on Facebook or X (Twitter) and visit our website often: [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca)

For job postings, check back with us regularly online at: [countyofkings.ca/workhere](http://countyofkings.ca/workhere)

Visit the "KingsCountyNS" YouTube channel for videos of Council meetings.

To receive monthly updates about Municipal news, services, recreation listings, job postings - and more - by email, **subscribe to the MOK Today e-newsletter**. Visit [countyofkings.ca/MOKToday](http://countyofkings.ca/MOKToday)

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS WEBSITE

Visit the Municipality's website to stay informed about planning applications relating to land use and development.

[www.countyofkings.ca/planning](http://www.countyofkings.ca/planning)

## RECREATION SERVICES

- recreation@countyofkings.ca
- Municipality of Kings Recreation Services
- [www.countyofkings.ca/recreation](http://www.countyofkings.ca/recreation)
- [www.countyofkings.ca/registration](http://www.countyofkings.ca/registration)

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Visit [www.countyofkings.ca/government/council/](http://www.countyofkings.ca/government/council/) and click on the "Meet your Mayor and Council" icon to find online profiles and district maps. If you want help identifying your district by phone, call 1-888-337-2999.

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Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



Kings County youngsters tell staffer Laurie-Ann where they would put their money during a budget exercise at a Meet and Greet in Canning. "What We Heard Reports" from Meet and Greets are on the Municipality's website.

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: STRONGER TOGETHER IN KINGS COUNTY

As Municipal Council settles into the second year of its term, the Municipality has a new Strategic Plan that prioritizes responsible growth and continuous improvements into 2029.

The proposed Regional Recreation Facility for Kings County is an example of a major project Municipal Council identified as a priority in the new Strategic Plan. I'm happy to report that through our partnership with the Towns of Kentville and Wolfville, we are working on the foundational pieces of this project. It takes time to get projects like this off the ground, but I'm encouraged by the growing network of supporters who want to make this happen. The project partners plan to have more exciting news to share in the coming months.

With the return of warmer weather, I am reminded of the heroic efforts and compassionate care we witnessed firsthand during the Lake George Wildfire. When the fire burned out of control, all three levels of government quickly came together to strengthen the response. Our friends at the Towns of Berwick, Kentville, and Wolfville helped us staff the Kings REMO Emergency Coordination Centre, and Provincial and Federal counterparts provided critical emergency management and firefighting services alongside our amazing volunteer fire departments. We are forever grateful

to everyone who helped in any way they could during that difficult time.

Special thanks to everyone who attended the Municipality's District Meet and Greets to tell us what's working, what's not working, and share their wishes for the future. Feedback helps us serve you better! "What we Heard" Reports can be found at [www.countyofkings.ca/engage/district-meetings](http://www.countyofkings.ca/engage/district-meetings).

If you'd like to learn more about the priorities Council set for the next three years, check out Strategic Plan 2025-2029 when you have some time. The Plan is published on the Municipality's website and printed copies are available by request at the Municipal Office.

Finally, thank you to my colleagues on Council, and to the Municipality's staff, for your dedication and commitment to what's best for Kings County.

Best wishes to all,

Mayor Dave Corkum

