

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
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

REGRETS: Councillor Darlene Norman

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 Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

11.2 Uncollected Taxes

17.1 In-Camera, Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report – October 2015

S/Sgt. Paul MacDougall was in attendance to give an overview of the October 2015 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

Calls for service decreased this month by fifty eight and a total of twenty six checkpoints were conducted.

S/Sgt. MacDougall gave an update on his position and the procedures for his replacement.

Linda Wentzell, Senior Safety Co-ordinator, will be retiring at the end of December and Kim Masland has been selected as her replacement. The grant funding for this position has not been reduced this coming year as had earlier been anticipated.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool

Mr. Robertson noted that Municipal Awareness was last week and asked if the Region of Queens had planned to do anything to which Mayor Clarke replied no.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – November 10, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing Minutes – November 10, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held on November 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

7.1 9596 Highway 8, Caledonia

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

THAT Council declare the property located at 9596 Highway 8, Caledonia, 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 owner of the property located at 9596 Highway 8, Caledonia, 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. Cut up and remove fallen tree;**
- 2. Cut down/trim bushes and grass; and**
- 3. Clean-up of all exterior garbage.**

AND THAT, if the owners fail 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 property, PID 70155130. She stated that this was a standard parcel of land with one dwelling which has been vacant for several years and has had no maintenance for a substantial period of time. An out building was recently demolished to remove a dangerous situation.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 3578 Highway 3, Brooklyn

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

THAT Council declare the property located at 3578 Highway 3, Brooklyn, 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 3578 Highway 3, Brooklyn, Queens County requiring that within fourteen (14) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1. Demolition of outbuilding;**
- 2. Clean-up of all debris and properly disposed of at RQM Landfill;**
- 3. Leveling of lot where outbuilding once existed upon completion of demolition;**
- 4. Cut grass and trim bushes; and**
- 5. Clean up all exterior garbage, metals, plastics, toys, tires, etc.**

AND THAT, if the owners fail 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 property, PID 70086509. She stated that an external inspection was conducted and that the roof of the outbuilding has completely fallen in and the building has serious structural issues and is unsafe to enter. The property was vacated in 2014 and no maintenance to the grounds has been done since that time.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Inglis noted that on Constable Hurley's Monthly Report (Item 15.1) an illegal taxi operation was under investigation. Constable Hurley confirmed that a previously licensed taxi owner was presently being investigated for operating without a license on weekends and late night evenings and the information has been passed to the RCMP.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Clarke said that he, along with Richard Lane and Councillor Fiske attended a meeting called by the residents in Greenfield on the issue of poor internet service and will continue to work to find a solution.

Councillor MacLeod gave a brief update on the South Shore Housing Coalition. They hired David Harrison to look at housing needs and Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, is working with Nancy Green to compile a list of stakeholders so that plans can be made to hold meetings in respective areas.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Pre-Budget Approval Grants to Organizations

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality pre-approve a budget amount of \$42,000 for Grants to Organizations, for the upcoming 2016/2017 budget year.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, said the amount may be amended at council's discretion during budget deliberations and approval is required now as advertising is done in December and January, with a deadline for applications on the first Friday in February.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Uncollected Taxes

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, said that because a large past due account was recently paid in full, total property taxes outstanding the end of November should be just under \$2 million, which is about \$150,000 under where we were this time last year. The FCI for uncollected taxes has a bench mark of 10%, as a percentage of outstanding taxes receivables of total property taxes billed for the year. Three previous years RQM was close, within a couple percent of the provincial averages of 10.4 %, 10.6% and 11.1%. If collections continue at a rate equivalent to last year's, by the end of this fiscal year we may actually be close to beating the benchmark for this FCI for the year ending 2016.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Queens County Minor Hockey – Request for Assistance

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Tournament Assistance Grant of \$500.00 to the Queens County Minor Hockey Association for the Jack Frost tournament December 27 – 30, 2015, to be funded from the Community Grants and Program budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Forecast October 2015

Steve Burns, Manager, Queens Place Emera Centre, gave a brief update of activities. Some highlights included:

- Ice rentals are up from this time last year
- Usage changes for the adult and parent/tot skates – use of strollers and wheelchairs are allow so long as the user is 16+ years and are on skates
- 3 public skates/week as well as Corporate Public Skates
- 10 pass punch fitness cards begins November 30
- 10% off personal trainer fees from November 30 to end of January
- Facility maintenance continues as per consultant's assessment recommendations, which should lead to stabilization in power cost.

Steve said that he has received communication from Senator Nancy Green, BC, who recognized the Region's National Health and Fitness Day which took place in June and has invited Queens Place to participate as one of 3 participants in a cross country webinar in January/February in relation to practices in preparing for the event.

Mayor Clarke noted projections increasing the budgeted deficit by \$11,000 and requested Steve to provide ideas on how to address this in his next report.

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 – October 2015
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – October 2015

16.0 OTHER:

- 16.1 Process for Presentations to Council

Councillor Fralic enquired as to the procedures in having interested organizations / individuals make a presentation to Council. Mayor Clark and April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, indicated that anyone interested should make their request in writing. Staff will then make arrangements to have them placed on a future Council agenda.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 9:50 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.1 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 17.1 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Privateer Landing Condos Limited for the acquisition of a parcel of land, being PID# 70026711, and comprising approximately 27,430 square feet in area, for a purchase price as set out in private and confidential correspondence dated November 23, 2015, to be funded from the Special Capital Accumulated General Reserve.

It was commented that purchasing this piece of property will provide for future opportunities along the waterfront and close the gap between the Region's existing park land and Visitor Information Centre.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

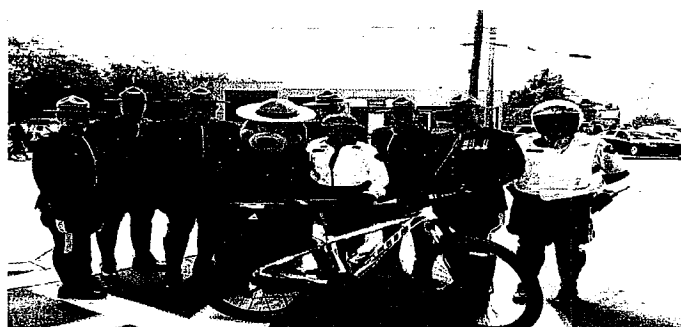
Date Approved: December 8, 2015



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Queens District

October 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 sale of his home.
- The competition for the S/Sgt. Position is well underway and candidates have been identified. These names once finalized by National Promotions Unit will be forwarded to the line officer Sup. Sylvie Bourassa Muise for selection. It is likely a new District Commander will be named in January.
- S/Sgt. MacDougall continues in his role as the unit commander until a replacement is on site or until his home sells.
- Cst. Toby Taylor is transferred to Halifax effective November 10th. There is no replacement as Cst. Deacon Foster's move from Depot was surplus to our unit.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Calls for service in October 2015 have decreased by fifty eight from the previous month for a total of 265. A total of twenty six checkpoints were conducted throughout the Detachment area for October 2015. There were nine (9) persons lodged in the Queens Detachment cells for the month.

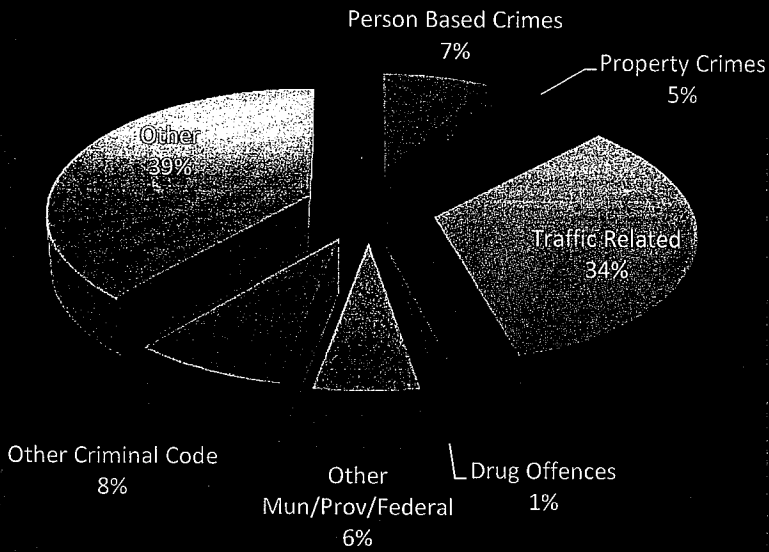
2015 Monthly Count

File Type	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
911 Act	10	15	17	8	15	15	8	9	11	9		
Arson	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0		
Assault	9	11	8	9	8	12	9	7	10	10		
Assist Other Agencies	3	3	1	0	4	0	8	9	6	4		
Break and Enter	4	3	3	4	13	21	10	4	4	7		
Causing Animals/Birds Unnecessary Suffering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Checkstop	37	11	28	29	59	27	55	52	39	26		
Crime Prevention	1	3	4	2	4	9	9	7	10	13		

CDSA- Possession	1	2	0	3	6	2	3	4	3	2		
CDSA - Trafficking	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	3		
Criminal Harassment	2	3	2	2	8	2	0	9	6	3		
Criminal Records Checks	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Disturbing the Peace	2	1	1	3	7	7	6	6	4	3		
Drive while Prohibited (Criminal Code)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		
Fail to Comply w/Court Order	1	2	1	3	3	4	4	9	5	5		
Firearms Act	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3		
Firearms Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Fraud	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	2	3	0		
Harassing Phone Calls	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	1		
Impaired Operation	1	5	4	2	6	1	5	5	1	3		
Liquor Control Act Offences	1	0	1	1	5	2	2	3	3	1		
Littering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Lost/Found Items	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	12	5	2		
Mental Health Act	8	5	9	4	5	7	8	15	3	5		
Mischief	5	6	4	7	8	16	16	15	18	12		
Missing Person	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	2		
Municipal Bylaws	1	0	1	2	2	4	2	11	1	0		
Off Road Vehicle Offences	4	3	1	4	12	2	2	11	4	3		
Property Check	2	0	3	1	3	1	2	0	5	3		
Provincial Wildlife Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0		
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sexual Assaults	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Theft Under \$5000	2	1	2	5	3	9	11	0	14	2		
Theft Over \$5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	0		
Traffic: Moving Violations	42	21	19	27	25	36	72	100	44	59		
Traffic: Non Moving & Parking	30	32	39	26	28	16	42	54	36	17		
Traffic: Fail to Remain	1	6	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	1		
Traffic: Traffic Collisions	10	18	11	6	10	8	13	9	12	16		
Uttering Threats	8	6	4	3	6	16	6	4	2	7		
Other Criminal Code Offences	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Other Calls for Service - Non Offences	33	29	36	29	43	49	48	61	97	43		
Total File Count	239	198	214	191	299	274	350	427	362	265	0	0

Queens District 2015 - Year to Date



Daily and hourly occurrences

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF EVENTS ->	39	38	37	45	24	39	41	2	265
0:00 TO 3:59	3		3	2	3	4	4		19
4:00 TO 7:59	1	1				2	1		5
8:00 TO 11:59	9	11	5	6	3	4	8		46
12:00 TO 15:59	13	12	14	14	8	13	6		80
16:00 TO 19:59	8	7	7	17	6	6	12		63
20:00 TO 23:59	5	7	8	6	4	10	10		50
UNKNOWN HOUR								2	2

Breakdown by day of the week:

<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
Sunday	39	14.7%
Monday	38	14.3%
Tuesday	37	14.0%
Wednesday	45	17.0%
Thursday	24	9.1%
Friday	39	14.7%
Saturday	41	15.5%
<i>Unknown</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0.8%</i>
Total	265	100%

Breakdown by time of day:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
0:00 - 3:59	19	7.2%
4:00 - 7:59	5	1.9%
8:00 - 11:59	46	17.4%
12:00 - 15:59	80	30.2%
16:00 - 19:59	63	23.8%
20:00 - 23:59	50	18.9%
<i>Unknown</i>	2	0.8%
Total	265	100%

Community Policing Officer Report:

The following is a breakdown of the activities of the Community Policing Officer for October:

- 7 days AOL.
- 9 days regular time off
- 1 day stat
- 4 shifts CPO training in Debert.
- Red Serge duty, Milton Baptist Church - honouring firefighters.
- Liverpool High - attended staff meeting and introduced self.
- Liverpool High - met with principal regarding school issues.
- QCCR - 3 radio reports
- Wickwire School - met with a student regarding thefts from classroom.
- Attended Schools Plus meeting in Bridgewater.
- Drafted a drug presentation power point presentation.(ppt)
- Liverpool High - presented the drug ppt. four times at LRHS.
- The Advance - drafted and forwarded In the Cruiser report.
- The Advance - met with Brittany VERGE to prepare an article.
- SAFE plans - attempted training with Cst. Cormier
- Crime Prevention - attended monthly meeting.
- Crime Prevention - participated in the monthly fund raising breakfast.

- Participated in 4 new PROS occurrences, including a sudden death & escorting a prisoner to court in Bridgewater.
- Wickwire - Met with the guidance counselor regarding some school issues.

Senior Safety Report October:

During the month of October, these were some of the activities that took place in the Senior Safety Program:

SSC helped to organize and also attended a service for the Fire Dept. at the Milton Baptist Church. Approximately 80-100 people were in attendance.

SSC attended the 80th birthday celebration for one of her clients.

SSC visited a client who is suffering from MS and happened to need my assistance while she was there.

Another client has decided not to take action against a family member who has taken money from her bank account. This client is blind and has been having laser treatments on her eyes. These treatments are not working.

SSC visited another client, with the Seniors South Shore Community Health Team geriatric nurse. The nurse assessed my client. She is living alone, falls, has health issues, has given her money away, and is extremely thin. She refuses to stay at a boarding/nursing home and left it twice to return to her own home. Since she last left her home, her name was removed from Continuing Care and now that she's back in her house again, her name has been placed on a waiting list and she will have to wait for the service to start again when they have a space. SSC just received word today that she is once again, back living at the nursing home.

One of my clients, who lives in a rural boarding/nursing home, has become loud & aggressive with at least two other residents. SSC was asked to speak to this person, which she did. Her name is in at Queens Manor for a room. They are better equipped to deal with aggressive behaviour. Later, SS was contacted by the client's daughter to say her mother had become agitated again and is accusing others of stealing her things. SSC spoke with my client again and she is showing signs of schizophrenia as well as dementia, both of which her daughter says she has. SSC have contacted her client's caseworker and left information for her concerning these recent incidents.

SSC attended the 90th birthday celebration of one of her clients. SSC picked up one of her friends, who is also a client of hers, as I knew she really wanted to attend the party. The friend just had cataract surgery and was unable to drive. SSC visited another client who is still very upset over a family member's actions. SSC made some phone calls for her and got her some information she wanted concerning the situation.

SSC received word from the Insurance Bureau of Canada that they will be making a donation to the Senior Safety Program to support the range of activities we provide to promote safe and healthy living for seniors. This is certainly appreciated and is very encouraging.

SSC was approached by a member of the community who has just undergone treatments for cancer. She is worried about how she is going to manage this winter with snow plowing and shoveling. This same problem occurs winter after winter. SSC referred her to South Shore Opportunities as they usually have the names of a few individuals who will shovel and plow for a reasonable price.

SSC was contacted by another community member who was concerned about the way her grandmother was being treated by some of her family members, she is living with. Since hearing from the granddaughter, the grandmother's doctor as well as Social Services have stepped in to rectify the situation and put her name in to be placed in a nursing home.

SSC was contacted by a resident of Bridgewater who was concerned about her 96-year-old friend, who lives in Queens County, who told her she was forced to leave her home, is now living in a cold room with no food. Upon further investigation, SSC found out she was placed in a lovely retirement home where she gets great meals and it's very warm and cozy. SSC connected another client with the South Western Housing Grants and Loans Department, of the government for home improvements for seniors, as she needs her roof repaired and insulation put in. She has been put on a waiting list for next year.

SSC is in the process of organizing a workshop on Driving While Aging and Winter Driving Tips to be held at Emera Place Center on Tues., Nov. 17th at 1:00 p.m.

SSC attended the Queens County Senior Safety Association meeting as well as the V.O.N. Board of Directors meeting.

SSC did her usual home/nursing home visits and took referrals.

SSC made several calls to check on clients as well as notifying people about the upcoming workshop.

Numbers for the month of October: clients - 22, km. driven - 344 , hours worked - 70, phone calls - 40, meetings attended - 3, referrals - 4.

INVESTIGATIONS OF INTEREST:

2015/10/08 22:04 Via 911 complainant reports two vehicle collision, head on with unknown injuries. Members responded along with fire and EHS. One driver appeared to have dozed off and ran into the other. No signs of impairment, two parties treated on scene and released. One driver taken to hospital and released, vehicles towed.

2015/10/11 21:01 Domestic Assault, attendance made and a 44 year old female and 50 year old male both arrested and charged for assault.

2015/10/14 21:07 Investigation into an assault complaint led to the arrest and charges against a 20 year old male for assault with a weapon.

2015/10/24 22:45 Disturbance call at a residence 21 year old female arrested and charged for assault, mischief and threats.

2015/10/25 15:47 Dispatched to a single car motor vehicle collision on East Port Medway Road. Cst

FOSTER arrived on scene to find the driver and passenger were outside the vehicle lying on the grass beside the vehicle. Cst FOSTER took the information while EHS looked after the driver and passenger. EHS transported the driver and passenger to South Shore Hospital with non- life threatening injuries. Vehicle was towed.

2015/10/30 21:36 Report of a fight in a residence, patrol made 25 year old female arrested and charged for five counts of breach of a court order. A 21 year old male was arrested on an outstanding warrant and held in custody.

2015/10/31 01:30 Report of a suspicious person, unknown male entered house, turned around and went back outside. Location attended. Member had observed the four wheeler ten minutes earlier on Main street heading south. 37 year old male charged with refusal of the road side screening device and transported to detachment.

Paul MacDougall, S/Sgt.

District Commander

RCMP Queens