



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD (VOG)

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: MINUTES

January 21, 2026 @ 9:00am

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 9:00am
- 2) **Present:** Chairman Banks, Vice Chair Spinney, Commissioners Baker, and Gaudet-Forbes, Clerk-Treasurer Kerry Graham, and Administrative Clerk Lindsay Ahearn.
- 3) **Absent:** Commissioner Colbourne
- 4) **Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues:** none
- 5) **Additions to Agenda:** none

- 6) **Approval of Agenda:** Regular Commission Meeting Agenda January 21, 2026.

MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners BAKER/SPINNEY that the AGENDA for the Regular Commission Meeting on January 21, 2026, be approved as circulated. CARRIED

- 7) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Commission Meeting minutes December 16, 2025.

There being no errors or omissions, CHAIRMAN BANNKS declared the MINUTES for the Regular Commission Meeting on December 16, 2025 approved.

Written request from Commissioner Colbourne to amend the January 2026 agenda item 9f and December 2025 minutes items 19. After discussion, the commissioner's present felt the current agenda and meeting minutes presented are an accurate description.

- 8) **Business arising from the Minutes:**
 - A) YMCA requires blocks in front of lower level. Have agreed to proposal. CT to order blocks or get updated quote if those blocks are not available now.
 - B) CT is still working on performance reviews, staff meetings, policy reviews with staff.

9) **Reports:**

- a. ANSV: Chairman Banks – ANSV job posting has gone out. CT has been part of the working group. Applications have been received.
- b. County of Kings: Building & Development Statistics: no report
- c. Greenwood Water Source Committee: Commissioner Bob Baker, next meeting March 19, 2026 10am
- d. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC): Lindsay Ahearn reported that Katie MacArthur went over new standards coming into effect April 1st 2026.
- e. Physicians Recruitment & Retention Committee: Lindsay Ahearn reported new doctors in the area have started and the committees continued development on acquiring a CT machine for Soldiers Memorial
- f. REMO: Commissioner Colbourne has not yet made contact, CT requested 2025 minutes and circulated – Meeting on Dec 18, 2025 and January 8th CT attended both virtually and retired Robert Sealbys name as the VOG representative.
- g. Sports Hall of Fame – minutes circulated to Commission as they come in.

10) **List of outstanding items**

- a. CT New building design plan – CT met with representative with the Green Municipal Fund January 20th.
- b. Website Updating – CT to follow up with email to developer for progress report.
- c. CT Central Ave Sidewalk project – deficiencies noted, waiting on contractors' response.
- d. CT Labyrinth – CT has met with contractor; project is on hold until weather improves.

New Business:

- 11) **Comparative Income Statement:** less than 1 month since last meeting with holiday closure. Will be presented at January 28, 2026 meeting.
- 12) **Clerk-Treasurers Federal Party Nomination:** The CT did due diligence prior to applying for nomination. In the MGA a Village Clerk-Treasurer is not considered a "Politically limited employee", there are no VOG policies preventing the CT from running for nomination or if successful, a candidate. If it progresses from there, a 30-day leave of absence may be required at some point. Only VOG business will be conducted out of the village office, no conflict.
- 13) **Parks –** CT had AC put out a resident Facebook poll over the December holidays asking for input on which parks were in most need of additional equipment, updating or safety concerns. Two parks stood out as most in need. Pineview definitely has some safety issues with the wooden play structure, splitting and fasteners sticking

out. Fales River, though it did get a new climber and slide in 2024, it is missing some more equipment. CT met with park designer to go over a plan for both on January 7th. Quotes on some ideas will be coming in for discussion. CT is in the process of applying for the Recreational Accessibility Grant to help with project. Deadline is February 14th, up to 2/3 of cost.

A MOTION was MOVED/SECONDED by GAUDET-FORBES/SPINNEY to authorize Clerk Treasurer to go ahead with the grant application for both Pine View and Fales River parks with \$30,000 budget in the 26/27 year. Motion CARRIED

- 14) **2026 Strategic Planning and Budget Meeting:** First meeting January 28, 2026 to begin planning.

15) **Spring- Summer Events to Date**

1. Victoria Day Picnic in the Park – May 16th, 2026. Similar to last year. Family event with children's activities and food trucks.
2. Apple Blossom Market May 31st, 2026 with rain date of June 7th (would join with Car show)
3. Annapolis Valley Cruiser's Car Club has partnered with VOG on a car show at the civic field on June 6th, 2026 with a rain date of June 7th, 2026.
4. Canada Day Celebration - July 1st, 2026 CT has booked On the Village Green Market, music, fireworks and applied for grant.
5. Valley Wide RibFest – July 24, 25, 26th, 2026. CT has booked music, entertainment, Ribbers, On the Village Green Market.

16) **Public Works Update:**

- Christmas décor has been taken down, damage to salt shed back wall has been repaired, salt has been ordered, casual has been scheduled for some vacation coverage and has come in for a bit of training on sidewalk clearing while taking the online course from home.
- PW wish list has been received.
- Quote received for PW building light upgrade
- CT contacted TIR regarding traffic light at NSLC intersection.

Task list updated January 15, 2026 and circulated.

MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners BAKER/SPINNEY that the PUBLIC WORKS TASK LIST updated on January 15, 2026 be accepted as circulated. Carried

17) **Correspondence:**

18) **In Camera:** Further discussion on Clerk-Treasurers Federal Party Nomination.

A MOTION to go into Camera MOVED/SECONDED by BAKER/GAUDET-FORBES at 10:20

A MOTION to come out of Camera MOVED/SECONDED by BAKER/GAUDET-FORBES at 10:37

CT explained the nomination and process, Commission discussed, no issues were noted.

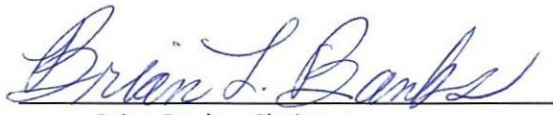
19) **Councilors' Comments:** none

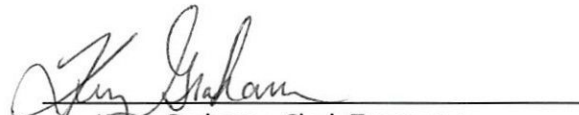
20) **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Spinney brought up suggestion to have traffic signal control boxes (3 total) be painted by 7 arts in order to cover graffiti and add to the beatification of Greenwood.

Commissioner BAKER motioned to adjourn at 10:41am

The next Regular Commission meeting will be held on February 18th, 2025, at 9am.


Brian Banks - Chairman


Kerry Graham – Clerk-Treasurer