

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Peter Waterman
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

11.2 Bursary Selection Committee

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report – August 2015

Cpl. Sandi Merrell was in attendance to give an overview of the August 2015 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

Cp. Merrell noted that Calls for Service increased by 77 from the previous month, for a total of 427; mostly due to increase in traffic authority.

3.2 Society of Nova Scotians for Expanded Rural Economies

Brock Junkin, President, and Ed Pomeroy, Vice President, from the Society of Nova Scotians for Expanded Rural Economies were welcomed to Council.

Mr. Junkins advised a public meeting was held in Caledonia on Sunday, September 20, 2015. Approximately 100 people attended and took part in voting on what they would like to take place concerning the Department of Environment's proposal to designate approximately 19,000 hectares of the Medway Lakes Forest area under the Wilderness Protected Area legislation. 68% voted to abandon the protected area initiative altogether, while 32% voted to proceed with the protected area but to allow motorized access.

Mr. Junkin said that the Department of Environment will be holding a public meeting on October 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Milford House to receive further submissions. They will provide to Council and others the results from this meeting.

Mr. Junkin indicated the Region could help by providing a letter of support to continue to have viable access to this property. Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Junkin and Mr. Pomeroy for their presentation and advised that Council will discuss the matter after further deliberations.

4.0 **TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

Ariel Mahoney – 4-H Club, Caledonia

Ariel Mahoney, 4-H Club member, Caledonia, stated that she has been part of the 4-H Club for 10 years, and this is her last year.

Ms. Mahoney spoke of her positive experiences with 4-H and the opportunities that it has provided. She spoke of her efforts in the market turkey program which led her to place third out of twelve at the 4-H Show. She added that she received \$1,200 for her turkeys and donated \$450 of her proceeds back to her 4-H group and provided a turkey to the Queens County Food Bank.

She explained that she is again seeking support from Councillors. Mayor Clarke thanked her and advised that Councillor Inglis has been designated as her campaign manager and Councillors may approach him during the next recess.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool

Mr. Dagley commented on the presentation regarding the ATV access issue and offered his opinion.

He also asked for an update from discussions in August regarding proposed changes to bylaw on the chicken issue. Mayor Clarke advised it was still under consideration and staff is working on it.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – September 8, 2015

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 8, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 **DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

7.1 10446 Highway 8, Harmony Mills

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT Council declare the property located at 10446 Highway 8, Harmony Mills, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

AND THAT Council cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 10446 Highway 8, Harmony Mills, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that within thirty (30) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1. Demolition of dwelling and any unsafe outbuildings;**
- 2. Well(s) to be covered/filled in;**
- 3. Leveling of property;**
- 4. Clean-up of all debris and properly disposed of; and**
- 5. Grass cut.**

AND THAT, if the owners fails to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owners.

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, provided an update on the property, PID #70157052. She stated that the property has a mobile home and an out building on it, but these have been vacant for many years. The roof has collapsed and has had no maintenance. She has made several attempts to locate the owners and all registered letters have been returned.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 15 Summer Street, Liverpool

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT Council of the Region of Queens declare the property located at 15 Summer Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

AND THAT Council of the Region of Queens cause an Order to be served upon the owner of the property located at 15 Summer Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that within fourteen (14) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1. Mow lawn and continue to maintain on a seasonal basis; and**
- 2. Clean-up garbage.**

AND THAT, if the owner fails to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owner.

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, provided an update on the property, PID #70024906. She stated that this is a vacant parcel of land and is situated behind the Salvation Army Church. In response to a registered letter to the owner, her son has been diligently working to comply. A contractor will be at this site to mow again.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Economic Development Monthly Report – August 2015

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, reviewed the Economic Development Monthly Report for August 2015 (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Mayor Clarke provided an update on the situation of parking and lack of facilities at Carter's Beach. From a meeting he attended with the Minister of Environment, Andrew Younger, there will be 9 additional parking spots available and improvements made at the end of the cul-de-sac to allow for RV's to turn around.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Cost of Living Increase

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a cost of living increase of 1.3% effective September 21, 2015, to all non-unionized, full time and part-time employees (except Hillsvie Acres as they are directed by DOH).

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, advised this is an annual budgeted item, and the budget allowed for up to a 2% increase; however, the CPI for Canada was only 1.3% for the period and is therefore being recommended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Bursary Selection Committee

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves a one-time increase of \$200 to the regular bursary amounts awarded in 2015 to each of this year's two qualifying applicants.

Mayor Clarke said the North Queens Community School and Liverpool High School had applicants this year but the Queens Adult High School did not, and the Committee recommended increasing the amount awarded from \$800 to \$1,000 to each of the two recipients.

The budget for this bursary will be reviewed next fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Councillor Fralic said that we were not successful in getting funding for the Trestle Trail extension and asked that this item be added for discussion at the next Council meeting.

He also asked that the status of the Trestle Trail Bridge be added to the next Council agenda for discussion.

12.1 Renaming – Old Town Hall

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, advised that 40 submissions were received and they were reviewed as part of the contest to rename the Old Town Hall. From the list, 5 names were selected for Council's consideration. After much discussion, two names on the list were eliminated and Councillors were given ballots.

Heather Cook, Community Development Coordinator and April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, tallied the votes.

There was a tie vote, 4 for Mersey Arts and Cultural Center and 4 for Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.

After further discussion, Councillor Norman indicated she would change her vote to the Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.

It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT Council names the existing building to Town Hall Arts & Cultural Centre.

The motion passed with 6 for, and 2 against.

Mr. Amirault announced that the winning submission was from Loretta Cook, and she would receive a \$100.00 gift certificate.

12.2 Sport Travel Request – Zachary Hamm

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Sport Travel Assistance Grant of \$250.00 to Zachary Hamm to participate in the 2015 National U-14 boys soccer tournament in St. John's, Newfoundland, to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, advised that an application from Zachary Hamm, a resident of Charleston, has been received and he is asking for assistance with travel expenses to the South Shore United U-14 Tier 1 soccer National tournament in St. John's, Newfoundland in October. The application fits the criteria for the grant program.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Road Naming – East Berlin

It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the naming of an existing unnamed private road in East Berlin to Osprey Drive.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, explained the location of the road and that the selected name was suitable under the policy.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Monthly Report

Steve Burns, Manager, QPEC was in attendance and reviewed the August 2015 Monthly Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

15.0 REPORTS:

Items 15.1 and 15.2 were included in the agenda package for information purposes:

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – August 2015
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – August 2015

16.0 OTHER:

16.1 Municipal Role, Refugee Crisis

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:

- 1. Request the Mayor to send a letter to the Federal Minister of Citizen and Immigration Canada and the Provincial Minister of Immigration:**
 - a. assuring government that the Region of Queens Municipality is a welcoming community for immigrants;**
 - b. encouraging the increase of Government Assisted Refugees welcomed to Nova Scotia; and,**
 - c. encouraging government to work with rural communities during the heightened response to the refugee crisis to achieve the rural immigration objectives articulated in the One NS Report.**
- 2. Convene and facilitate a community discussion on how the community as a whole can respond to the refugee crisis.**

Richard MacLellan, CAO, gave a brief overview of his report on what the Region's role may be with the crisis in Syria. He indicated he took part in discussions with the Nova Scotia Department of Immigration, and members from municipalities across the province.

In response to Councillor Fralic's question on what is the next phase, not only with the refugee crisis, but also to the issues surrounding immigration, in the broader sense. Mr. MacLellan advised that for now hosting a conversation to determine what other municipalities are doing and what people want to do in light of the existing crisis is the focus. However, the broader issues surrounding immigration will tie into these discussions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

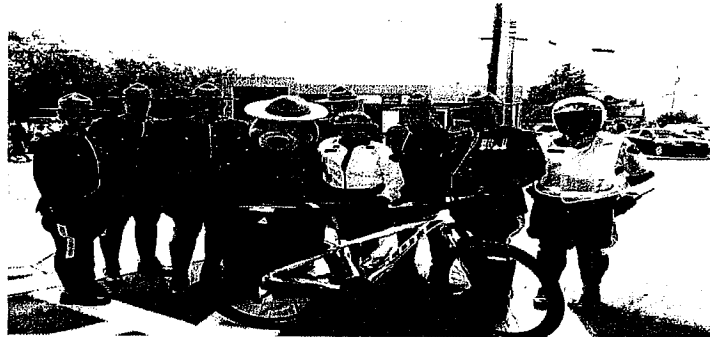
Date Approved: 



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Queens District

August 2015 Police Report



PERSONNEL:

The personnel assigned to Queens District consists of the District Commander, two (2) Corporal Supervisor positions, ten (10) Constables and two (2) Detachment Assistants. The total complement for Queens Detachment is fifteen persons. One of the Constables positions remains designated as Crime Prevention/Victim Services coordinator and another Constable as the Residential Policing Officer for the North Queens area. In addition to the fifteen mentioned above, there is one Provincial position designated for South Shore Traffic Services.

TRANSFERS:

- S/Sgt. MacDougall's transfer is still pending, the previous sale fell through.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Calls for service in August 2015 have increased by seventy seven from the previous month for a total of 427.

A total of fifty two (52) checkpoints were conducted throughout the Detachment area for August 2015.

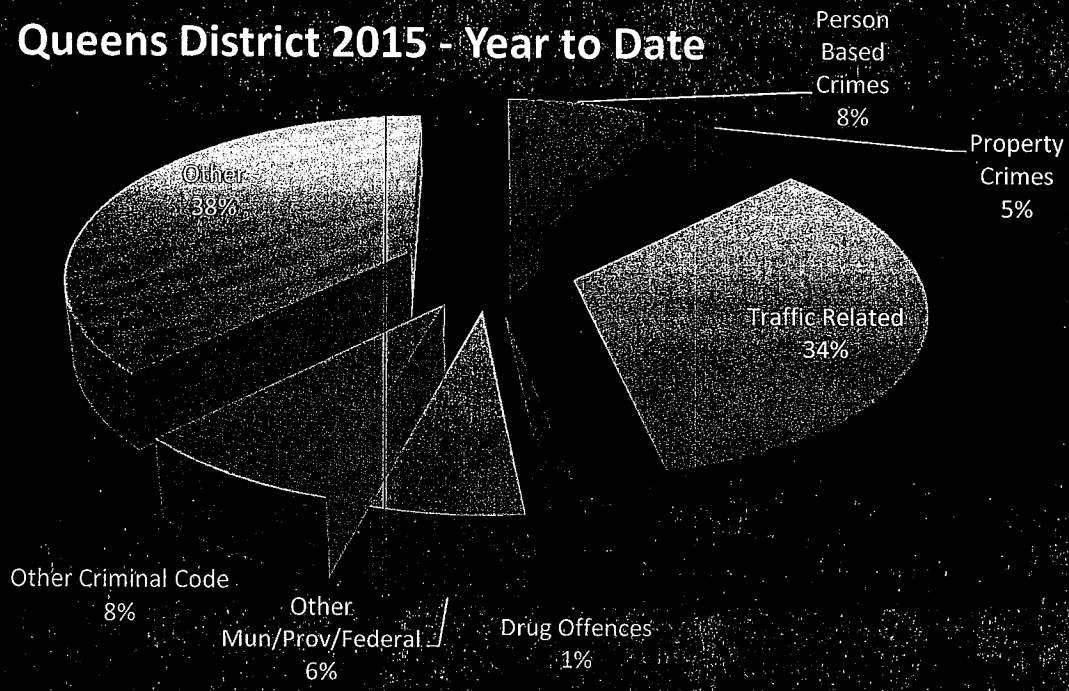
There were seven (7) persons lodged in the Queens Detachment cells for the month.

2015 Monthly Count

File Type	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
911 Act	10	15	17	8	15	15	8	9				
Arson	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0				
Assault	9	11	8	9	8	12	9	7				
Assist Other Agencies	3	3	1	0	4	0	8	9				
Break and Enter	4	3	3	4	13	21	10	4				
Causing Animals/Birds Unnecessary Suffering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Checkstop	37	11	28	29	59	27	55	52				
Crime Prevention	1	3	4	2	4	9	9	7				
CDSA- Possession	1	2	0	3	6	2	3	4				
CDSA - Trafficking	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	1				
Criminal Harassment	2	3	2	2	8	2	0	9				
Criminal Records Checks	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0				
Disturbing the Peace	2	1	1	3	7	7	6	6				

Drive while Prohibited (Criminal Code)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				
Fail to Comply w/Court Order	1	2	1	3	3	4	4	9				
Firearms Act	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1				
Firearms Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Fraud	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	2				
Harassing Phone Calls	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	1				
Impaired Operation	1	5	4	2	6	1	5	5				
Liquor Control Act Offences	1	0	1	1	5	2	2	3				
Littering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Lost/Found Items	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	12				
Mental Health Act	8	5	9	4	5	7	8	15				
Mischief	5	6	4	7	8	16	16	15				
Missing Person	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1				
Municipal Bylaws	1	0	1	2	2	4	2	11				
Off Road Vehicle Offences	4	3	1	4	12	2	2	11				
Property Check	2	0	3	1	3	1	2	0				
Provincial Wildlife Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Sexual Assaults	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1				
Theft Under \$5000	2	1	2	5	3	9	11	0				
Theft Over \$5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3				
Traffic: Moving Violations	42	21	19	27	25	36	72	100				
Traffic: Non Moving & Parking	30	32	39	26	28	16	42	54				
Traffic: Fail to Remain	1	6	2	1	2	1	1	0				
Traffic: Traffic Collisions	10	18	11	6	10	8	13	9				
Uttering Threats	8	6	4	3	6	16	6	4				
Other Criminal Code Offences	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Other Calls for Service - Non Offences	33	29	36	29	43	49	48	61				
Total File Count	239	198	214	191	299	274	350	427	0	0	0	0

Queens District 2015 - Year to Date



Daily and hourly occurrences

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF EVENTS ->	74	61	55	55	60	45	74	2	426
0:00 TO 3:59	12		4	4			6		26
4:00 TO 7:59	1	3	4	3	3	1			15
8:00 TO 11:59	19	16	21	13	18	12	17		116
12:00 TO 15:59	15	11	15	9	13	13	16		92
16:00 TO 19:59	19	22	4	14	14	9	25		107
20:00 TO 23:59	8	9	7	12	12	10	10		68
UNKNOWN HOUR								2	2

Breakdown by month:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
January	0	0.0%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	0	0.0%
July	3	0.7%
August	421	98.8%
September	0	0.0%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	0	0.0%
<i>Unknown</i>	2	0.5%
Total	426	100%

Breakdown by day of the week:

<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
Sunday	74	17.4%
Monday	61	14.3%
Tuesday	55	12.9%
Wednesday	55	12.9%
Thursday	60	14.1%
Friday	45	10.6%
Saturday	74	17.4%
<i>Unknown</i>	2	0.5%
Total	426	100%

Breakdown by time of day:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
0:00 - 3:59	26	6.1%
4:00 - 7:59	15	3.5%
8:00 - 11:59	116	27.2%
12:00 - 15:59	92	21.6%
16:00 - 19:59	107	25.1%
20:00 - 23:59	68	16.0%
<i>Unknown</i>	2	0.5%
Total	426	100%

Community Policing Officer Report: August

The following is a synopsis of the activities of the CPO:

- CPO arranged to conduct Red Serge duties for Fire Prevention Week in Milton in October.
- Cst. James took a period of annual leave for 12 days.
- CPO met with Margo ZWICKER & arranged resumption of Crime Prevention breakfast deliveries.
- Conducted first of weekly radio interviews at QCCR.
- Continued enforcement of parking infractions at Carters beach/issued medial release updating charges to date.
- Completed on line training of excited delirium awareness.
- Various tasks regarding criminal code investigations.
- One entire shift was spent investigating a missing person complaint.
- CPO met with local senior who turned over her firearms to myself as didn't wish to renew FAC.
- Was the designated liaison member for Musical Ride.

August 2015 Senior Safety Coordinator's Program Report:

A meeting was held at the VON on September 9th with the SSC and committee. They will be seeking applicants for the position through a resume and possibly an interview process, notice to go in paper. They will also be seeking an opportunity to present to council on the program and seek additional funding.

During the month of August, the following activities took place in the Senior Safety Program:

The SSC did my regular home/nursing home/apartment complex visits.

One client is very concerned with the actions of a member of her family and the SSC has been trying to comfort and reassure her during this troubling time. The SSC received 2 referrals during the month.

SSC made my regular home check-in phone calls.

The SSC took fresh vegetables to one of her clients. The SSC spent time with a client who will be losing their driver's license due to vision problems. It's always traumatic when someone loses their independence. She referred this person to the V.O.N. Transportation Program which I'm hoping they will use as they also have other health issues as well.

One client was very upset over the possibility of the release from prison of someone who attacked & threatened them. I made several phone calls trying to find someone who could let me know if this person is still incarcerated and luckily they are. My client was very relieved and appreciative.

Another client contacted the SSC to have an officer visit their home and remove old, unwanted guns. Another client is exhausted from caring for her husband who has Alzheimer's.

One client donated several jigsaw puzzles which I delivered to a rural nursing home where the residents have very little entertainment. The SSC distributed the puzzles to them and they were so happy to receive them.

Another client has several health issues and was so pleased that the SSC took the time to visit her and spend time with her. She attended one of her Senior Safety Academies in Caledonia in 2008 and still remembered many of the things she learned during the sessions, which have come in handy since she lives alone. She remarked on how much she enjoyed attending the academy.

Another client is still concerned about the person she elected to have Power of Attorney and wants to speak to the SSC again about the situation when no one else is present.

During the month of August, the SSC dealt with clients in Harmony, Caledonia, South Brookfield, East Berlin, Beach Meadows, Brooklyn, Liverpool, & Port Mouton. Numbers for the month of August:

Clients- 19, km. driven - 376, regular hours worked - 70, overtime hours worked - 2, referrals - 2, meetings attended - 1, check-in phone calls - 36.

INVESTIGATIONS OF INTEREST:

- 2015/08/27 20:37 54 year old male arrested and charged for assault on a 16 year old boy.
- 2015/08/27 09:14 911 fire -out building on fire. Location attended. Member entered mobile home to confirmed no one inside main property. Surrounding woods searched no sign of home owner. Member contacted Mersey Seafood and located owner. Fire Marshall not attending scene. NSPower attended and turned off power.
- 2015/08/22 10:30 Complainant called to report that her 10 year old daughter has been having correspondence with unknown persons on the internet. Complainant stated that both child and the unknown person(s) have been sending illicit photos. Investigation is ongoing.
- 2015/08/14 09:20 Report of a disturbance in Port Medway. Patrol made and information provided that suspect had been drinking and that he assaulted another male. A forty four year old male was arrested and charged, subsequently sentenced to three months in jail.
- 2015/08/15 21:41 Twenty one year old male stopped for speeding. Pipe in plain view. Smell of marijuana from vehicle. Arrested. 5 grams seized along with paraphernalia.
- 2015/08/19 08:51 Forty seven year old female stopped for speeding. Marijuana detected by officer. Subject arrested and dope found in pocket of shorts and purse.
- 2015/08/20 13:54 Information received of marijuana cultivation on Old Garden Road across from row of cabins known as Dodge City. Area searched was Crown Land. Three nearly mature plants located in woods across from Old Garden Path. Seized for destruction as No Case Exhibits.
- 2015/08/09 02:10 called to report a possible impaired driver leaving White Point, headed for Liverpool. Patrol made and vehicle located. Grounds formulated to read the RSD demand. Sample provided resulted in a WARNING. 7 day suspension issued and vehicle driven away by sober driver.
- 2015/08/26 11:07 Complainant reports 10 year old told her yesterday that suspect has been sexually assaulting her. Statement obtained from complainant. . File still under investigation.
- 2015/08/29 06:42 Complainant reports stolen 2010 white Mercedes Benz GLK 350 (not plated) from outside his business. No video surveillance. Vehicle recently purchased from auction after being repossessed by Repo Depot Vehicle placed for sale on Friday August 28th, 2015 via Auto Trader. Neighborhood inquiries conducted and BOLO sent out province wide Still under investigation.
- 2015/08/14 21:53 Single vehicle- roll over. Was travelling towards Highway 103 on Port Medway Road, while taking turn, lit cigarette, lost control while over correcting causing vehicle to roll. Minor injuries, provided statement, very cooperative, no signs of impairment.
- 2015/08/01 22:43 Complainant reports vehicle off the road in the ditch. EHS were on scene and transported the occupant driver to hospital with minor injuries.
- 2015/08/06 22:39 Complainant requests member attend location as 54 year old female was struck on bike by truck. S.O.T issued to driver for fail to yield.

Paul MacDougall, S/Sgt.

District Commander

RCMP Queens

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING – September 22, 2015
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

We are continuing to meet businesses and providing ongoing support, as required. This report is not a complete listing, but gives highlights of some of the things we have been involved with or affect the economic well-being of our community:

Business Assistance:

We have worked with 11 businesses this month many of which are being assisted on an on-going basis. Of these, 3 are existing businesses, 3 are new start-up businesses and 5 are potential businesses. Specific effort is being made to attract new businesses to Port Mersey Commercial Park, inviting them to tour the facilities and see for themselves where the opportunities lie to relocate or expand their business.

Business Support Meetings/Projects

Rural Internet:

A telephone conference call with a Communications Manager at Bell Aliant has been followed up with email. Bell Aliant has been very quiet during the recent press surrounding rural internet despite having the most distributed comms network. He agreed to share with us details of the upgrade schedule for central office (CO) exchanges, their location and the location of fibre network endpoints, e.g. COs, towers etc.

Staff are following up with NCS Network researching the costs associated with providing wireless internet service in a variety of geographic scenarios. Staff also met with a retired telecoms engineer resident in the county, who has offered to help research this project voluntarily.

Climate Data Study:

Reminder - The Applied Geomatics Research Group (AGRG), Perennia and CBDCs are planning a public information presentation of the findings of the Climate Data Study in 2014 on September 23, 2015 at Wile's Lake Farm Market, at 1pm. (<http://southshoreopportunities.com>).

Events:

Lighthouse Rally – September 12 & 13

Visitor Services staff have been involved in arrangements for this event, which is in its second year and has expanded to become a two-day event. Fort Point and Port Medway Lighthouse Park feature as venues for the rally, in addition to the other Queens' lighthouses.

Corvette Colours Rally – October 17 & 18

A local community member has created a two-day event for members of the Corvette Owners Club around the fall colours, which is scheduled for the weekend after Thanksgiving. Staff have been able to make connections for them with the business community to enable both downtown Liverpool and Caledonia to be featured. The Corvettes will be parked on Main Street in Liverpool on the Saturday afternoon and will be in Caledonia around noon on Sunday. They are also hoping to incorporate some fundraising for the Liverpool Curling Club.

Tourism Business Development

South Shore Tourism Team (SSTT): The latest update newsletter from SSTT is available online at <https://goo.gl/GjgQGf>. Achievements noted include: advertising in The Coast, CAA E-News, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal and Saltscapes Magazine, an email blast to contacts gathered at trade

shows, awareness training to staff at the Bay Ferries call centre, a search engine marketing campaign, hosting a variety of travel writers, and expanding the offering at <http://www.novascotia.com/southshore>.

There are still opportunities for partnership in the Fall campaigns which will include a contest, print advertising and a Portland, ME research, sales and marketing project.

Advance notice is also given for the SSTT Partners Fall Meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, at the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, Shelburne, 1 – 3pm, with special guest TIANS Chair, Glenn Squires.

Management Without Borders (MWB):

A project submission has been made to Dalhousie University’s MWB program for phase two of a project to promote Route 8 as an Adventure Tourism Destination. The purpose of this project is to produce a marketing strategy for the ongoing promotion of Route 8 as a destination of choice for visitors to Queens who are interested in outdoor and adventure tourism. The project will take into consideration research and integration into the priorities and scope of other existing and potential tourism marketing agencies, including Tourism Nova Scotia, South Shore Tourism Team, and the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association / Loop 1-8-3. A decision on whether the project will go ahead is expected around September 17th, 2015 and the work has to be completed and delivered in early December.

Visitor Services:

August was a very strong month for Fort Point Lighthouse with numbers much higher than in recent years. The press coverage of the Beluga whale probably accounted for some of this, plus Fort Point’s 160th Birthday celebrations which has placed a media focus on the lighthouse this year. Fifty-six visitors took advantage of the extended weekend evening open times for the month trial; not a large number but creating a critical mass of services and attractions open in the evening to help retain overnight visitors has to start somewhere.

Visitor numbers to the Visitor Information Centres (VICs) in Liverpool and Caledonia were on par with 2014. Noted in Liverpool again was visitation from Quebec, and a perception that family group visitors were much reduced.

AUGUST

Location	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liverpool VIC	1878 -12.9%	1934 +3.0%	2110 +9.1%	2493 +15.4%	2404 -3.6%
Caledonia VIC	1367 -13.3%	1364 -0.2%	1404 +2.9%	1377 -3.9%	1430 +3.8%
Fort Point Lighthouse Park	1798 -8.1%	1731 -3.7%	1826 +5.5%	1730 -5.5%	2077 +20.1%

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Cruikshank
Director - Economic Development

September 10, 2015

Arena:

- **Ice rental:** Aug. TY 79.5 Hours LY 80.25 Hours
YTD TY 477 Hours LY 484.25 Hours
- Ice users: Queens County Blades, Subaru AAA Bantam Western Hurricanes, Gentlemen's Rec Hockey, PowerEdge, Private rentals and a variety of public skating options.
- Finn Goalie Development Camp was held August 8th and 9th.
- The Subaru AAA Bantam Western Hurricanes played 2 exhibition games during the month.
- The price for Adult Skate and Public skate will be \$2 per individual effective September 1, a decrease of \$1. Watch the online schedule for skating times. www.queensplace.ca
- Upcoming games:
 - Saturday September 19th **HOME OPENER:** Junior B Liverpool Privateers versus Antigonish Bulldogs 7:00 P.M.
 - Sunday September 20th **HOME OPENER:** Western Hurricanes versus Landworks Gulls 11:00 A.M.
 - Saturday September 26th Western Hurricanes versus Kings Mutual 5:00 P.M.
 - Saturday September 26th Junior B Liverpool Privateers versus Glace Bay Miners 7:00 P.M.
 - Sunday September 27th Western Hurricanes versus Kings Mutual 11:00 A.M.

Fitness Centre and Track:

- **Monthly Membership sales:** YTD TY 451 Items LY 573 Items
- Overall change in 1 Month Adult -76 and 1 Week Adult -28
- Personal Training YTD is at 18 packages versus 19 last year same time.
- The NEW Group Fitness Class schedule runs 8 weeks from September 13th to November 7th. There are 16 class options that range from beginner to advanced. New classes include Partner Challenge, Bosu Blast Fast, Upper Body Bootcamp. Refer to the website and review class times and descriptions under Latest News.
Private rentals include: Tuesday night Yoga with Claudine LeBlanc and Thursday night Yoga with AliBee Yoga with Alexandra Barclay.
- Youth oriented programming includes: Zumba Kids, Youth MedBall Madness and private rental En Pointe Performing Arts.
- The *Walk and Talk Coffee Stop* is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and has continued. Stop by for a treat and socialize.
- Take part in a program being offered by the Nova Scotia Health Authority. *Your Way To Wellness* is being hosted in the meeting room. This is a free program held Tuesdays from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. September 29th to November 3rd. You must pre-register 902-634-1962.
Sarah.murphy@nshealth.ca
- Nova Scotia Breast Screening program mobile unit will be onsite from September 10th to September 19th. <http://breastscreening.nshealth.ca>

Meeting Rooms:

- **Community Room [payable]** YTD TY 107.5 hours LY 118 hours * AGM
- **Meeting Room [payable]** YTD TY 67.25 hours LY 54.5 hours
- **Community Room [not for profit]** YTD TY 127 hours LY 86.75 hours

General:

- A recap of the successful Blue Rodeo event was presented Tuesday September 8th.
- New advertisers include: Rhynos Refrigeration (track face), Belliveau-Veinotte Chartered Accountants (in ice logo), Giant Tiger (in ice logo), and Subaru AAA Bantam Western Hurricanes (in ice logo).
- We continue to seek additional advertising, rental and fitness revenue.

Thank You,

Steve Burns

GM, Queens Place Emera Centre

QPEC Monthly Statistical Data

August 2015

Indoor Track - Average Users Per Day

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	40	26	16	17	18	20	21	21	19	62	59	48
13/14	35	20	18	18	13	11	12	20	24	43	54	41
14/15	26	14	13	12	12	10	14	22	20	52	51	59
15/16	39	18	21	19	15							

Indoor Track - Number of Memberships Starting

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	59	37	15	26	27	27	33	36	31	108	90	76
13/14	53	31	26	19	16	20	25	33	48	56	65	58
14/15	35	20	20	19	14	19	22	47	39	80	73	75
15/16	47	25	26	23	19							

Fitness Centre - Average Number of Users Per Day

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	72	69	52	46	53	55	56	66	84	111	112	96
13/14	96	87	69	63	44	55	67	65	67	92	102	93
14/15	99	80	67	69	58	62	64	70	69	101	82	90
15/16	96	67	61	54	61							

Fitness Centre - 1 Week Memberships Starting

	April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		January		February		March	
	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR	AD	JR
12/13	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	15	4	4	0	7	0	3	0	24	8	6	2	2	3	6	0
13/14	11	2	5	0	11	1	15	3	10	6	5	1	2	0	11	3	18	16	5	1	9	1	10	2
14/15	12	4	10	0	6	1	26	1	22	5	11	0	7	1	9	0	21	6	6	4	8	2	6	5
15/16	10	4	4	0	9	3	15	3	10	7														

Group Fitness Class Punch Cards Sold

	April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		January		February		March	
	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m
14/15	-	-	9	19	2	6	8	17	0	12	9	15	4	7	5	10	3	5	12	17	2	9	6	9
15/16	3	7	2	6	5	4	5	5	6	5														

Group Fitness Class Punch Cards Redeemed

	April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		January		February		March	
	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m	30 m	60 m
14/15	-	-	0	0	1	4	0	10	0	10	1	4	4	6	2	1	2	4	2	4	2	5	2	3
15/16	4	8	0	5	6	5	3	3	4	2														

Personal Training Packages Purchased

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	2	0	4	1	3	6	2	6	5	8	4	9
13/14	2	4	3	3	6	4	8	1	1	11	2	2
14/15	4	5	1	5	4	4	0	2	3	7	1	3
15/16	4	1	1	4	3							

Ice Rentals

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	179.5	116	0	0	70.5	106.75	174.5	156	177	165.25	189.5	201.75
13/14	201	156	46.75	70.75	140.5	115.5	133.75	198	174.5	66.75	165.25	190
14/15	135.5	123.75	54	90.75	80.25	85.25	132.5	185.5	185.25	157	160.75	172.75
15/16	128.5	122	55.5	91.5	79.5							

Community Room Hours Rented

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	16	24.5	22.5	30.5	3.5	10	29.5	40.5	18	7	10.5	33.5
13/14	14	14	25.5	13	4	2.5	9	13	7	8	15	96.5
14/15	42	54	10	10	2	8	13	17.5	6	12	46.5	28.5
15/16	11	16	40.5	27	13							

Community Room Hours Rented at No Charge

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	0	36	25	33
13/14	38	42	28.5	8.25	8.5	40	17.5	28.5	22	10.25	29.5	25.5
14/15	18.75	26.5	22	7.5	12	38.75	21.25	42.25	59	30	13	29.75
15/16	43.25	32.5	17.25	11.5	22.5							

Meeting Room Hours Rented

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12/13	5.5	6.25	9	6	6	18	21.25	7	19.75	3	95.5	127.25
13/14	70.5	30	6.5	12.75	19	9	17	13.75	0	5.5	11.75	6
14/15	9	7.5	16	9	13	23.5	19	2	2	5	13.5	11.75
15/16	15	17.5	3	7.25	24.5							

Fitness Centre 3 Month	Start	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
		Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
	2012	36	5	27	3	38	5	72	19
	2013	34	17	29	3	41	10	81	35
	2014	47	25	32	16	38	16	78	21
	2015	46	25	13	6	*			

TOTAL		5mos.		TOTAL	
Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
173	32	205	47	6	53
185	65	250	57	30	87
195	78	273	60	10	70
			56	31	87

Fitness Centre 1 Month	Start	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
		Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
	2012	139	50	136	40	129	58	196	74
	2013	151	81	123	35	104	39	167	62
	2014	139	90	93	50	103	47	148	77
	2015	99	70	51	24	*			

TOTAL		5mos.		TOTAL	
Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
598	222	820	233	70	303
550	219	769	234	100	334
505	269	774	236	123	349
			151	94	244

Fitness Centre 1 Week	Start	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
		Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
	2012	0	0	23	5	33	8	14	5
	2013	27	3	30	10	30	17	23	4
	2014	28	4	59	6	36	7	20	11
	2015	23	7	25	10	*			

TOTAL		5mos.		TOTAL	
Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
70	18	88	19	5	24
110	34	144	52	12	64
143	28	171	76	11	39
			48	17	65

Memberships TOTAL ITEMS	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		
	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	
	2012	200	58	244	51	226	73	338	101
	2013	247	104	222	51	199	66	316	103
	2014	244	121	224	79	212	73	288	113
	2015	186	106	25	10	*			

TOTAL		5mos.		TOTAL	
Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
1006	283	1289	367	82	449
989	324	1315	404	145	549
990	386	391	433	150	576
			198	150	431

Punch Cards Sold	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		
	30min	60 min	30 min	60 min	30 min	60 min	30 min	60 min	
	2014	11	25	17	33	12	22	20	35
	2015	10	17	11	10	*			

TOTAL		5mos.		TOTAL	
30 min	60 min	30 min	60 min	30 min	60 min
60	115	175	19	54	73
			21	27	48

Personal Training Packages Sold	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>5mos.</u>	
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
2012	6	10	13	20	49	10
2013	9	11	6	15	41	18
2014	5	13	5	11	34	
2015	6	7*				

ARENA ICE HOURS	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>5mos.</u>	
	2012	292	177.25*	506.5	556.5	1532
2013	403.75	326.75	506.3	422*	1659	615.0
2014	313.25	255.75	503.3	490.5	1563	484.3
2015	306	171*				477.0

Community Room Payable Hours	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Hrs.</u> <u>5mos</u>	
	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
2012	63	44	88	51	246	97
2013	53.5	19.5	29	119.5	222	70.5
2014	106	20	36.5	87	250	118
2015	67.5	40*				107.5

Community Room No Charge	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>5mos.</u>	
	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
2012	0	0	3	94	97	0
2013	108.5	56.75	68	65.25	299	125.50
2014	67.25	57.25	122.5	72.75	320	86.75
2015	93	34*				127.0

Meeting Room payable Hours	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>5mos.</u>	
	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
2012	20.75	30	48	225.8	325	32.75
2013	107	40.75	30.75	23.25	196	138.75
2014	32.5	45.5	23	30.25	120	54.5
2015	35.5	31.75*				67.25