

LIVING IN KINGS

Active Kings County: An Active Transportation Plan

Active Kings County is an Active Transportation Plan helping the Municipality of the County of Kings realize our vision of safe, convenient and enjoyable transportation options for everyone.

Active transportation encompasses all human-powered transportation: walking, rolling, boating, skiing, and more.

The plan, approved by Council in July, aims to connect residents and visitors to where they live, work, learn and play - actively! It was built on the following guiding principles:

- Improving regional connections
- Expanding local connections
- Creating welcoming spaces
- Prioritizing safety and concerns
- Making it easy and intuitive to navigate
- Reframing transportation values
- Supporting community resiliency

These principles were used to develop the proposed network design, as well as recommendations related to infrastructure and amenities, education and programming, marketing and promotions, and implementation.

The AT Plan provides an extensive list of more than 70 recommendations to be carried out over the next 15 years. The recommendations are listed in the following categories:

- Short term: Recommendations for the first 5 years of the plan.
- Medium term: Items that could be implemented within 10 years.
- Long term: Recommendations for items to be implemented within 15 years.
- Opportunity: Other recommendations are provided for when opportunities arise, such as road repaving.

To learn more, please visit the following website:
www.countyofkings.ca/activetransportation.

Vision New Minas - Planning for Growth

Vision New Minas is a project to develop a Secondary Plan for the Growth Centre of New Minas. This Plan will guide how the community evolves over the coming decades. Visit www.visionnewminas.ca to review related documents, learn about public engagement opportunities, and sign up for the email newsletter offering updates as this exciting project progresses. Contact the Project Team directly by emailing hello@visionnewminas.ca or calling 902-690-6102.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

DO YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA?

- Own & occupy a home in Kings County;
- Have a total gross household income less than \$36,000.

If yes, you may qualify for the 2021/22 Personal Tax Exemption. Applications are accepted until December 31, 2021. For more information call (902) 690-6144 or email inquiry@countyofkings.ca.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS KNOW THE RISKS | MAKE A PLAN | GET A KIT

Ready for the unexpected? GetPrepared.gc.ca offers safety tips, practical advice and tools that can help you prepare yourself and your family for unforeseen emergencies. They will help you and your family be more secure.

The Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and runs through to the end of November. Municipalities in Kings County are promoting Hurricane Awareness in support of building safe and resilient communities.

For additional information, contact:
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Broadband Internet Expansion
For up-to-date information about internet service projects in the Municipality, please visit www.countyofkings.ca/internet.

FINANCE

We want to hear from you! Weigh in on the 2022/23 Municipal Budget

Council approves annual operating and capital budgets, which guide the spending of the Municipality throughout the fiscal year. These budgets include operational costs related to providing municipal services and advancing capital infrastructure projects.

The 2021/22 Budget documents are available online through the Municipality's website.

Citizen engagement is vital to the budgeting process. We'd like to hear from you as we begin to prepare for the 2022/23 Budget. Please visit our website to take a brief survey that will help guide future decisions:
<https://www.countyofkings.ca/Budget>

Provincial Property Tax Rebate For Seniors

Apply for the Provincial Rebate for Seniors to help with the cost of your municipal residential property taxes.

You can receive 50% of what you paid on last year's property taxes, up to \$800, if you qualify for the rebate.

For more information or to apply to this program, visit <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors> or call 1-800-670-4357.

Tips for conserving water

Because the best kind of water is the water we don't use!



Indoors

1. Turn off the tap (when brushing, shaving and soaping up)!
2. Install a low flow showerhead and set a timer.
3. Switch to low flush toilets.
4. Check for leaks.
5. Use a two-sink system for dishes.
6. Do full loads of laundry (and use cold water!)
7. Keep a container of drinking water in the fridge.

Outdoors

1. Collect rainwater.
2. Slow the water, so your garden and lawn stay hydrated longer - naturally.
3. Turn off taps when not in use.
4. Check for leaks.
5. Plant drought-friendly and/or native plants.
6. If you need to water your garden or lawn, do so early in the morning.
7. Use a kiddie pool instead of a sprinkler.

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
- Email Money Transfers can be sent to: etransfer@countyofkings.ca (include Assessment Account Number)
- Payments are also accepted at most financial institutions.

Honouring Landyn's Journey

The Municipality of the County of Kings wishes to congratulate Landyn Toney on completing a 196.5-kilometre trek from Bible Hill to his home community of Annapolis Valley First Nation.

We are humbled by the dedication shown by Landyn, a 12-year-old Indigenous leader, as he walked from July 1 to July 6 to raise awareness of the pain and suffering caused by Canada’s residential schools.

On July 6, Council voted in favour of a resolution to work with Annapolis Valley First Nation and Glooscap First Nation to develop the terms for an annual \$10,000 grant for legacy projects/support.

The resolution is a small step in honour of Landyn’s Journey of Awareness, but the Municipality of the County of Kings acknowledges that there is much more work to be done.



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Did you know that according to Statistics Canada, about 30% of Nova Scotians age 15 and older identify as having at least one disability?

The Municipality of the County of Kings Council and the Village Commissions in Kings County recognize accessibility as a human right. Our goal is to make municipal services accessible to all before 2030 by preventing and removing barriers that restrict people from fully participating in society. We will soon start reaching out to the public to gather feedback regarding how, and where, we can improve accessibility at our buildings, parks, playgrounds, sports fields, sidewalks, and other infrastructure. We want to make informed decisions about how to improve access to goods and services, transportation, employment, and information. As more details of the public consultation process roll out starting this fall, updates will be available online through www.countyofkings.ca/accessibility. To request more information by phone, call 1-888-337-2999.

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Updates from the Municipality of the County of Kings



RECOVERY, REFLECTION & RESTORATION. A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MUTTART

Hello Kings County!

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the communities of the Kings Region and the entire Western Health Region for all that you have done to bring us through the worst of this pandemic.

Many, I know, have had a very difficult time. Your discipline and self-sacrifice, however, saved lives, protected your families and protected the families of your neighbours.

Now, as we begin the long journey of recovery – of our own health, of our health-care systems, of our economy and our personal financial stability – I have no doubt that we will become kinder, more present and more aware of community. Lessons have been learned. We emerge in some ways wiser, more compassionate and more connected. I am confident that we have the local assets, talents, caring individuals, work ethic and natural assets to ‘grow back even better’. Thinking and purchasing locally is a small first step, but it will help.

I am proud of how the overwhelming majority of Canadians have responded – with compassion, understanding and commitment – to minimize this setback. I am especially proud of the active response from our Kings Region. There will always be hills to climb.

Climate change presents new challenges every day. The Kings Region has charted a path to do our part – and more – to reduce our carbon footprint, create clean energy options, protect the infrastructure that serves us all, and mitigate the impacts of those facets that we cannot change. We have faith (and some evidence) that our counterparts across Canada are doing the same. All levels of government must partner in this initiative.

We are still, and always will be, ‘in this together’, so be kind to one another. I look forward to the time (perhaps in our next letter) when, with your help, we can report progress on all fronts.

Lastly, I want to thank your Councillors. They are a dedicated group of hard-working individuals who have the considerable individual talents and collective experience to progress collaboratively toward continuous municipal improvement in all areas.

Stay well!

Peter Muttart, Mayor

