

## New Strategy for Belonging

"Toward Equity and Diversity: A Strategy for Belonging in the Municipality of the County of Kings" outlines steps the Municipality is taking to achieve the Municipality's vision of building a Kings Region that is a community of communities where all people belong.

This strategy approved by Municipal Council last fall is serving as a framework for meaningful change in Kings County. You can read the full strategy by visiting: [www.countyofkings.ca/diversity](http://www.countyofkings.ca/diversity)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Recreation Team Planning for a Big Summer

The Recreation Team is busy planning for an exciting summer of events and opportunities for residents. Kayak camps will return to Aylesford Lake and we've added 6 new children's paddleboards to our fleet of 9 kayaks (including a double kayak) and 4 adult paddleboards that are loaned out daily in July and August for free! Day camps will again be offered in different locations throughout Kings County, in combination with other programs for families and youth. Other exciting opportunities include an expansion of our Learn to Play tennis program, pop-up play days, trail adventures, guided hikes, and so much more! Stay tuned for our summer schedule coming out in June in coordination with Recreation Month!

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## Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



## TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE: A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MUTTART

Hello Kings County!

While the COVID crisis did put us back on our heels, in other respects we have been able to concentrate on building, reinforcing and complementing our physical and structural assets over the last two years.

We completed broadband internet infrastructure for Woodville, Canada Creek, Black Rock and the surrounding areas; constructed a net-zero energy Engineering and Public Works Operations Centre; took major initiatives in the alternative energy field, which are now totally dependent upon the degree of cooperation we receive from our Federal and Provincial counterparts; invited and formed partnerships with Glooscap First Nation and Annapolis Valley First Nation to pursue mutually beneficial undertakings; paved 20 times the number of J-class roads that we had in any previous year and invested several million dollars in sewer infrastructure; and entered into a joint project with Kings County's Towns to...

study the feasibility of a regional recreation and wellness centre.

Financial sustainability and resilience remains a priority as we focus on service delivery, infrastructure investments, COVID contingencies and the advancement of special projects. Residential and commercial tax rates remained unchanged for the 2021-22 year. With Council's direction, the Municipality has successfully held those rates for more than 11 years.

I take great pride in our Community, our Council, administration and staff endeavours toward equity, diversity, inclusion and community. Our entire Council takes justifiable pride in this progress.

Stay well!

Peter Muttart, Mayor





## MUNICIPAL MEMOS

### Is Your Civic Number Easy to Find?

Visible civic numbers must be posted at every address to assist emergency service providers. Emergency responders strongly recommend the signs be made of a reflective surface, have a high colour contrast and be posted at your driveway entrance, or on the structure, if it is clearly visible from the road.

For more information on Civic Addressing, including where you can purchase signs, please call 1-888-337-2999 or visit [www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/civicaddressing.aspx](http://www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/civicaddressing.aspx)

### Is Your Dog Registered?

All dogs in Kings County must be registered annually or within 10 days of new ownership. Register online at [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca) or call 1-888-337-2999.

### A Message from Public Works: No Wipes Down the Pipes

It is critical that wipes of any sort - including those labelled "Flushable", "Disposable", or "Biodegradable" - are not flushed down the toilet or drains. Our municipal sewer systems are negatively impacted by the flushing of wipes and other inorganic products. Pump stations are being clogged, and aeration equipment is being blocked. The only way to clear the obstructions is to disassemble pumps and equipment, and physically remove the sewer debris by hand. This leads to a significant increase in maintenance costs, odours in communities, and puts your home and/or place of business at risk of a sewer backup. The Municipality of the County of Kings thanks our staff for their continued efforts in keeping municipal services and infrastructure functioning. We ask you to please do your part by keeping wipes and inorganic products of all sorts out of the sewer system.

### STUDY OF POLLING DISTRICTS

The Municipality will be conducting a study of the number of Councillors (Council size) and Municipal Polling Districts and Boundaries of Polling Districts this year (as required by section 369 of the Municipal Government Act). Members of the public will be asked for feedback. Check [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca) for updates, and to learn how to participate.

### Need a Permit?

Call our Planning and Development Services Department before buying and 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/](http://www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/permits/)

Kings County Regional Emergency Management Organization (Kings REMO) can help you prepare for emergencies. Visit [www.kingsremo.ca](http://www.kingsremo.ca)

## Municipality Launches Web Apps

Try the Municipality's new Kings County Public Atlas web map application to view a property parcel or geographic location and determine the following:

- Civic addresses
- Cultural features or assets such as trails, buildings, or heritage designations
- Boundaries such as electoral districts and polling divisions, police and fire jurisdictions, village or community boundaries
- Road ownership information
- Zoning information

You can access this new app - and others - for free via the municipal website, where you can also find helpful tutorials: [www.countyofkings.ca/services/maps.aspx](http://www.countyofkings.ca/services/maps.aspx)

*Please note that this App works best with the latest versions of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari or Edge Chromium internet browsers. Internet Explorer is not recommended.*



For the latest updates, visit [www.visionnewminas.ca](http://www.visionnewminas.ca)

### MUNICIPAL PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Cash – in person
  - Debit – in person
  - Cheque – in person or by mail
  - Credit Card (1.75% third-party service fee applies) – in person or through our website at [www.countyofkings.ca](http://www.countyofkings.ca)
- Email Money Transfers can be sent to: [etransfer@countyofkings.ca](mailto:etransfer@countyofkings.ca) (include Assessment Account Number)  
Payments are also accepted at most financial institutions.

## GO ONLINE

### Apply For a Bursary

- Graduating from high school?
- Resident of the Municipality?
- Pursuing secondary education?

Visit [www.countyofkings.ca/bursary](http://www.countyofkings.ca/bursary) before the May 15 application deadline.

### A New Way to Connect

Broadband internet service through the Connected Kings project is now available to residents in Canada Creek, Black Rock and Woodville. Service in North Grand Pré is expected to be available later this spring. To subscribe or learn more about available packages, call Cross Country TV at (902) 678-2395 or visit [xcountry.tv](http://xcountry.tv)