

MUNICIPAL MEMOS

Remember to Post Civic Numbers

The posting of visible civic numbers is required for the safety of you and your neighbours. Emergency responders strongly recommend the signs have a reflective surface and a clear colour contrast. Civic signs are to be posted at a driveway entrance, or on the structure if it is clearly visible from the road.

For more information on Civic Addressing, to submit an inquiry, or to find out where you can purchase signs, please visit:
www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/civicaddressing.aspx

Need a Permit?

Call Land Use Planning and Inspection Services before buying land or beginning construction. This applies to:

- New house, relocations of homes including modular homes, mini homes, and mobile homes
- Building an addition onto any home or building
- Building a garage, shed, new deck or repairing an existing deck
- Structural repairs or renovations
- Demolition of a structure

For more information, call 902-690-6152 or visit
www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/permits/

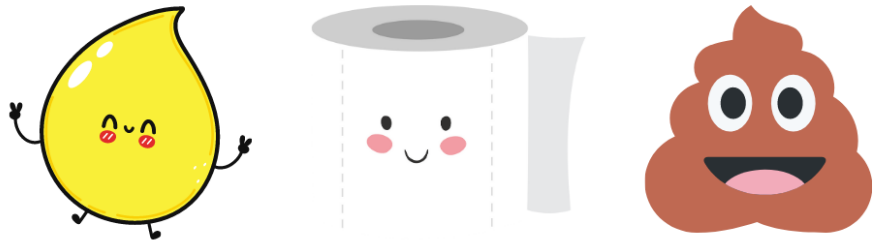
What You Flush Matters: Help Reduce the Risk of Foul Odours

It is critical that wipes of any sort - including those labelled "Flushable", "Disposable", or "Biodegradable," and fats/greases/oils are not flushed down toilets or drains. Please only flush the "3 Ps" - Pee, Poo and Toilet Paper.

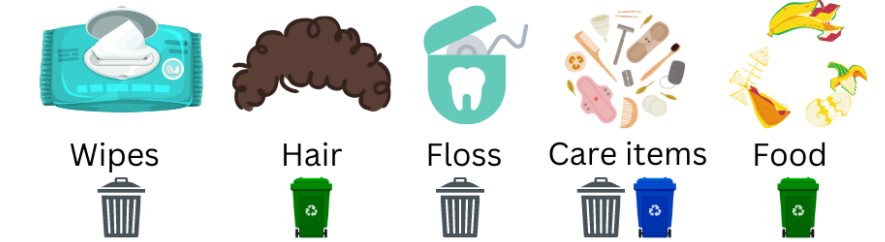
Flushing items that are not meant for sewage systems can result in costly damages and increase the risk of sewer backups and odour.

For more information, visit:
www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates

Only flush the 3 Ps - pee, poo and toilet paper!



Everything else should go in the trash, compost or be recycled!



Wipes	Hair	Floss	Care items	Food

Accepting Applications for Personal Property Tax Exemption Program

Property owners occupying a residence they own in the Municipality could qualify for a Personal Property Tax Exemption of up to \$510 if the total gross household income does not exceed \$45,000. This year's deadline has been extended to Feb. 29. Find applications at www.countyofkings.ca, or call 902-690-6144.

New Housing Opportunities in the Municipality

PLANNING

There are new opportunities for homeowners and developers to add to the housing supply in the Municipality. The following are two examples:

More than one dwelling allowed on single lots:

The Municipality is allowing the addition of attached or standalone secondary housing units on residential properties within 12 designated Growth Centres: Aylesford, Cambridge, Canning, Centreville, Coldbrook, Greenwood, Hants Border, Kingston, New Minas, North Kentville, Port Williams and Waterville. There are two components:

- In addition to the main housing unit, a new unit (standalone garden or in-law suite) can be constructed on the same lot; and
- Changes have also been made in the zone that has traditionally allowed a maximum of two units per lot (the R2 Zone). The number of buildings permitted will depend on the size and shape of your lot. If you'd like to discuss opportunities for your lot, please contact Planning and Development staff.

The Province of Nova Scotia has released a new Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program, which provides up to \$25,000 in loans to homeowners who create an affordable secondary suite on their property. For more information, visit <https://ow.ly/W7Oo50Qaj9F>

Increasing the number of apartment units:

The Municipality is actively working to increase the number of units permitted within buildings located on single lots in multi-unit zones (R3 and R4). These changes would be allowed within the same 12 Growth Centres listed above and may be of interest to people or developers considering the construction of apartment buildings. If you are interested in this type of construction, it is best to call Planning and Development staff to discuss the differences between certain zones.

For more information, to discuss specifics around your lot, or to apply for your permits, please call Planning and Development staff at 902-690-6152.

Free Vulnerable Person Registry for Emergencies

The Vulnerable Person Registry (VPR) lets Emergency Services providers know how to meet the needs of Kings County residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies. For more, visit www.kingsremo.ca/vpr or call 902-670-1514.

STAY CONNECTED

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

- For news about programs, projects and services in the Kings Region, follow the "Kings County, Nova Scotia" **Facebook** page or @KingsCountyNS on **Twitter**.
- For Recreation news and events listings, follow "**Municipality of Kings Recreation Services**" on **Facebook**.
- To receive monthly updates about municipal news, services, recreation listing, job postings - and more - by email, subscribe to **MOK Today**. Just email athompson@countyofkings.ca.
- To stay on top of job opportunities, visit **www.countyofkings.ca/workhere**
- Public Service Advisories, including Water Utility notices, are posted to the Municipal News section of our homepage: **www.countyofkings.ca**

Thank You for Your Patience with Delayed Tax Bills

The Municipality of the County of Kings sincerely thanks residents for their patience and understanding following a cybersecurity incident in July.

Cybersecurity experts guided the Municipality through the safe and secure return of impacted services. Financial systems that experienced prolonged service disruptions are back online. A restored tax billing system developed by an external service provider launched in late October, and an amended tax billing schedule and payment due date was approved by Council.

For more information, visit **www.countyofkings.ca/residents/tax/Tax-Bills** or call 902-678-6141.

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Visit **www.countyofkings.ca/government/council/** and click on the "Meet your Mayor and Council" icon to find online profiles and detailed district maps. If you'd like assistance identifying your district of residence by phone, call: 1-888-337-2999.



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Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



STRIKING A BALANCE: ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF A CHANGING WORLD

Thank you to the heroes in our communities. We have survived a pandemic and wildfires. My faith in humanity remains a constant in changing times because of you, my neighbours.

Our goal is to strike a balance between preserving the unique characteristics of our villages and embracing opportunities for sustainable growth.

Local associations promote the area as a wonderful place to live and do business. We have improved internet services, created new jobs in several sectors, improved transportation services, increased tourist accommodations, multiplied our culinary establishments, established bus tours to wine country, actively sought immigration to assist with agriculture cropping, health care, long-haul trucking, etc. We advertise our protection of agricultural lands ensuring an agricultural landscape for the decades ahead. We host food-film festivals, promote farmers' markets, farm gate sales, and U-Picks. We built a first-class trail system. We are collaborating to explore the potential for a regional recreation facility. We are home to a regional hospital. CFB Greenwood is expanding its complement. Michelin and the Department of National Defence are anxiously looking at our housing shortages – as are other employers.

Kings' quest to protect agricultural land is predicated upon our villages and towns absorbing population growth.

Growth plays an important role in strengthening local economies, enhancing infrastructure [better transportation system, improved utilities, enhanced public amenities] and improving the overall quality of life for residents. We can increase cultural diversity amongst our population, enrich our community with new perspectives, traditions and experiences. Diversity can strengthen social cohesion while simultaneously fostering a stronger sense of community.

We are fortunate in having a robust Municipal Planning Strategy adopted after eight years of community consultation. Together, we can shape our future in a way that respects our heritage while addressing the needs of a changing world.

Peter Muttart, Mayor

