

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
1:10 p.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
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Anne MacDonnell, Municipal Clerk & Coordinator
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Gilbert Johnson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

THAT we defer Item 12.2 on the agenda to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 21, 2017.

AND THAT the discussion be In-Camera as was requested from the In-Camera meeting held on January 10, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED with 4 in favour and 3 against.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Peter Labor, Department of Environment – Carter’s Beach – Unable to attend and is therefore deferred to February 28, 2017 Council meeting.

3.2 Cindy Rubinfine, Privateer’s Farmer’s Market – Unable to attend and is therefore deferred to February 28, 2017 Council 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 on comfort stations set up around Queens during emergency and disaster situations indicating that through conversations with the public many were not aware of them or how they worked. He suggested that the Region invite EMO coordinators to a future Council meeting to explain the procedures and what people need to do.

Mr. Robertson further commented on the announcement that Queens did not receive any monies for health or highway / road improvements from the provincial government when the provincial capital budget was announced. Richard MacLellan, CAO, stated that staff has met with TIR staff, and a meeting is scheduled this week to discuss recapitalization for roads in the Region over the next 3 – 4 years. TIR’s focus has been the Port Mouton Bypass project and the construction of the bridge in Milton.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – January 24, 2017

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

To defer approval of the minutes of January 24, 2017 until February 28, 2017 due to difficulty in getting the Minutes round to Council for their consideration as a result of a series of inclement weather days.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Fort Point Lighthouse RFP

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award Request for Proposal ED-02-16, Seasonal Operation of Lighthouse Tourist Attraction, to the highest scoring proponent, Lane's Privateer Inn.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, provided background on the RFP, Seasonal Operation of Lighthouse Tourist Attraction. There were two submissions and Lane's Privateer Inn came in with the higher score. The new contract will be for a period of three years and will commence in Spring 2017. It is intended that the Lighthouse will operate from June 1 to October 31, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 CAOs OFFICE:

9.1 Fire Department Amalgamation

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality support the amalgamation of the Charleston Fire Department and Mill Village Fire Department by:

- 1. Ensuring that existing training funding levels continue to Mill Village Fire Department until 2020;**
- 2. Working with the Emergency Management Office to identify a new comfort centre for Charleston for community emergency planning;**
- 3. Providing community communications support of the amalgamation through Region staff; and**
- 4. Clarifying that the Region of Queens Municipality is not interested in purchasing the existing Charleston Fire Department Building.**

Richard MacLellan, CAO, stated that the amalgamation has been well covered through the media and this formalizes some of the work the Municipality has done with the two fire departments. Staff has been working to help with communications support.

Regarding funding levels, staff has met with the Fire Chiefs and staff will take their capital requests to the Joint Fire Chiefs meeting so there is no change in funding requests.

Staff has suggested that there is about \$5,000 a year that could potentially decrease through the training fund and therefore staff recommends that we maintain this funding for a few years to help with some of the retraining and incidental expenses likely to be incurred as a result of training.

Staff wants to confirm that there is no municipal purpose in purchasing the building, therefore the fire department is encouraged to aggressively seek to capitalize the building.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Pre-budget Approval for Capital Projects (School Street & Main Street)

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give 2017/2018 pre-budget approval for Main and School Street Capital Upgrades in the amount of \$2,115,012.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Works, provided background for projects for Main and School Streets capital upgrades. He stated that these projects are the primary capital projects this year and involve work on Main Street from Reese Street to School Street and from School Street from the pump station just below Main Street to the 4-way stop on Waterloo Street. Work will include replacing the sanitary sewer and water main, replacing a section of force main, installing new storm and catch basins, renewing service laterals, and renewal of street, curbs, gutters and sidewalk.

Due to funding conditions, the work must be completed this year and as a result some work crews will be doubled up and two areas will be work on simultaneously. The work is expected to be complete late in the Fall.

The total project cost is \$2,115,012; the Federal Government contributes 50%, while both the Province and the Region contribute 25%.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE:

11.1 Tax Exemption Bylaw, first reading

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives first reading to a Bylaw respecting Tax Exemptions, copy attached.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that each year properties that are included under the Region's Tax Exemption Bylaw are reviewed. The list is essentially the same with the exception of the Milton Canoe Club, which is now exempt, and a small piece of rock land was added by request for the Moose Harbour Authority, which is in the process of being turned over to the Department of Fisheries.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Temporary Borrowing Resolutions(s) Capital Projects School Street and Main Street

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Muise:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves Temporary Borrowing Resolutions – File No. 2017-01 in the amount of \$180,000 for Main Street and File No. 2017-02 in the amount of \$350,000 for School Street, copies attached.

Ms. Keating-Hubley stated that many of the Region's sewer and water remediation projects have been funded with gas tax, monies which come from the federal government. Therefore, Temporary Borrowing Resolutions are necessary and can take time to process. The Region cannot borrow the monies until the projects have been completed, at which time the resolutions will be in place.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 QPEC Advisory Committee Minutes

The minutes have been included for information purposes.

12.2 Unsolicited Proposal, Courthouse

Item 12.2 deferred to Committee of the Whole meeting on February 21, 2017.

12.3 South Shore Minor Hockey Association, Request for Assistance

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Tournament Assistance Grant of \$500.00 to the South Shore Minor Hockey Association for the Gary L. Wentzell March Break Tournament, March 15-19, 2017, to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department

Mr. MacLellan stated an application had been received from the South Shore Minor Hockey Association for the Gary L. Wentzell March Break Tournament and meets the qualifications for assistance.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.4 THRIVE! Facility Access Grant 2016/2017

Meaghan Roberts, Recreation Coordinator, and Diana Johnson – Physical Activity Coordinator, provided background on the THRIVE program (poster attached to the original set of Minutes).

THRIVE is an initiative by the provincial government to provide funding to communities for free physical activity opportunities at Queens Place Emera Centre and throughout the Region of Queens. Facility access grants are through the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage.

Activities initiated include POUND – Rockout Workout at QPEC and the Greenfield Recreation Center, indoor track use, public skates and pickle ball at the West Queens Recreation Center and the North Queens Community School. Additionally, Adult one-month fitness passes, which are distributed through the resource center, have been provided as have Youth passes, which are distributed through the school.

12.5 Selection of Two Representative Volunteers

Mayor David Dagley drew two names of volunteers from the names provided through the Ripple Effect Volunteer Recognition program.

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacLeod:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality nominate Heather Kelly of Liverpool and Mark Allison of Hunts Point as the Region of Queens 2017 Volunteers of the Year.

AND THAT they will represent the Region of Queens Municipality at the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony to be recognized with an award for their commitment to volunteerism.

Heather Cook, Community Development Coordinator, stated that members of the community submit names through the Ripple Effect Volunteer Recognition program and each year two volunteers are selected to attend the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Halifax, and this year the ceremony is April 18, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Caledonia Corner

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

THAT staff of the Region of Queens Municipality be directed to investigate alternative zoning solutions for the core area of Caledonia, with the intent of encouraging and supporting new economic growth within this district, and to report back to Council at a subsequent meeting on potential amendment options available, with a recommendation which has the capacity when accepted, to initiate the process necessary to effect said changes.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated the core area of Caledonia is zoned as General Residential (R2). The Municipal Planning Strategy and corresponding Land Use Bylaw require changes to accommodate for the commercial growth in the downtown area.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

There were no reports to come before this meeting.

15.0 OTHER:

15.1 Shared Services Agreement, Municipality of the District of Shelburne

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:

- 1. Approve the terms and conditions of a shared services agreement respecting the appointment of Building Officials with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne as per the discussion section of this report; and**
- 2. Appoint Andrew Goreham as back-up Building Official for the Region of Queens Municipality as per section 2.4 of the Building Code Act.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

15.2 Trial Shared Services Agreement, Bylaw Services, Dangerous and Unsightly Services

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter a Trial Shared Services Agreement for Bylaw Enforcement of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises in the Town of Lunenburg.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

15.3 Community Indoor Pool

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:

- 1. Continue to work with the Queens Community Aquatic Society to develop a budget and business plan for an indoor pool project, including construction and operation, and return to Council for final consideration;**
- 2. Commit to the development of the pool project as the priority recreation infrastructure capacity building project, including the deferral of all significant new funding commitments for new recreation services or recreation infrastructure, until the final decision to proceed or not is made; and,**
- 3. Continue to inform and engage with the public on program and facility design, budget development, and financial implications.**

Mr. MacLellan provided background on the community indoor pool, stating the Region has had many discussions with the Queens Community Aquatic Society. The QCAS provided a presentation to Council in December 2015 which identified a desire for a community indoor pool and again on January 24, 2017. Council directed staff to undertake a community meeting, which was conducted February 2, 2017.

The next step is to develop the concept, with input from the community, and to provide the financial implications and costs back to the community so that cost implications are understood.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 2:50 P.M.

15.4 Letter of Support

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Kelly:

THAT the Region of Queens Municipality consider placement of a Tiger Warrington Commemorative Statue within the Region of Queens, preferably a site that will highlight the wonderful achievements of this talented athlete. The Committee of Support for this project will look at sites available and will come back to Council with request.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 2:52 P.M.

16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 2:52 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 16.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e – deferred to February 28, 2017**
- 16.2 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e – deferred to February 28, 2017**
- 16.3 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e**
- 16.4 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e**
- 16.5 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a**
- 16.6 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

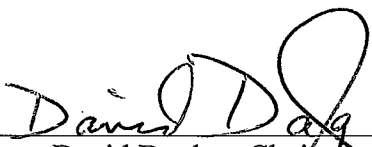
COUNCIL RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Muise that the proceedings exit the "In-Camera" session at 5:00 p.m.

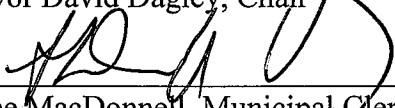
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

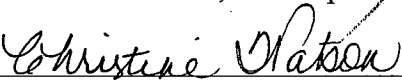
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Anne MacDonnell, Municipal Clerk & Coordinator



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: February 28, 2017

FREE PROGRAMS

AT Queens Place Emera Centre

Sponsored by

Thrive!

A plan for a healthier Nova Scotia

Thrive! is an initiative by the provincial government to create a healthier NS. Through this funding, more people in our community have access to physical activity programs and activities at QPEC and throughout the RQM. Facility Access grants are made possible through the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

FREE Noon Hour Track Usage
Fridays, 12:00 – 1:00
From January 6 – March 31

FREE Public Skate
Fridays, 5:00 - 6:00
From January 6 - March 31

FREE POUND
ROCKOUT. WORKOUT.

Sundays, 10:30 – 11:30
January 8 – February 26
* 15 participant maximum *
* Participants may phone 902-354-4422
to sign-up for class at
9:00 am each Sunday *
* Each class is first-come, first serve *

NS Heritage Day Activities
Monday, February 20

FREE Family Skate
2:30 - 3:30

FREE ZUMBA
kids

1:45 – 2:45

The ultimate dance-fitness party for young Zumba fans where they can play it loud and rock with friends! Age 5 – 12

* 20 participant maximum *
* Pre-register by February 17 *

FREE Adult Shiny
3:45 - 4:45

* Call 902-354-4422 to register *
* 26 player maximum *



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