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Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

I've spent the better part of the last year seeing the place I've called home most of my life in a new light.

I have the people of the Municipality of the County of Kings to thank for this new perspective. You've welcomed me into your homes, businesses, community hubs, board rooms, recreation facilities – and the list goes on – as your new Mayor. It is a great honour and privilege to meet with you, learn from you, and represent you.

After serving on Kentville Town Council for 25 years, including 11 as Mayor, I had a sense of what to expect when I was granted the opportunity to return to municipal politics in the October 2024 election. The role of Mayor can be challenging and rewarding in equal measure. There's not always a quick and easy fix to every problem, but your Municipal Council is not deterred. We don't have to look far for inspiration to work hard in – and for – Kings County. We're inspired by the traits we see in our municipal colleagues and our neighbours – teamwork, open minds, drive, compassion, and commitment to community.

Your Municipal Council makes important decisions about land-use, development, sewer and water utilities, municipal roads and sidewalks, emergency services, recreation, etc. with the help of reports...

from staff. In-house financial experts carefully prepare balanced budgets each year to help Council prioritize while contending with rising costs and aging assets. In April, Council approved an annual Operating, Utility and Reserve Budget with no tax rate increases. I'm very impressed with this financial plan that will guide the Municipality through some high-expense items while holding the line on tax rates and prioritizing investments in assets and infrastructure supporting core services.

I cannot mention the 2025-26 Budget without acknowledging the contributions of the Municipality's late Director of Finance and IT, Greg Barr. Greg passed unexpectedly before the Budget was formally approved, and we didn't have the chance to thank him. The Municipality was incredibly fortunate to benefit from Greg's exceptional leadership, quiet intelligence, and unwavering kindness for more than five years. He was one of the good ones and we are better off because of his time with us.

Best wishes to all,

Mayor Dave Corkum





## MUNICIPAL MEMOS

### Is Your Civic Number Posted Properly and Visible in Emergencies?

Civic signs help emergency responders find your home and business when every second counts.

**Property owners are responsible for posting civic numbers.** By-law #96 outlines how to post civic signs in the Municipality of the County of Kings. Please post civics in the following manner:



- Post the civic number right side up and use numeral digits (0-9).
- The civic number must contrast with its background to be clearly visible and should be illuminated or made from reflective material.
- The by-law encourages blue and white reflective 911 signs, but they are not required.
- The civic number must be visible and readable from the road.
- The civic number must be posted on the building or a signpost/gatepost on the property.
- The civic number must be posted on the same side of the road as the property/building.
- The civic number should not be posted on trees, other natural vegetation, or utility poles.
- The civic number must face towards the road or be double-sided and easily visible from the road.

For more on how to purchase a reflective civic sign from a Lions Club in Kings County and ensure it is posted properly, call 1-888-337-2999 or visit the Municipality's website:

<https://www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/Civic-Addressing>



**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.**

#### Looking to start a business in Kings County?

Visit [countyofkings.ca/business/doing-business](http://countyofkings.ca/business/doing-business) for more information or contact our Business Development Analyst, Christine Spurr, for assistance. Christine can be reached by calling 902-690-6153 or emailing [cspurr@countyofkings.ca](mailto:cspurr@countyofkings.ca).

## New Housing Accelerator Funding Options

Municipal Council recently approved a new Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Disbursement and Advocacy Program that outlines how the Municipality will disburse approximately \$5.9 million in Federal HAF funding through the following streams:

- Non-repayable Contributions to Not-for-Profit and Co-operatives
- Municipal Infrastructure (Design and Build)
- Private Sector Applications for Municipal Infrastructure
- Permitting and Connection Fees

The HAF Program will also allow the Municipality to explore opportunities to support housing development through advocacy work on behalf of private developers and not-for-profit sectors, and potential changes to Planning Documents regulating residential development.

The Municipality's HAF Action Plan aims to accelerate the development of more "missing middle" housing - accessory dwelling units, secondary suites, two-unit dwellings, multi-unit dwellings, and residential units in eligible commercial buildings - in designated Growth Centres. Visit [www.countyofkings.ca/HAF](http://www.countyofkings.ca/HAF) to learn more about HAF funding opportunities that are scheduled to continue into February 2027.

## Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Study Underway

The Municipality remains committed to addressing problematic odours at the Regional Wastewater Treatment facility in New Minas. Through a procurement process in February 2025, the Municipality selected CBCL to complete a pre-design report on the entire system. The in-depth engineering study will consider current and future needs, including the potential for pre-screening solutions, alternative treatment technologies, post-treatment clarification or filtration, sludge management solutions, and overall sewer treatment facility optimization. The study will consider the type of incoming waste and projected growth and development in the area. It is anticipated the completed report, including recommendations for improvements and upgrades, will be ready in the spring of 2026. For updates, visit [www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates](http://www.countyofkings.ca/regionalsewerupdates).

#### Applications Open for Personal Property Tax Reduction Program

Property owners living in a residence they own in the Municipality could qualify for a Personal Property Tax Reduction of up to \$580 if the total gross household income does not exceed \$47,000. The deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2025. Apply at [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca) or call 902-690-6144 for more information.

## DEVELOPMENT



Free pre-approved plans for Accessory Dwelling Units are available online. Visit [www.countyofkings.ca/ADU](http://www.countyofkings.ca/ADU)