

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor David Dagley, Chair
Councillor Kevin Muise
Councillor Heather Kelly
Councillor Brian Fralic
Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Gilbert Johnson
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Years of Service Awards

Sixteen employees were recognized for five, 10, 15 and 20 years of services.

Five Year Recipients: Penny Benedict, Nicole Fancy, Jo-Anne Lenethen, Roslyn Rowter

Ten Year Recipients: Dana Henley, Donald White, Colin Hartlen, David Benedict,
Chris Wamboldt

Fifteen Year Recipients: Wendy Connors, Valerie Rhyno

Twenty Year Recipients: Bradley Rowter, Kevin Weagle, Terri Munroe, Jamie Belong
Gerry Matthews

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add: 17.9 In Camera – Contract Negotiations MGA 22(2)e

Item 17.8 In Camera – Contract Negotiations MGA 22(2)e will move to first place item for review under In Camera items.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

There were no presentations to come before this meeting.

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 the audio in the gallery was difficult to hear and enquired if an additional speaker could be installed. Mayor Dagley stated that this will be investigated.

Mr. Robertson enquired under Item 9.1 Governance and the Creation of In-Camera Records, if the motions of In Camera sessions could be indicated on the minutes.

He further stated under Item 16.2 Municipal Court House that the architect report budget amount of \$2.2 Million is substantial. He is aware that this topic has been tabled and asked if the amount would be scaled back. Mayor Dagley stated that this will be discussed later on the agenda.

Mr. Robertson wished council and staff a Merry Christmas.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox commented on the condition of Bog Road and enquired on the possibility of the Region taking over the maintenance of this road from the Department of Transportation. Mayor Dagley stated that the Region is aware of these issues. He, along with Richard MacLellan, CAO has been involved in an effort with Provincial transportation to address many of the issues in Queens.

Mr. Cox wished council and staff a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod provided council with an update of Queens events. Some highlights included the annual Liverpool Fire Fighters Christmas Parade, Ron James at the Astor, Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade of Light.

North Queens hosted a livestock parade followed by activities for children and families. The Mayor lit the community tree at Caledonia which was followed by a Christmas parade.

The Region's staff decorated a float and participated in the Liverpool and Caledonia parades with Council and staff walking the route.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – November 22, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held November 22, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Request to Waive Policy 58 at The Warehouse, Port Medway Lighthouse Park

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality waive Policy 58 to allow for the consumption of alcohol on municipal property at The Warehouse in Port Medway Lighthouse Park, on the evening of Friday, August 18, 2017, and that no liquor be sold, given away, or consumed prior to the Region of Queens Municipality being provided a certificate of insurance from the appropriate authorities confirming that at least \$2,000,000 of liability insurance is in place for the event with the Region as a named insured, and a copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia is provided to the Region, and all municipal, provincial, and federal laws be strictly adhered to.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Management Without Borders Project 2016 – PACE Program

Richard MacLellan, CAO, gave a brief update to council stating that our Economic Development staff has been working with Dalhousie MPA candidates on this project. The final report will be added to the agenda the second council meeting in January for discussion.

8.3 Fort Point Lighthouse – Call for RFP 2017 – Verbal Update

Mr. MacLellan gave a brief update to Council stating that the RFP for year 2017 operation of Fort Point Lighthouse will be issued next week; submissions are due the second week of January.

Feedback identified that fall tourism opportunities were missed, and specific requirements must be stated, e.g. hours of operation, dates, etc.

The Region is open to receiving proposals and ideas for usage of the building; members of the public are encouraged to bring them forward.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Recommendation Report – Governance and the Creation of In-Camera Records

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend Section 58 of the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality so that it allows for the taking of a written record during In-Camera meetings.

IT IS FURTHER recommended THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the taking of a written record during In-Camera meetings with a view of capturing the process of giving direction to staff.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Pre-budget Approval for Grants to Organizations Budget

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a pre-budget amount of \$46,500 for Grants to Organizations, in advance of promoting the program for the upcoming 2017/2018 budget year.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Capital Projects, Verbal Update

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Works, provided updates on current capital projects.

Landfill – This year the construction of a third 2nd generation cell and related works was undertaken. The first cell was constructed in 2005, and the second cell was constructed in 2010. The third cell will last 10 – 12 years. Cell 3 floor is fully constructed. In addition to the cell, four large roadway ramp structures were constructed giving access to trucks and equipment to enter at the top of all the cells, as they gain in height. Additionally, a site access roadway is being constructed which will replace the one where the cell is now

located. The berms, slopes, ditching, staging areas, and borrow pit reinstatement were also worked on. Work will continue to the end of the month.

SkatePark – The SkatePark features consists of a few different elements (bowl, flow, street course). The base element is the Bowl. It is a large multi depth bowl, 5', 7' and 9' deep, with varying lines that are irregular in shape. It is a modern design and very progressive. It is gaining reputation as one of the finest examples in the country.

The Flow section is constructed and is the first of its kind in the Maritimes. It is somewhat like the bowl, but is shallower and consists of fluid lines / contoured curves. The park can be used by beginners to experienced skaters.

The third element is the traditional street course. It has ramps, stairs, walls, flats, etc.

Donated by Lloyll Construction, a viewing stand will be constructed.

Great progress has been made considering the late start; the Bowl walls are poured, 50% of the apron is complete, the Flow is cast as are walls within the street section. The site will be available for opening in May or early June.

Bike Park – With the recent SkatePark construction, we were able to act on the opportunity to develop another core recreation facility, this being a multi-feature off road Bike Park. Bike parks are highly popular and a safe facility for both young and old.

This fall we created the necessary civil work, and began development on the initial and essential key elements. The Bike Park construction will continue as time permits. These types of facilities continue to evolve over time.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Physical Activity Leadership Program, Verbal Update

Diana Johnson, Physical Activity Coordinator, gave a brief update on the physical activity program.

The Citizen survey is now complete and results will be available in the New Year.

The Duke of Edinburg Awards is up and running. Seven participants were gained from the recent open house.

Short-term opportunities for early 2017 include pickle ball in Port Mouton, pound program in Greenfield and there may be pickle ball in North Queens.

The winter recreation program goes out in January, thanks to Dana Henley and Meagan Roberts.

Travelled with the school liaison to all the schools to do the school assessments and programs. Information was gathered on various things such as barriers to participation and infrastructure. Some short-term after school programs include soccer at the Wickwire, and Rocks to Rings program in Greenfield.

Assisting the Greenfield Recreation Association with applying for grants to determine their longer term objectives. Investigating establishing the trail blazer program in North Queens again, establishing a men's basketball league at the Liverpool high school and soccer at either the Wick Wire or South Queens Middle School.

Community outreach and engagement is continual. All is going well regarding working with the Community Health Board and School Board, community members and recreation associations.

For Queens Place, through the Making Tracks Program, which is located at the Ecology Action Center, we will have experts in skate boarding and BMX come down and

Provide a “train the trainer” program. There are presently two leaders in the community and they may assist in training more youth.

We are looking into the possibility of having a mobile skate park, which would allow equipment to be taken to different communities for use. The Making Tracks Program will provide some skateboards, helmets and BMX bikes to get the program started. Also investigating a Try a Ride Program, which would be more for the BMX.

Some further programs being investigated are:

- Active transportation (working with Councillor Gil Johnson)
- Trail mapping and assessments
- Volunteer strategy – looking for leadership
- New physical opportunity groups like hiking and biking
- 55+ Games
- Leadership Development
- Workplace Wellness Program
- Increasing RQM Inventory and raising public’s awareness

13.0 PLANNING:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

15.0 REPORTS

Items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 were included in the agenda package as information:

- 15.1 RCMP Monthly Report – October 2016
- 15.2 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – November 2016
- 15.3 Building Inspector’s Monthly Report – November 2016
- 15.4 Town Hall Arts & Cultural Centre Monthly Report – November 2016

16.0 OTHER:

- 16.1 Councillor Appointments

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the following committee appointments for a two year term:

Pension Committee	Councillor Kevin Muise
Queens Place Advisory Committee	Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod and Councillor Kevin Muise
Planning Advisory Committee	Councillor Heather Kelly and Councillor Raymond Fiske and Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod
Region 6 Solid Waste Steering Committee	Councillor Brian G. Fralic and Alternate Councillor Gilbert Johnson
South Shore Regional Library Board	Councillor Brian G. Fralic

Queens Community Health Board Councillor Heather Kelly

Highway 103 Committee Councillor Jack Fancy

**South West Nova Biosphere Councillor Gilbert Johnson and
Alternate Councillor Raymond Fiske**

**South Shore Housing Action
Coalition Councillor Jacky Fancy**

**Emergency Services Committee Councillor Raymond Fiske and
Councillor Gilbert Johnson**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.2 Municipal Court House

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality table this report pending consideration of lease renewal of the Thomas Raddall Library at Rossignol Cultural Centre.

Richard MacLellan, CAO, provided Council with an update on the municipal court house. He stated that this is not a decision point for Council, but instead a means to provide information of the assessment of the potential of turning the court house into a library. Basic work, schematics and estimates were done. The next step is to return to discussions with Rossignol Cultural Centre (Mr. Hines) to see what may be required to cost a lease renewal in the current facility. This would then be brought back to Council for direction.

He noted that in using the annual operating costs he used a previous year's budget, so the annual cost would be below the \$14,242 as stated on Page 2 of the report.

Through discussions with councillors, concerns were raised on the \$2.2 million estimate from Architecture 49 to convert the court house. Mayor Dagley stated that we are providing, under the auspices of transparency, the ability for the public to see the report on the court house, which is the intent of today's motion. Staff will need to review the issue going forward and will come back to Council for further direction.

Mr. MacLellan stated that the scope of work provided in the feasibility study is what was expected.

In response to Councillor Kelly's enquiry, regarding ideas brought forward, he stated that we had a good public session and many ideas came forward. An expression of interest was sent out to see if anyone wanted to follow-up on any of the ideas and none came forward. If anyone has any proposals for alternative uses for the court house, he encouraged them to be brought forward.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

16.3 Postal Banking Resolution

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Johnson:

WHEREAS the federal government's Canada Post Review will conclude, in the spring of 2017, with the government announcing decisions on the future of Canada Post, including whether or not to create a new service and revenue stream through postal banking.

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for this service because thousands of rural towns and villages do not have a bank and nearly two million Canadians desperately need alternatives to payday lenders.

WHEREAS postal banking helps keep post offices viable and financial services accessible in many parts of the world.

WHEREAS postal banking has the support of over 600 municipalities and close to two-thirds of Canadians (Stratcom poll, 2013).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Region of Queens Municipality supports the addition of postal banking at Canada Post.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Region of Queens Municipality call on the federal government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking, with a mandate for financial inclusion.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.8 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e
- 17.1 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c
- 17.2 Acquisition of Property, MGA 22(2)a
- 17.3 Sale of Property, MGA 22(2)a
- 17.4 Potential Litigation, MGA 22(2)f
- 17.5 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e
- 17.6 Contract Negotiations, MGA 11(2)e
- 17.7 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCIL RECESSED FOR 5 MINUTES.

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the proceedings exit the of "In-Camera" session at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.4 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:

1. Appoint the following residents for a 2 year term to the Planning Advisory Committee:

Robert Ross	District 1
Melanie Newell	District 3
Anne Conrad	District 5
Dom Kimball	District 7

2. Appoint the following residents to a 1 year term to the Planning Advisory Committee:

Julie Petrella	District 2
Mary White	District 4
Paul Connolly	District 6

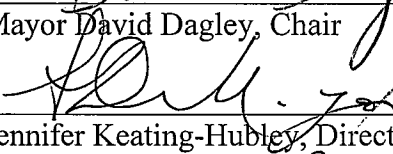
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

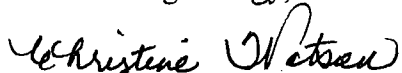
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: 10th January 2017