



Region of Queens Municipality

Municipal Matters

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Liverpool Coastal Flooding Mitigation Study Underway

Climate change, rising sea levels and coastal flooding are all impacts that are felt by coastal communities, often making an impact through flooding.

At the Sept. 25, 2018 Council meeting, the contract for the Liverpool Coastal Flooding Mitigation Study was awarded to CBCL Limited in the amount of \$74,878 + HST, equally cost shared with the Province of Nova Scotia.

The most common and frequent areas of Liverpool to flood are the waterfront parks and parking lot, which were built on reclaimed land that was once part of the river. Climate change and increases



The Mersey River flows into the Atlantic Ocean at Liverpool Bay. Pictured is Liverpool's waterfront. Recent years have seen increased flooding in this area at times of storm surge.

in storm frequency and intensity have seen more frequent flooding in recent years.

A review of historical hazard events information and past reports will be part of CBCL Limited's research on the study. They will also assess frequency, magnitude, nature and ex-

tent of past hazards that may affect flooding in vulnerable coastal areas of Liverpool. Flood mitigation and flood adaptation measures will be identified and investigated as they pertain to reducing flood risk in vulnerable areas. Among the deliverables Region of Queens requested were a conceptual design and budgetary costs for each of the prioritized mitigation measures within each implementation phase, as well as specific detailed design and costing on flood mitigation, and costing for the downtown parking lot. These will help in long range planning for appropriate actions. The Study is currently underway, and is expected to be completed in March 2019.

QUEENS: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

Your Input is Needed! What do you want your Queens to be?



Your input is needed!
Please take the **survey**.

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Region of Queens is conducting a review of its Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use-Bylaw. These documents guide how and where businesses, homes, farms, and new infrastructure can and should happen. Over the next 16 months the Region will work with residents, business owners, and community groups to modernize the land use planning framework within the Region.

You are invited to complete the **Queens: Planning for the Future Community Survey** to share your experiences and hopes for the future of Queens. A second survey is also available specifically for business owners and operators.

Your input will help influence updates to the Region of Queens Municipality's Planning Strategy, and will contribute to a community vision that will guide land use planning policies for the next 10 to 20 years.

Please visit www.queensplan.com to complete either survey before November 30th. If you are not able to do the survey online please get in touch with the Planning Department at 902-354-3455 to obtain a paper copy or arrange a telephone survey.

Learn more about services and programs offered by your Municipality on our website www.regionofqueens.com



Message from the Mayor

As Council reaches the halfway point of our mandate, it is a time of reflection and of resolve to ensure that the priorities of this Council continue to move forward. Council's Vision 2020 (view online:

<https://www.regionofqueens.com/council-governance/council-mayor-for-cg>) is a breakdown of our strategic priorities, which focus on investments in our community, infrastructure and citizens. We are proud of Queens and welcome businesses moving into the area, growing and expanding. Homes are selling and new homes are being built. For the 3rd year in a row, the deed transfer tax collected is higher than budgeted, reflecting a healthy real estate market. The new processing plant at Mersey Seafoods is under construction, and Aqualitas at Port Mersey is expanding. We've also seen new businesses open, and established ones expand or renovate.

In the 2018—2019 fiscal budget, Council identified several significant infrastructure investments as priorities. Work was completed over the spring and summer on the Brooklyn Water and Sewer project (a \$798,000 project), as well as to further the Liverpool water and sewer infrastructure replacements on Union Street, from Main Street to Church Street, with a budgeted cost of \$885,000.

Investment in local businesses is taking place through the new Business Façade program, in which businesses in Caledonia and Liverpool who apply for the funding may receive up to \$5,000 for exterior improvements (cost shared 50/50 with the business owner). Work has also begun for repairs and improvements to the Old Burial Ground Fountain, a historic gem in our community. Developers are constructing apartments.

There are a number of other priority areas on the horizon with preparatory work and research being undertaken by staff. One of those is a proposed replacement for Hillside Acres Home for Special Care. Improved internet service across the Region of Queens Municipality, especially in rural and currently underserved areas has been a priority. We have been working with Queens County Rails to Trails to advance the work to reopen the Trestle Trail, and have committed funding for Phase One of the reopening of the Bridge. Other projects under review include a Caledonia sewer expansion, and Milton Pool upgrades or replacement.

Queens County is a large, diverse community, and we are advancing priorities to address needs across RQM.

David Dagley, Mayor

What does Region of Queens Municipality's logo mean?



Following amalgamation, Council of the day invited the public to submit ideas for the design of the Region of Queens logo. Sixteen residents submitted designs, and the logo was adapted from the community submissions received. The significance of each component is described below.

Lighthouse: Depicting the Coffin Island Lighthouse, the cornerstone of the original lighthouse was laid by Colonel Simeon Perkins in July 24, 1811. Queens County's five remaining lighthouses represent a long history of heroism, wild storms, and dedicated service.

River: The resources of our rivers were discovered by the Mi'kmaq people, making the Mersey River one of the oldest canoe routes in North America. The rivers of Queens County were used by early settlers to explore Queens County. The forestry industry relied on the Medway River as locations for sawmills and a transport route for wood to be made into lumber and transported across the globe.

Ship: Queens County was home to a number of significant vessels, including the Packet, Rover and Lucy, that roamed the seas as a testament of the shipbuilding, privateering, fishing and merchant shipping history of the area.

Land and Forest: The forests and fields have provided residents across Queens with a means of living off the land through the farming and forestry industries. The trees in the logo represent the industries, and work ethic of our people.

The seals, crests and flags were retired for the former Town of Liverpool and Municipality of the County of Queens when the new logo was adopted by Council and revealed to the public on January 8, 1998.

Low Income Tax Exemptions

Tax exemptions of \$250 for 2018-2019 property taxes are available for households with combined incomes less than \$23,520, subject to the application guidelines. If you think you may qualify this year, please contact our Finance Department at 902-354-3453 to obtain an application, or download: <http://www.regionofqueens.com/municipal-services/finance/property-taxes/tax-exemptions>.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2019.

Region of Queens Regular Council Meetings

Region of Queens Municipality's Council, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber, Administration Building, 249 White Point Road, Liverpool, NS. The public is welcome. An evening Council meeting will be held each quarter at 6 p.m. in the 2018/2019 fiscal year; the January 8, 2019 council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Unable to attend? Agendas, minutes and audio recordings of meetings are posted online: www.regionofqueens.com/council-governance/council-agenda-minutes-audio. If you have information to share, but can't attend a meeting, contact the Councillor of your District. Contact information is posted on the website www.regionofqueens.com/council-governance/council-mayor-for-cg.

Queens County Transit Update

A new non-profit organization is offering affordable and accessible door-to-door transportation to connect residents from all corners of Queens County to the services and supports they need to lead healthy, happy and fulfilling lives.



Launched on September 20th, Queens County Transit (QCT) provides transportation services to Queens County residents with a focus on supporting seniors, low income residents and people with accessibility needs who wish to access health services and other essential services and take part in social, educational or recreational activities. The door-to-door service is available Monday to Friday and requires pre-booking (2 business days). Special evening or weekend requests may also be accommodated. The service uses a mix of fleet and volunteer vehicles to offer rides both within Queens County and outside Queens County.

A central aim of Queens County Transit is keeping Queens connected – and QCT is already making a big difference in the community! Because of QCT, a Caledonia resident who is paraplegic can now attend important medical appointments. Also, five young residents have access to the transportation they need to pursue their education at the NSCC Bridgewater campus. And a senior living in an isolated part of the County was able to connect to the QCT through Queens County's Senior Safety Coordinator and is now able to access regular medical services. These are just a few examples of how QCT is creating valuable community infrastructure that will enhance connections in the community and reduce social isolation.

Both the Province of Nova Scotia and the Region of Queens Municipality have contributed funds and a fundraising and sponsorship campaign are in development to help cover the costs of this service. Queens County Transit is working hard to ensure that this service is affordable and accessible to those who need transportation. Check out Queens County Transit's Facebook page or visit www.queenscountystatransit.ca for details. If you are interested in supporting Queens County Transit or becoming a volunteer driver, we'd be happy to hear from you! Contact Queens County Transit by phone at 902-356-2670 for information.

Municipal Awareness Week Tours of Facilities

Municipal Awareness Week is November 19—23, 2018, and is an opportunity to promote the importance of municipal government in peoples' daily lives. Region of Queens Municipality is opening several Municipal facilities for tours—have a behind the scenes look at important municipal infrastructure and operations!

* **Monday, November 19: Water Treatment Facility**, 345 Roy Turner Road, Milton - Tours begin at 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., & 3:00 p.m. (please note: there are some stairs in this facility).

* **Tuesday, November 20: Public Works/Sewage Treatment Facility**, 138 Hank Snow Drive, Liverpool - Tours begin at 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. and will be on a small bus. Pick up is at 138 Hank Snow Drive, Liverpool.

* **Thursday, November 22: Queens Place Emera Centre**, 50 Queens Place Drive, Liverpool, NS—Tours begin at 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. (please note: there are some stairs in this facility; and elevator is on site)

* **Friday, November 23: Landfill/MRF**, 3750 Highway 8, Milton - Tours begin at 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. and will be on a small bus. The pick up location will be marked at the Landfill, near the scale house.

The public is welcome to take part in a facility tour, meet some of our highly skilled staff, and learn about operations, infrastructure and services at some of the Region of Queens Municipality's facilities. Please note that the facilities will be in operation during the tours, and therefore there will be normal industrial noise, vehicular traffic and work underway. There are no self guided tours. Tours will be guided by Region of Queens staff.

EMO Emergency Updates

For updates on developing or potential emergency situations in Queens, check the EMO tab on the RQM website www.regionofqueens.com, and look for posts on Facebook and Twitter. We will also update on local radio stations (CKBW 94.5 FM, Country 100.7 FM, and QCCR 99.3 FM) to alert of situations. If the nature of the emergency warrants it, door to door communications could be enabled. Important safety tips for emergency preparedness are listed under the EMO tab on Region of Queens' website.

WATER & SEWER

EMERGENCY PAGER

Please contact our Emergency Pager

1-902-354-4749

in the event of an after hours water or sewer related emergency on the Municipal Utility System.

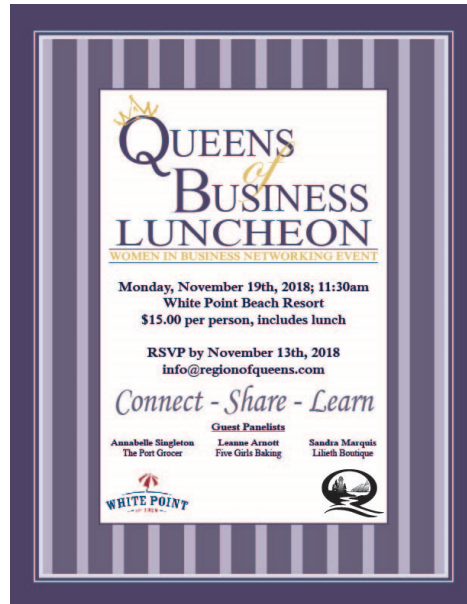
Welcome to Queens ... We're Glad You're Here!

Since launching the "Welcome to Queens" program in September, 2018, Region of Queens Municipality has given information packages to over 30 "new to Queens County" households! That's a great start, but we know that there are more newcomers in our community, and we'd like to be sure that they have information to help them settle into the community easily, as well as a warm Queens County welcome. If you have noticed new faces in your neighborhood in the past year, take a moment to introduce yourself, welcome them to the Region of Queens, and then let Region of Queens know of your new neighbours. If you've recently moved to Queens, please let us know ... we're happy to see our community growing, and are always excited to hear the reasons new citizens of Queens have for moving into Queens and making their home here. The contact person for the Welcome to Queens program is Heather Cook, Communications & Engagement Coordinator, email: hcook@regionofqueens.com, phone: 902-354-5741.



Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs in Queens

Please join us in celebrating Women's Entrepreneurship Day and all the fabulous women entrepreneurs of Queens County and surrounding area. Come hear stories and advice from a diverse panel of women entrepreneurs, enjoy a delicious lunch at White Point Beach Resort and network with other women in or interested in business. Organizations who support local, small businesses will be on site to answer questions and provide helpful information. Preregister by Nov. 13, 2018 with an email to info@regionofqueens.com. See you there!



Business Façade Program

The 2018-2019 budget focused on investments in the community, and among those investments is our business community. Council approved a Business Façade program supporting exterior improvements to businesses in Caledonia and Liverpool with 50 cent dollars to a maximum Municipal contribution of \$5,000. Funds are still available!

Applications and guidelines are online: <https://www.regionofqueens.com/> or contact Richard Lane, Community Economic Development Coordinator at 902-354-5741 or rlane@regionofqueens.com to discuss your project.

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TATTOO BUS TRIP

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, 2019
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11:30 am Departure from Queens Place Emera Centre Parking Lot

TICKETS: \$90.00 UNTIL May 1ST
after MAY 1ST \$95.00

Supper will be at Swiss Chalet After the Show
AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE



TO REGISTER CONTACT THE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT
902-354-5741



Maximum 34 participants.

POLICY 84: FLAGS

Have you ever wondered how certain flags fly on the Special Purpose Flag Pole near Liverpool's Bridge? In 2017, a policy was approved regarding flags; it addresses half mast, which flags fly on municipal properties, and the process for community organizations to have their flag flown on the Special Purpose pole. Queens County based non-profit organizations may request their flag be flown for a two week period, subject to the approval of Council. There are recurring flags that fly each year denoting African Heritage Month, National Volunteer Week, Pride Week, National Aboriginal Day, Mi'kmaq History Month, and Veterans' Week.

Policy 84 and the application form are available online:

<https://www.regionofqueens.com/document-library/operational-policies/1279-policy-84-flag-flying-policy/file>



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