

**Queen’s Place Emera Centre (“QPEC”) Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 7, 2017**

PRESENT: Michael Anthony.....Chair
Stew Horton.....Vice Chair
Tori Benedict
Rick Conrad
Bruce Inglis
Celeste Johnston
Susan MacLeodDeputy Mayor, Councillor District 4
Kevin Muise.....Councillor District 1
Ruth Smith
Greg Thorbourne
Liz Boland
Matthew Smith

STAFF: Steve Burns.....General Manager, QPEC
Anne MacDonnellMunicipal Clerk & Coordinator, RQM
Richard MacLellan.....Chief Administrative Officer,RQM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Mr. Anthony called the meeting to order at 6.00 pm.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Greg Thorbourne moved for addition of a “Request to Attend” an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting, and was seconded by Stew Horton.

3.0 NEW MEMBER

Matthew Smith is the new member.

4.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Bruce Inglis moved for the Minutes of February 7, 2017 are accepted as presented; this motion was seconded by Ruth Smith.

5.0 ORGANIZATION

Steve Burns explained his role to Economic Development and introduced Meaghan Roberts, his replacement.

The move is in alignment with Council's priorities around Recreation and interest in Events, which Steve does well; Steve will continue to have a large role with QPEC and continue with Advisory Committee until April, thereafter as required based upon agenda for the QPEC Advisory Committee meetings.

6.0 DISCUSSION

6.01 Installation of Gaming Consoles

An X-box was installed March 6, 2017. Rules include 2 TV's and 3 X-boxes. Youth under age 17 can use and games that are provided on site. They can bring their own games (provided that they are not M rating). Controllers can be signed out at the desk and can be used for 30 minutes at a time.

Staff will assess the project until June.

6.02 Business Incentive Room Use

The South Queens Chamber of Commerce approached QPEC seeking incentives for membership. This would provide increased exposure to QPEC amongst the potential user base. The offer was extended also to the North Queens Board of Trade.

Use of ½ Community Room will be provided for up to 3 hours free of charge one time throughout the year to hold meetings.

6.03 Policy 79

50% of the members of a registered not for profit must reside in Queens according to the policy. Of Approximately 600 hours used in Community Room; approximately 58% is not for profits. Want to remove this requirement of being based in Queens. The Not for Profits get a 30% discount if surpass their free rooms use.

Want the Manager to have latitude to consider whether a group satisfies condition of Not for Profit, meaning non-registered Not for Profit. The worry is this opens up a can of worms by exposing the Manager to make subjective decisions rather than objective decisions. The grey area is not advisable.

Question: Do they have to have Queens County membership?
MADD not based here, but they do good work.

Unions and political parties, if have means to pay, perhaps should pay for use.

Agree that if given leeway, this can't be one person's decision; would have to have support from a collectively made decision.

Unions are classified as Not for Profit under tax act; not required to register with Nova Scotia Joint Stocks.

Major Events

Major event and concert pre-sale option allowed. This was rejected by Council in June 2016 (unlevel playing field). Incentive is offered by LCLC and Truro Rath for selected events. A small number of tickets will be affected based upon comparables at LDLC and Truro.

There are currently at 170 full annual memberships (end January). Dislike this item because it discriminates against people who couldn't be inclined to buy membership (e.g. North Queens resident), but might want. The thought is that it creates 2 levels of citizens, doesn't think there is a connection with fitness and events. There is a need to cap pre-sale, and perhaps have a time line.

Opinion offered that there's a missed opportunity by not approaching local businesses to sponsor concerts or events. This is another discussion.

There is an unlevel playing field aside, and need to look at ways to generate revenue or maintain membership.

Steve has consensus to pursue with approval of pre-sales.

Chair suggests we run pre-sales via the matrix to generate data to take to Council.

6.04 Youth 4 – 9

All committee members were asked to prepare their thoughts on activities for youth 4 – 9 to be able to discuss around what should be put through matrix.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 6pm in the Sobey Foundation Boardroom at QPEC.

8.0 ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7.30pm