Region of Queens Municipality Community Catch Up Session

Mersey Point Community Hall

Q&A Summary

October 20, 2026

Question:

Do we have one or two plain clothes police officers in Liverpool?

Response:

- There are two plain clothes officers
- One position is funded by Region of Queens Municipality and the other is funded by the RCMP. Region of Queens Municipality has been selected as one of three Municipalities to take part in a Community Safety and Wellness Plan through a pilot program. Although policing is outside of the wheelhouse of the Region, we can find ways to best support the police and citizens in our community by investing in resources for overall wellness. This strategy will allow us to identify issues and will lead to a safer, less isolated community.

Question:

Can Speed Radar Signs be installed near Mersey Point Hall like they have on Bristol Avenue in front of the Queens Place Emera Centre?

Response:

- Region of Queens Municipality only has the authority to place speed radar signs on Municipally managed roads. Outside of Liverpool, roadways fall under the control of the provincial Traffic Authority, outside of the jurisdiction of the Region of Queens Municipality.
- Region of Queens Municipality's Police Advisory Board assessed the locations of the three Speed Radar Signs purchased in 2023, and determined to leave them in their current locations and reassess in the future.
- There will be a follow up discussion to explore deploying more signs throughout the Region, and purchasing solar powered signs for ease of use.

Question:

A year ago, a company approached Council to discuss a battery recycling facility. Employment opportunities are needed in the Region. Are there updates?

Response:

- Mayor Christian has an upcoming meeting with the company's owner Andrew Spencer. They have interested investors and there is some technical feasibility. They have hired a local person to assist with planning and rolling out the project.
- Region of Queens will continue to encourage new investment and employment opportunities.
- Renewall Energy are being encouraged to establish their corporate offices here. This will create more employment opportunities.

- There has been some interest from the film industry to do production in the area. There are incentives if productions film more than 150 kms outside of Halifax. Queens County is a scenic community with ample accommodation in the shoulder season, making Queens attractive to the film industry.

Queston:

What is the rationale behind installing a new sidewalk to the library instead of up College Street to Liverpool Regional High School?

Response:

- The goal is to increase accessibility for families and students to access the library safely. There is quite a bit of pedestrian traffic between Millard Avenue and George Street. The Region was successful in obtaining funding from the province for a sidewalk on this section of roadway to improve accessibility for pedestrians, and cyclists for year round access to the library. The South Shore Regional Library is a critical part of our community. Transportation throughout Queens County is available for Seniors through Queens County Transit, who have a special route to the Library each week.
- A sidewalk along the lower section of College St may be considered as a future Capital project.

Question:

Is there an update on when the Causeway in Western Head will be repaired?

Response:

- The Western Head Causeway is a provincial asset. The Municipality will contact Minister Kim Masland to inquire about provincial plans for that project.

Question:

What is happening with the vacant land on Market Street? There have been buildings demolished and fencing put around it. Is that Municipal property?

Response:

- No. That area is private property and has recently been purchased. It is unknown at the present time if there are plans for development.

Question:

Are there any updates on the Mount Pleasant Extension Project?

Response:

- The Mount Pleasant Extension project is projected to be completed in December. Updates are posted regularly on

the Municipality's website and Facebook page. The website address is https://www.regionofqueens.com/master-directory/region-of-queens-infrastructure-projects-map/mount-pleasant-service-extension/

- Municipal staff have been in contact with the contractor working on the project to ensure potholes are repaired quickly, and regarding improving the detour signage for the different parts of the project. Road reinstatement paving will begin Nov 23rd and all affected roads will be reinstated this fall.

Question:

What development is in the future for the Astor Theatre? Will there be an elevator installed?

Response:

- Implementing modern systems to meet modern standards in a historic property is complex and poses many different challenges. It is important that the historic appeal and acoustics are maintained.
- The Astor Theatre Association has applied for grant funding through the federal government for some of the upgrades that would benefit the facility and its users. The first phase is an electrical upgrade, an HVAC upgrade, and an accessibility lift.

Question:

There was a machine measuring traffic at the corner or School Street and Main Street. What was that for?

Response:

- The intersection of School Street and Main Street is being studied to make future improvements regarding safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The device is used to count traffic at all approaches to the intersection by vehicle type (pedestrian, bike, sedan, truck, transport truck, etc.), which will help the design team make decisions to fit the current and future use of the intersection.

Question:

Was there consideration given to the semi-trucks, delivery trucks, and emergency vehicles at the three-way stop by the Post Office? Was pedestrian safety considered? Were traffic lights considered as an option?

Response:

- The changes being made to the intersection of Main Street and Market Street will shorten the crosswalk distance, increasing visibility for pedestrians and motorists.
- In 2025, CBCL Ltd was engaged to conduct a traffic assessment of the intersection. CBCL Ltd. looked at a number of solutions for the intersection and provided recommendations for improvements. Council approved the recommendation to realign the intersection, combining the right turn lane with the straight lane on Main Street in front of the Post Office.

- The traffic assessment measured traffic flows for the intersection, including commercial trucks. It is important to note that the radius of the corner remains the same as part of the considerations placed for commercial truck movement through the intersection. The study concluded that the intersection had sufficient capacity to accommodate existing and future traffic demands, including the estimated new traffic generated by the proposed residential developments in the Mount Pleasant area while remaining under all-way stop control (AWSC). The traffic signal warrant analysis indicated that signals are not warranted at this location at this time.

Question:

There is a construction site at the intersection at the bridge. What is that project?

Response:

- That construction area is an upgraded lift station. The structure will house a pump that will pump wastewater across the bridge and down Bristol to the waste management facility. The purpose of a lift station is to move wastewater from low elevations to higher elevations. The lift station at Cross Street is also being upgraded.
- The footprint for the lift station next to the bridge appears large because the Municipality is planning ahead for flood mitigation, rising sea levels, and expansion of the municipal water system

Question:

Was slippery paint used on the crosswalks intentionally to keep people between the lines?

Response:

- No, the slippery paint was not intentional. The morning after new lines at crosswalks and stop bars were refreshed with a new coat of paint, the Region was alerted that the crosswalk at Camerons Corner was quite slick.
- The slippery paint was attributed to new lines being painted the day before the first frost of the season. The crosswalks and stop bar lines in Liverpool, Milton, and Caledonia were all painted on the same day. Reflective glass beads are added on top of the paint to increase visibility and provide traction.
- If residents encounter slippery sidewalks or crosswalks, they should be reported to Region of Queens Department of Infrastructure via phone, 902-354-7170, email publicworks@regionofqueens.com or the Citizen Reporter tool at: https://us.citizenportal.ae.alm.siemens.com/RegionofQueens/disclaimer?returnUrl=/RegionofQueens/home

Question:

Who looks after the large traffic mirrors? Can one be installed at the Legion Street and Main Street intersection?

Response:

- There are currently no traffic mirrors installed and maintained by the Region of Queens. Convex traffic mirrors are often considered a poor traffic-safety treatment because they can create a false sense of security and encourage drivers to make decisions based on distorted visual information rather than a direct assessment of approaching traffic.

Question:

What can be done about the very large potholes created by the construction in the Mount Pleasant Area?

Response:

- The municipality hired an outside contractor, who is responsible for the project. The municipality will continue to monitor and request that their level of service on the work be high, with roadways maintained to acceptable standards.
- The work in the Mount Pleasant Service Extension Project is scheduled to be completed by December in the Mount Pleasant area, including paving.

Question:

Is Queens Place Emera Centre being used to its full potential?

Response:

- Community usage of Queens Place Emera Centre has increased recently. The indoor track is free this year, the ice is in high demand, and things are moving in the right direction for the facility to be better utilized. Staff have worked with the Liverpool Championship Host Society and Council is pleased that the 2027 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship will be played Oct. 25-31 at Queens Place Emera Centre.
- The Department of Economic Development is hoping to have a concert event at QPEC in 2027.

Question:

Are there any plans in the works for affordable housing for low-income people and seniors?

Response:

- Region of Queens is exploring the best strategies to support the creation of more housing within the municipality. We will continue to work along with the provincial government to expand affordable public housing.
- Among the current projects underway or in the works are:
    - The partnership with the Queens Neighborhood Cooperative Housing Project is reaching its completion, and the Trestle Trail Neighbourhoods are expected to be

move in ready on December 1. There are 30 units with the goal set at 100 units.
    - Nova Scotia Housing Trust is coming online with apartments around Waterloo Street.
    - Discussions are happening with South Shore Open Doors Association.
    - Council approved a $25,000 grant through the Community Investment Fund for the creation of two duplexes along with Habitat for Humanity.

Question:

Is there a plan for the Queens Manor Property?

Response:

- Region of Queens Municipality does not own the Queens Manor. There is a subcommittee at the Manor that is looking at what the future of that building might be.

Question:

What is going to happen with the pool during the winter?

Response:

- The Big Splash Outdoor Pool facility will be winterized each year in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.

Question:

Are there plans for apartments to be built across from the Queens Daycare on College Street?

Response:

- Yes. There are plans for housing to be built there. It will be a mix of apartments and houses.
- The developer has been in talks with South Shore Health about what kind of housing they need in the area for healthcare workers.

Question:

Is the new complex on Waterloo Street for doctors and nurses only?

Response:

- That housing was constructed to encourage health care workers to work in the community. The rent for those units is 30% of the income of the resident.