

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Councillor Peter Waterman—Leave of Absence

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Fralic

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 Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Agenda be approved as presented:

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Queens County Skate Park Association Representatives

Mayor Clarke welcomed Dr. David Gunn and Margo Walsh-Leaman, representatives of the Queens County Skate Park Association, to council.

Dr. Gunn thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for their support from the fundraising to the development of the Queens County skate park.

To name the skate park, the association wanted to reflect the region and history, and felt 'Mersey Skate Park' was appropriate.

In response to questions and discussions with Councillors, Dr. Gunn stated that there is still a substantial skateboarding population and felt that it is as popular now as it was four years ago when fundraising began. With the design of the skate park, being one of the best in the province, contents could be held. In addition to skateboards, the park is also designed for bikes and scooters.

3.2 Plant to Plate—NS Health Authority

Mayor Clarke welcomed Melanie Newell and Mary Lou White to council to make a presentation on "Plant to Plate – Edible Landscapes" (copy attached to original set of Minutes). Ms. Newell and Ms. White are members of the local plant to plate group in Liverpool which was established in 2011. Plant to plate is a group of community organizations and members who try to increase access to food and to grow food in the community.

Since 2011, many resources have been developed within the community, one being the community garden located at 108 College Street. They have hosted many fairs, food fairs, harvest fairs, host mentoring sessions, hosted events such as nature walks and

canning workshops, to name a few. The main focus now is on edible landscapes. Edible landscapes incorporate edible plants into the landscape within the community to make it more beautiful.

Samples of locally grown foods were presented for sampling.

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 commented that he was impressed with the presentation.

Mr. Robertson offered his opinion on the development of a Welcome Wagon for the Region, providing new people moving into the area with gifts cards from local merchants. Perhaps staff from Economic Development could partner with the Chamber of Commerce and have the merchants involved. This could provide a benefit to businesses.

He further commented that on the election brochures a candidate spoke about seniors housing and hoped the new council made this a priority to keep seniors from leaving the area.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point—Mr. Cox concurred with Mr. Robertson on the issue of seniors housing and also hoped that new council made this a priority.

Mr. Cox thanked Councillors for their service over the last four years and congratulated those who have been acclaimed.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool—Mr. Dagley commented on the success of the Beach Boys concert and enquired about the amount of net revenue generated. Mayor Clarke stated the dollar profit was \$18,000 and commented that the economic spin off was significant.

In response to comments made from Mr. Robertson and Mr. Cox about seniors housing, Mayor Clarke stated that the region has been working on this issue for quite some time. There are meetings scheduled in early November, the issue is being worked on and is considered to be a high priority.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes—September 27, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 27, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 **DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

7.1 144 Main Street, Liverpool

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

THAT Region of Queens Council declare the property located at 144 Main Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

AND THAT Region of Queens Council cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 144 Main Street, Liverpool, 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. Secure premises, noted as screened porch;
2. Eaves troughing to be cleaned and free of growth and maintained on a seasonal basis;
3. Grass to be mowed or cut and tree branches trimmed on a seasonal basis;
4. Hedge at front of property (bordering sidewalk) to be trimmed and maintained on a seasonal basis;
5. Trim hedge at front entrance; and
6. Scrape and paint areas where paint is peeling.

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 owners.

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, stated the property, PID #70026026, 144 Main Street, is a standard parcel of property located at the corner of Main and Reese Street, Liverpool.

Work to be carried out was put on hold pending a grant process for renovations, which never transpired.

Since 2014, some items of concern were addressed such as the lawn and repairs to several broken windows.

Pictures were then presented of the offending property.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 South Shore Regional Enterprise Network (REN) Quarterly Report

Councillor Inglis stated that the report (copy attached to original set of Minutes) will be issued on a quarterly basis and will provide highlights.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, commented that the report was added to the agenda for public access to the newsletter.

Their current priorities are economic and tourism strategies, which they are working on. The economic strategy goes to the Board on October 13th and results will be forthcoming.

In addition, they have recently undertaken a study of best practices of the visitor information centers in the area.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

Councillor Fiske commented on the three new additions of emergency vehicles to Greenfield and District Volunteer Fire Department, Liverpool Fire Fighters Association and Port Medway Fire Department which were available for public viewing this morning at the Region's administration office location.

Councillor Inglis commented on his experiences as Chair for Corporate Services and commended Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, for her contribution on the Fire Services Committee. He offered his congratulations to Councillor Fiske on the work that he has undertaken as Chair and his dealings with the fire fighters from all districts.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Water Uncollectible Accounts

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the write-off of utility accounts totaling \$2,393.18 as follows:

#912410 for	\$ 182.19
#911817 for	\$ 461.97
#913428 for	\$ 22.17
#911839 for	\$ 370.33
#912105 for	\$ 202.83
#902779 for	\$ 227.05
#911116 for	\$ 25.78
#913701 for	\$ 62.17
#913217 for	\$ 543.72
#911637 for	\$ 225.93
#914045 for	\$ 69.04

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that these accounts typically come to Council only after staff has made every attempt to locate/contact individuals. They are being written off either because the addresses are unknown, mail has returned or the contact is deceased. They have been outstanding for over a year. The list at the beginning of the year was much larger, but staff has been able to collect a considerable amount. In future if any of these accounts are to be reestablished, the outstanding amounts will need to be paid before connections are made. She explained the outstanding accounts do not form a lien on the property, whereas outstanding sewer accounts do, as sewers belong to the property owner, water is consumption.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Administrative Policy 48—Respecting the Closure of a Portion of Main Street, Liverpool

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve an Administrative Policy #48 respecting the closure of a portion of Main Street in Liverpool.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated that Policy 48 is part of the purchase and sale agreement which was previously approved at a previous council meeting which allows the sale of an unused portion of Right of Way on Main Street. The abutting property owner wishes to develop the vacant lots. With today's standards, the 100 foot Right of Way is not necessary. The Right of Way portion needs to be formally closed before proceeding with the sale.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

14.1 Naming of Queens County Skate Park

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve Mersey Skate Park as the name for the skate park currently under construction at Queens Place Emera Centre.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

15.0 REPORTS

There were no items to come before this meeting.

16.0 OTHER:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

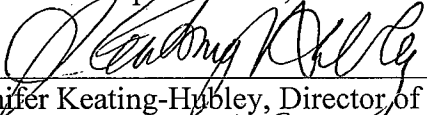
There were no items to come before this meeting.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

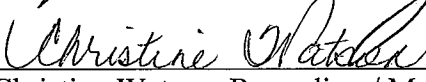
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



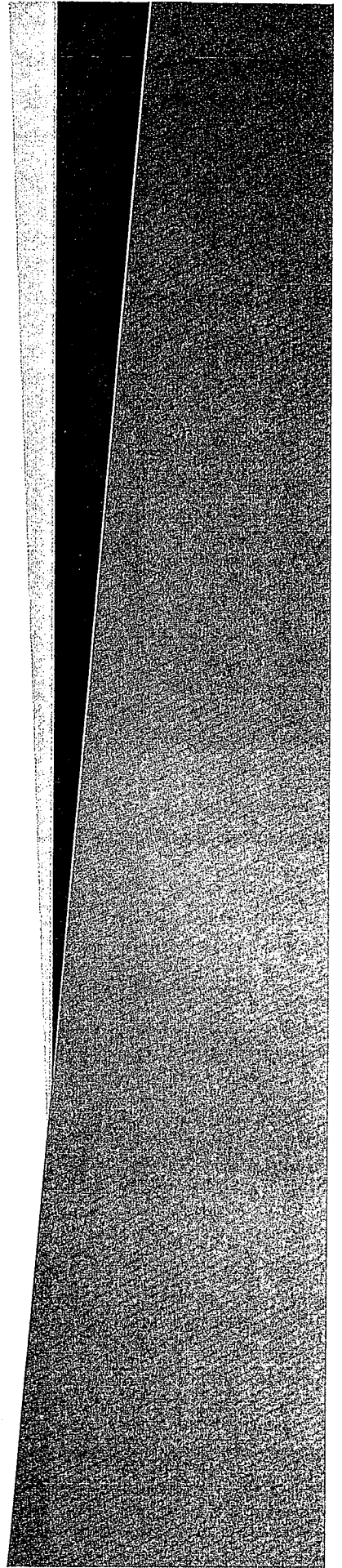
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Date Approved: October 25, 2016

Plant to Plate

Edible Landscapes

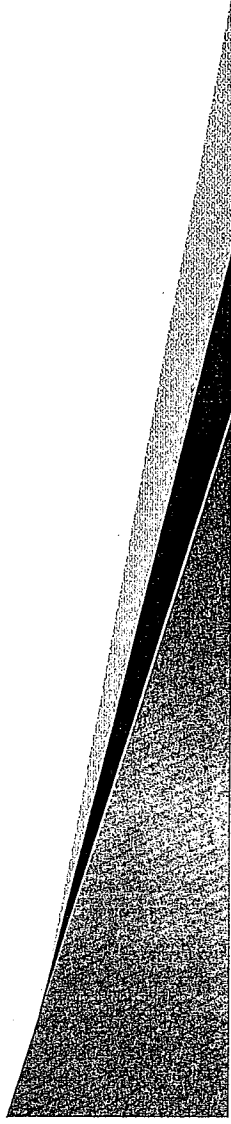
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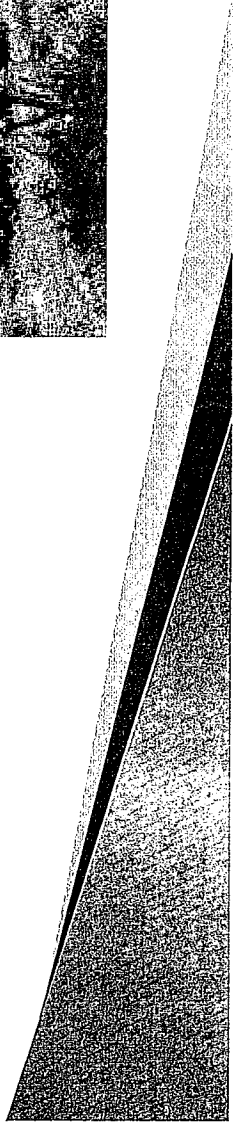
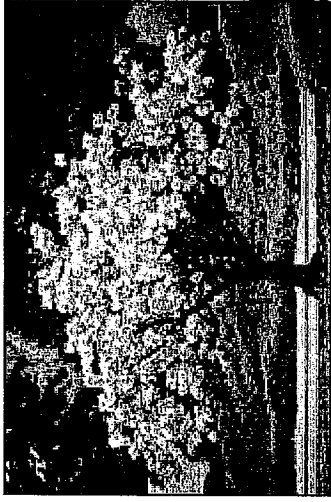
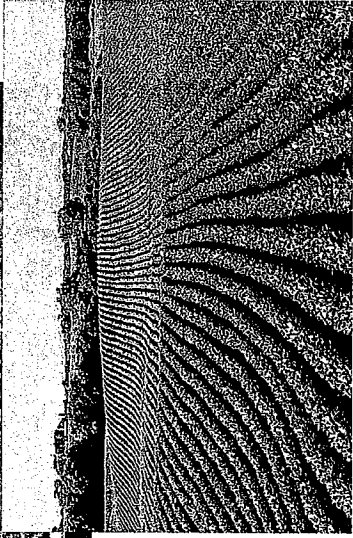
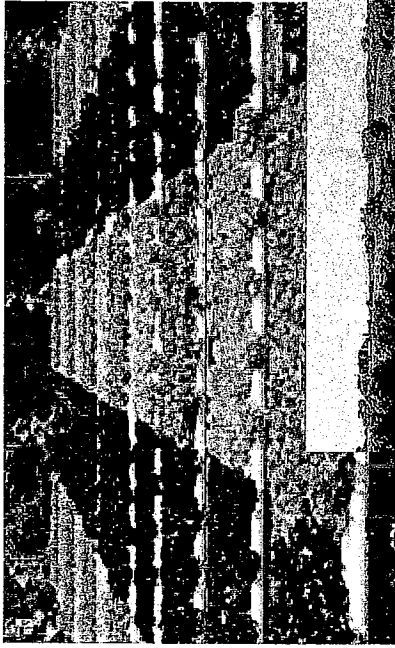
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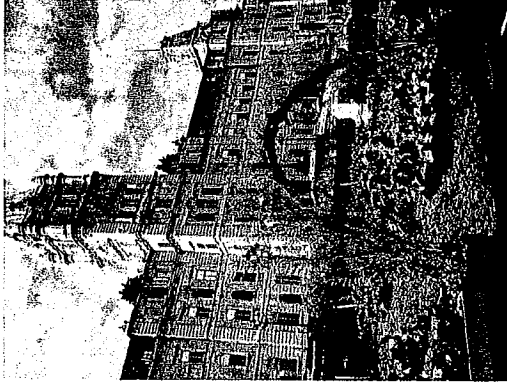
- ▶ Who is Plant to Plate and what have we done?
- ▶ What are edible landscapes?
- ▶ Why promote edible landscapes in our community?
- ▶ How can edible landscapes help?
- ▶ What we are asking and what we can offer



What are edible landscapes?



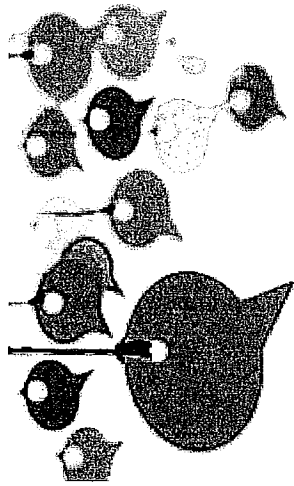
What are edible landscapes?



Important to Our Community

Why do we feel edible landscapes are important in our community:

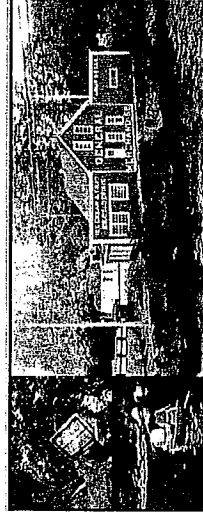
- Encourages local food
- This is what we need to do for the future
- It could be a cost savings for families
- It builds skills and capacity for individuals to grow their own food
- It is a way to teach children about food
- Can decrease food waste as people become more accepting of imperfect food
- Increased visibility
- Connects community
- It improves health
- It supports neighbors
- Gets us back to our roots
- It makes sense
- It is the focus of our health board and healthcare system
- It changes culture
- Helps people to get into the rhythm of gardening
- Basic form of food preparation
- Provides access to food
- Protects the environment
- Supports economic development
- Builds a sense of community pride
- Increases property value



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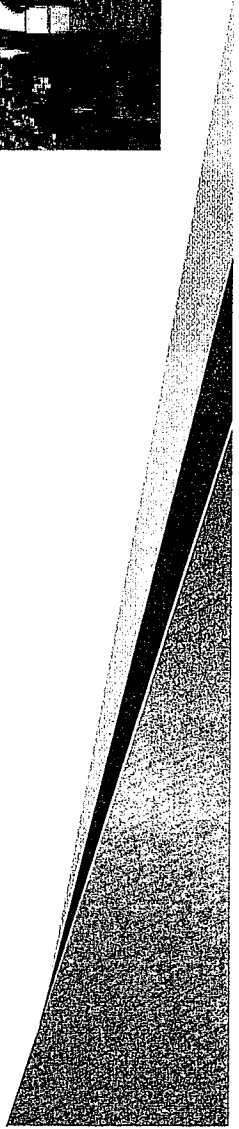
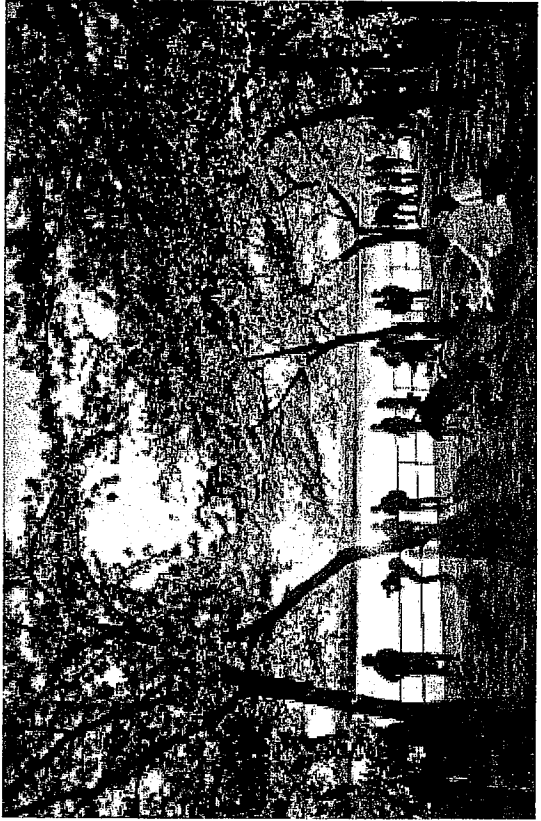
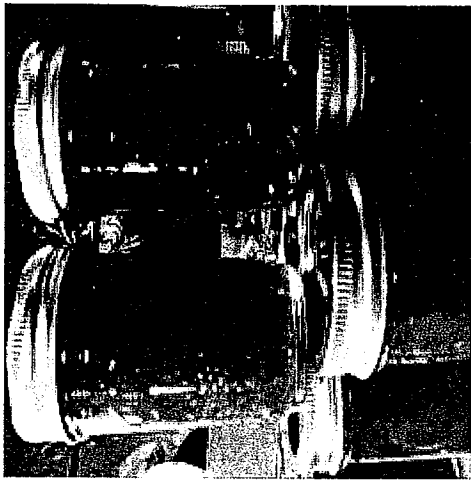
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Final Report

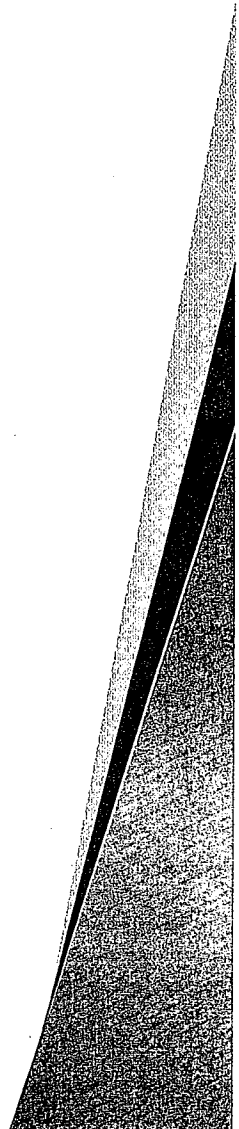


Opportunity for our Community

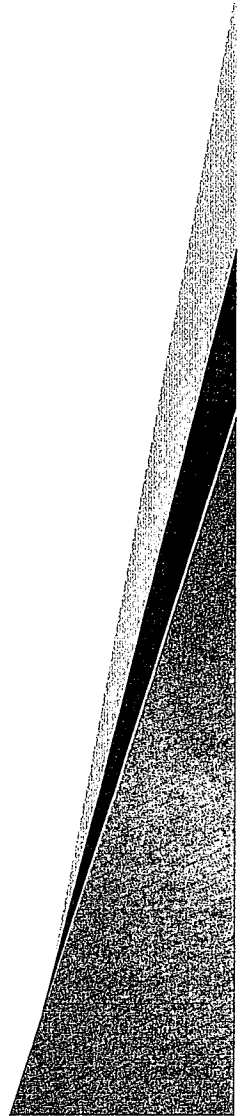
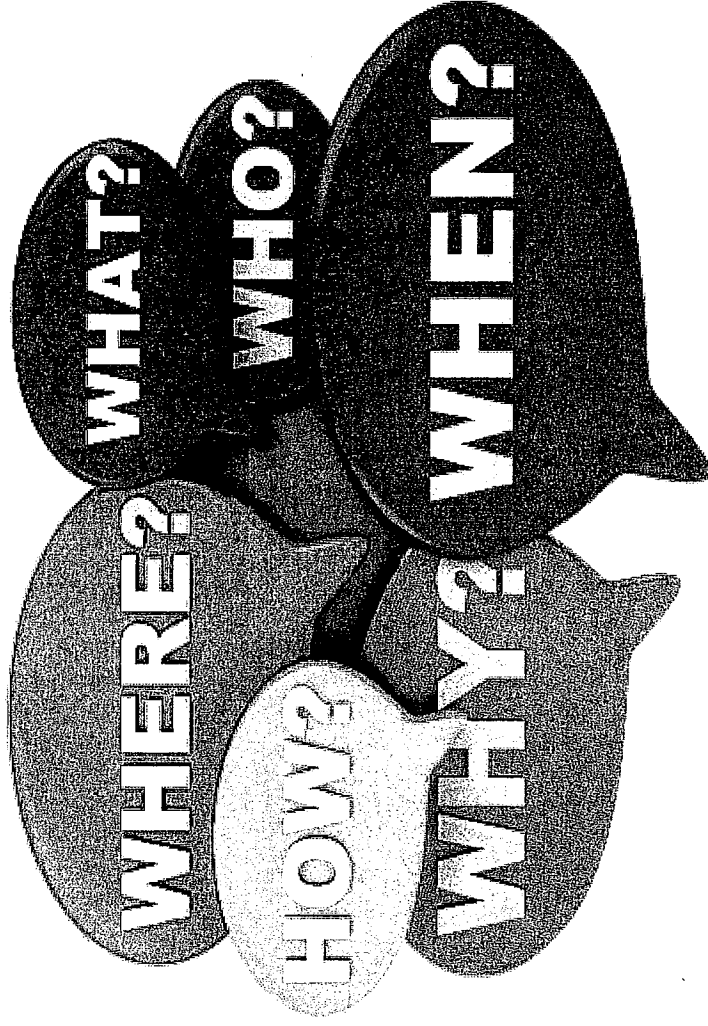


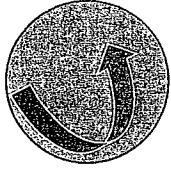
The Ask

1. Shift line items in existing landscaping budgets towards edible planting strategies for municipal public lands, such as:
 - a. All new landscaping will consist of 15 – 25 % of edible plants.
 - b. Replacing dead, dying and diseased trees, shrubs and plants with food-producing trees, shrubs and plants, such as fruit trees, nut trees, maple trees, berry bushes, etc.
 - c. Selecting native and non-invasive species over exotic, foreign species that may require more maintenance and/or horticultural inputs.
2. Ensure that existing programs that offer trees (or funding for tree-planting) to local residents and organizations provide or require food-producing tree species wherever possible.
3. That the Region and community groups actively promote edible landscaping to private businesses, households, and other institutions.
4. Undertake an inventory of land that can be available for gardening. This can include a variety of sites from vacant lots to areas within municipal parks. Many neighborhoods have unused or underutilized spaces. Depending on the location, such spaces might be excellent sites for community gardens. By understanding where there is space available for gardening, municipalities can best utilize vacant space and enable residents to establish new community gardens

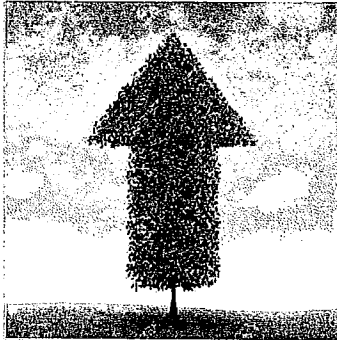
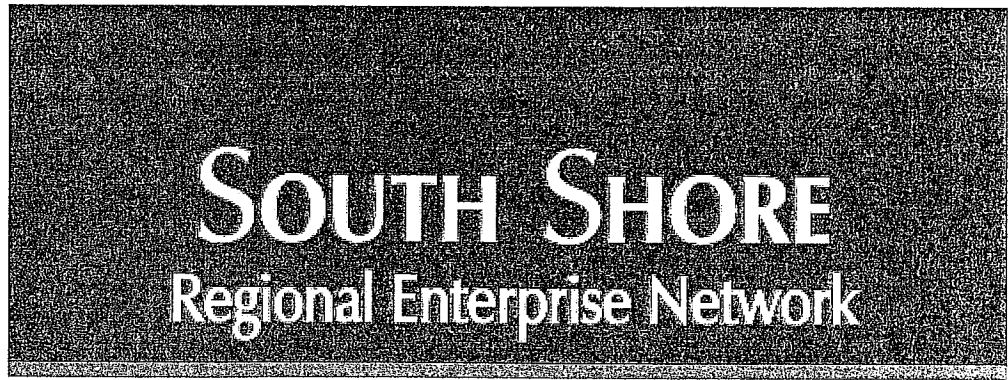


Conclusion and Questions





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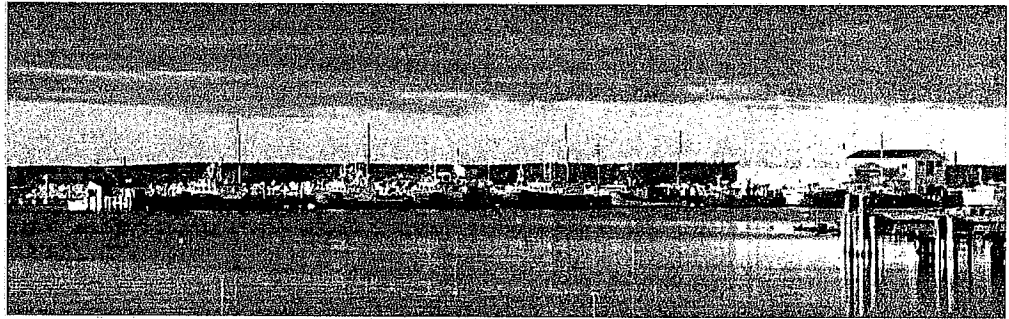


*When one municipal
partner or region wins,
we all win.*

CEO's Message

Over the past six months, I have had the privilege of speaking with over 100 business and economic stakeholders along the South Shore as part of developing our regional economic development strategy. Many thanks to those business, council members, staff and partners who made time in their day to attend one of our consultation sessions or meetings.

The business community reports reveal that they know the issues that impact their business. This is especially true for firms who export and understand survival means being globally competitive. Many small businesses told us that they find themselves "working in the business" instead of "working on the business". The overall tone was positive towards growth, but there were firms who told us growth was not part of their plan.



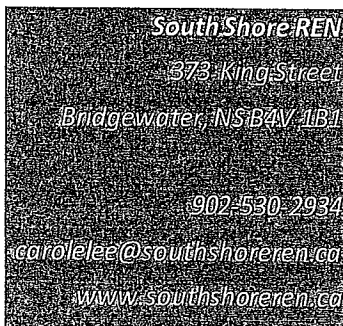
I look forward to continued engagement with our stakeholders and partners as our strategy moves forward to the SSREN Board of Directors and the Liaison and Oversight Committee for review.

Quarterly Update

As this is our first newsletter, we have a two-quarter update from Apr 1-Sep 30, 2016. This period has been intensely focused on developing the SSREN's **Regional Economic Development Strategy**. We are currently preparing the final Strategy Action and Communications plans for presentation to our Board of Directors on **October 13th**.

The plan will be a living document developed to be flexible, to be adjusted and amended in response to issues as they arise.

Below is a snapshot of our activities, running concurrently with strategy development.





Congratulations to Stelia North America, who welcomed over 500 people to their first Open House on July 9, 2016.



SSREN Board Members, mayors and wardens of our municipal units welcome new Michelin Bridgewater Manager Andrew Mutch.

2nd Quarter Highlights

- Amended **Inter-municipal Agreement**, working with the nine municipal units
- Annual **Work Plan & Budget** and **Staffing Plan** prepared
- **Strategy Planning Framework** and **Stakeholder Plan of Engagement** developed
- **Business Programs & Services** inventory compiled and updated
- **Tourism Steering Committee** established; on hiatus through high season
- Website "southshoreren.ca" design and development unveiled at AGM
- 1st **Annual General Meeting** held on June 21, 2016 – featured 'Multi-generational Workforce' **workshop** led by Tim Brennan
- **Michelin Welcome Breakfast** for incoming CEO of Michelin Bridgewater with Board and Mayors/Wardens
- Steering Committee and Working Group activity (ongoing)

3rd Quarter Highlights

- Regional Economic Development **Strategy business and stakeholder consultation sessions** (Shelburne, Liverpool, Bridgewater; seven sessions, 89 participants)
- Analysis of existing and collected **data and research** (including GDP, municipal tax, and employment data)
- Regional Economic Development **Strategy Priorities** drafted and in review
- **Business Programs & Services** portal built with search function – to go live with Strategy release
- **Visitor Information Centre Study** – collaborative effort with nine municipal units, chambers of commerce and boards of trade (data gathering through summer, report due October 2016)
- **South Shore REN Quarterly Update** communication to municipal units prepared for October 3, 2016
- Steering Committee and Working Group activity (ongoing)

Coming Soon

- **Tourism Sector Strategic Plan** development, scheduled to take place over the 4th Quarter. While the tourism industry is important to the South Shore in and of itself, it's also a gateway – no one moves or starts a business here without coming as a visitor first.

SSREN Mandate

Coordinate economic and business development efforts through a regional economic development strategy

Provide the business community with one point of contact for program navigation, business climate conditions, labour market information and opportunities

Develop a three-year strategic plan with regional tourism stakeholders to grow tourism revenue

Implement Business NOW, a business engagement initiative that supports business attraction, retention and expansion

