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IS YOURS VISIBLE?

Civic signs for properties in the Municipality of the County of Kings are to be clearly visible - ideally reflective or illuminated. Please ensure your civic number is easy to see from the road in case of an emergency. Questions? Contact us:

 1-888-337-2999

 www.countyofkings.ca

RECREATION SERVICES

 recreation@countyofkings.ca

 **Municipality of Kings Recreation Services**

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Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



The Municipality opened a new section of Harvest Moon Trail in Grand-Pré in June. See Page 2 for details.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: REFLECTIONS FROM THE MIDWAY MARK

We are halfway through Council's four-year term, and I'm happy to report that we've covered a lot of ground in two years.

The Municipality has made good progress on several significant projects: the expansion of the Greenwood Water Utility is well underway; the Zeke Brook Water Treatment Plant and related connection lines are under construction; upgrades are ongoing at wastewater treatment plants in Hants Border and Aylesford; the Municipality received additional Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) support in recognition of its success using HAF funding to encourage the development of more housing; and we are making progress on the groundwork that has to be completed for Regional Recreation Facility project.

In Budget news, Municipal Council awarded \$91,500 in Grants to Organizations to support community-based initiatives that fall outside the scope of the Municipality's other Community Grants Programs, and \$600,000 in 2026-27 Kings Vision Grants for...

projects that directly align with the Municipality's vision of being a community of communities where all people belong. Vision Grants were awarded for a range of projects, including the Lonnie Milne Park Playground in New Minas, Coldbrook Pickleball Courts, accessibility initiatives at the Kingston Lions Club, and facility upgrades at the Glooscap Arena, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts and Horton High School Performing Arts Centre. For the full list of Community Grants awarded this summer, visit www.countyofkings.ca/grants.

We know there is a lot more work to be done - and we can always do better. I look forward to sharing more good news in the second half of Council's term. It is an honour to be your Mayor.

Best wishes to all,
Mayor Dave Corkum



MUNICIPAL MEMOS

Municipality Opens New Section of Harvest Moon Trail in Grand-Pré

A new section of the Harvest Moon Trail from Grand-Pré Road to Wharf Road is now open.

The new 2.14-km stretch of multi-use, non-motorized trail opened in June. It is located at the eastern end of the popular trailway network spanning Kings and Annapolis counties.

Parking is available at 2242 Grand-Pré Road in the Grand-Pré National Historic Site overflow parking lot. Please do not park on Wharf Road. Happy trails!



Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

The Municipality is working with Regional Partners to prioritize maximizing the performance of the existing Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in New Minas while planning ahead for major changes. The incoming results of an engineering predesign report commissioned in February 2025 will provide the Regional Partners with crucial information about treatment system upgrades to meet the needs of the service area spanning Coldbrook to Greenwich for the next 25+ years.

In the meantime, the main focus is to do everything possible to help the current treatment system work as well as it can until an upgraded system is designed based on current trends, forecasted treatment needs, and projected regulatory requirements. Updates will be posted at 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



Never pour
fats, oils and
grease down
the drain.

Water Supply Improvement Program Open for Applications from Residents

The Municipality has a financing program that provides a low-interest loan to eligible property owners who wish to improve their access to a clean and reliable water supply at home. For more about who can apply and how, visit: www.countyofkings.ca/water-supply-improvement

Options for Secondary Dwellings in Rural Areas

HOUSING

Did you know it is now possible to add a second detached dwelling to properties containing a one-unit dwelling in select rural zones across the Municipality?

Secondary dwellings can be attached to the main residence or be separate. Based on the property, options could include the following;

- A standalone, detached building
- Attached unit
- Upper level or lower level unit
- Converted garage
- Loft above the garage

As of May 2026, properties within the Rural Mixed Use (A2) Zone, Country Residential (A4)

Zone, Lakeshore Residential (S1), Lakeshore Limited Development (S2), Tidal Shoreland (T1), Tidal Commercial (T2) and Resource (N1) Zones of the Land Use By-law now permit up to two residential units per lot, either in one or two dwellings.

Please check with Municipal Staff before you get started to discuss options for your property and apply for permits. Development staff can be reached at 902-690-6152 or stop by during regular business hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Municipality Awarded Additional Housing Accelerator Funding

The Municipality of the County of Kings is one of 32 municipalities in Canada selected to receive additional funding through the federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) program. The Government of Canada awarded the Municipality \$595,000 in new HAF support in the spring (in addition to the \$5.8 million in HAF funding awarded in 2024).

The Municipality received additional funding in recognition of its success rolling out an action plan with several initiatives that aim to encourage the development of more housing units in the County of Kings. The new HAF funding will, in part, support an initiative that will focus on changing the Municipality's Land Use By-law to allow for the construction of accessory (secondary) dwellings in more areas of the Municipality. For more about the Municipality's HAF programs, visit www.countyofkings.ca/HAF



For pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit plans, check out: www.countyofkings.ca/adu

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 or call 902-690-6144 for more information.