

KCA Community Meeting

April 18, 2024

7:00 p.m

Location: Lloyd Centre

Board members in attendance:

- David Upton
- Ken Kingsbury
- Hazen Fry
- Denise Grant
- Lee McMahon

Regrets:

- Paul Nieuwenstein

Called to order: David Upton

1. Acceptance of today's agenda:

Motion: Judy Bushnell, seconded Merle MacDonald

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion: Paul Bushnell, seconded Richard Foote

3. Financial matters:

a. Approval of financial statements

Motion: Judy Bushnell, seconded Ken Kingsbury

Discussion:

- Question about "Loans from owners \$1400". Sharon will look into this.
- Rental fee from the propane tank should go to the Comfort Centre.

4. Committee updates: Standing committees

a. Buildings & Maintenance

- Lloyd Centre fire inspection was carried out and recommended items have been addressed:
 - * Electrical room now has a sign on the door.
 - * 2 carbon monoxide alarms have been installed.
 - * Insulation in the basement needs to be removed or covered.
 - We will remove current insulation and reinsulate before winter.
- Heat pump
 - * We have received 2 quotes, from Jack Parker and Acadia Refrigeration.
 - * Hazen is investigating rebate options. An energy assessment has been requested.
 - * We have met with the insurance adjuster. The insurance claim will cover all but \$750 (deductible).
- Audley Pineo shovelled and salted the Lloyd Centre steps and ramp all winter.
Motion to give Audley a \$100.00 gift certificate as thanks from the community.
Motion: Merle MacDonald, seconded Ken Kingsbury

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b. Canteen

- Provincial grant appeal was approved for 1 position.
- Federal grant has been approved but we don't know to what extent yet. Manager and Assistant Manager may not be coming back this year.
- We have some good resumés but no university students yet. (We need university students to open through the week in May and June). Please refer any students that you may know.
- We will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks.
- The electrical mast was bent when the tree pulled down the wires. It has been inspected by Tibbett's Electrical and does not need to be replaced. A guy wire will be added for additional support.
- Picnic tables need repair and restaining.
- Canteen building needs painting and staining.
 - * Charlene, Valerie, Merle, and Sandra volunteered to be part of a community work party to beautify the building and tables.
 - * Richard Foote has the details on the type and colour of stain used on the canteen building.

Discussion:

- A question was raised about putting the picnic tables on the deck. Ken explained that in order for the tables to be on the deck (and therefore, part of the Tide's In seating area), the health inspector requires public washrooms, which the building does not have. Therefore, the tables must remain on the grass.

c. Pleasant Street Park & Playground

From the Park Committee:

"Our sign designer, Marcel Morin, of Lost Art Cartography, is now finished a large project he had been working on and is ready to put the final touches on our park sign design. However, the Mi'kmaq translator has not finished his work on the translation. Our French translator is close to being finished . So..... we are awaiting those translations at the moment. Once we receive them it will be two weeks with Marcel, then three weeks at Altantex to complete the sign."

- A question was raised about having power in the park. Because the property is owned by Kings County, the request to NS Power will have to come from the County.
- The next Park Committee meeting is on April 24th, 2024 at 6:30pm

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From the Playground Committee:

Grants

- Applied for funding from multiple grants to cover the cost of playground structure, swing set and groundwork. Estimate \$43,000 total cost.

Received

- \$1500 from Active Kids Healthy Kids toward basketball nets and sports equipment for the play box.
- \$4000 commitment from Canning Recreation toward playground project (pending confirmed grant funding by KCA)

Applied

- \$7500 Municipality of Kings Parks and Trails Grant
- \$15,000 Eastern Kings Memorial Health Fund

In the works

- \$8000 Gov NS Culture Communities and Tourism Grant. Jessie met with the grant organiser and they are working together to apply for the grant. (It is very competitive.)

The community wants to thank and recognize Jessie Davis for all of the work she has done applying for and securing grants for the playground.

d. Waterfront

- Our DNR contact found out by surprise, after they've been servicing the outhouses and garbage bins for years, that we are no longer under their jurisdiction.
- Kings County and DNR are working together to find a solution to the facilities issue. DNR acknowledges that they were initially responsible.
- From the County:
"As an update on our end, we will be sending a vector truck out to clean out the tanks and examine the conditions of the same. It may be a possibility that we do some demo work on the current structures and block off the area to the public, as it presently exposes a bit of a safety risk.

In the meantime, another piece has come up in the same realm of municipal-community association partnership relating to washroom use, so we will be taking an RFD to go to Municipal Council, which could change some of what is outlined below, based on direction from the CAO/Council-- but we are interested in supporting the community association and are committed to finding a way, or a method, that we can replicate across other community association partnerships.

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With all of this being said, it is unlikely that the facilities will be operational for the peak beach season. We have arranged for 2 portable toilets for Kingsport Beach, one of which is fully accessible. They will be delivered on May 3, 2024. If you/the association has a preferred location for the portables, please let us know before May 1st, so we can coordinate with the company.”

- Kingsport Wharf

* David Upton sent a message to Kody Blois’ office on April 3, 2024, following up on a meeting in the fall with Kody, who promised he would speak with someone at ACOA about getting support with operating costs and maintenance. At that time, we shared with him the most recent engineer’s report, which outlined the current status of the wharf and recommended remedial action. We are still awaiting a response.

Discussion:

- Concerns raised about the potential installation of flush toilets, especially when beach parties happen.
- Question about garbage cans and collection. Nothing in the County email addresses it. (The Municipality takes care of the garbage at Aylesford Lake.) David Upton will follow up with the County about this.

5. Committee updates: Special committees

a. Finance

b. Comfort Centre

- Signs need to be put up to show that the Lloyd Centre is a Provincial Comfort Centre.
- The signs are in the office.

c. Communications

Update about the website:

- Currently, the kingsport.ca website is built on WordPress, which is a blogging platform and is not ideally suited to intuitive, more user-friendly website management.
- Kevin Estey will work with us to simplify the uploading instructions and to clean up the site. It is what it is, unless we switch to something more appropriate for what we need. (Something to consider.)
- Before he can give us an idea of whether there will be additional fees for hosting the email addresses, he needs the access login and password for our hosting account. (For example, Go Daddy, Host Gator, etc.) Who has this information?
- Denise will ask Kevin for a quote to build the website on a most user-friendly platform.

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d. Fundraising & Special Events

- Gala Days is Saturday, June 22, 2024
- We have to be prepared to cut back on events if we don't have enough volunteers. (Sign up sheets at the back of the hall.)
- There is a \$800.00 grant for Gala Days (Pam Matheson & Debbie Arbuckle are managing this.)
- Haley North is the Recreation Coordinator for Canning Recreation. Canning Rec has, in the past, helped with the Race Against the Tide. Should we decide to include it this year, we should contact Haley ASAP to coordinate.
- Proposed schedule:

Time	Event	Need to do
8:00	Community yard sale	Advertise
9:00	Bake sale (pastries & desserts) in the Lloyd Centre with coffee	* Need volunteers * Treasurer has traditionally collected money at the sale
10:00	Bouncy castle & kids' games in the park	* Hazen ordering bouncy castle * Other games?
All day	50/50 tickets and draw	Need volunteers
12:00	Beer garden & BBQ (sausages) in the park	* Arrange for bartenders (Dave) * We need a liquor licence (Dave) * Arrange for 2 porta potties * We need insurance because it is Kings County property
1:00	Bingo in the park	* Lee will do the calling * Melanie Amos is in charge of prizes
4:30	Chicken dinner	* Ask the Canning fire dept. for a quote * Ask Paul Benjamin for a quote * Need volunteers
7:00	Band on the waterfront	* Need to hire a band * Sharon & Ken will both get quotes
10:00	Fireworks on the waterfront	* We need to have a fireworks technician here (our liability insurance does not cover us to ignite them ourselves). * Fireworks F/X has given us a quote * Hazen is getting a second quote * Canning Fire Dept. will also need to be here

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6. Business arising:

a. The KCA Board needs a treasurer.

Discussion about training the canteen manager to do what the treasurer has done with the canteen funds in the past.

7. New business:

8. Next board meeting: May 9, 2024

9. Adjournment of Meeting: *Motion Valerie Simmons, seconded Richard Foote*