

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 23, 2017**

KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ontario, Canada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-15204
(Commission File Number)

Not Applicable
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

45 St. Clair Ave. West, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4V 1K9
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(416) 848-1171**

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On October 23, 2017, Gary Schaevitz notified the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Kingsway Financial Services Inc. (the “Company”) that he does not intend to stand for reelection to the Board at the Company’s next annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Schaevitz will continue to serve out his current term on the Board. Mr. Schaevitz stated that his desire to not stand for reelection to the Board is based upon personal reasons.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

October 27, 2017

By: /s/ Larry G. Swets, Jr.

Larry G. Swets, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer