

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017
9:40 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 9:40 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the agenda be amended as follows:

Move Items 13.1 and 13.2 before Section 3.0 Presentations, and Add Item 14.3 – UNSM Report (verbal).

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.1 Land Use Bylaw Zoning Map 1 – Housekeeping Amendments

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality adopt a bylaw respecting:

- 1. Rezoning of PID #70027776, and located at 87 Bristol Avenue in Liverpool, from Restricted Residential (R1) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3); and**
- 2. Rezoning of PID #70025457, and located at 23 School Street in Liverpool, from Restricted Residential (R1) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3).**

Mike MacLeod, Planner, provided background stating that the Land Use Bylaw incorrectly applied a zoning designation of R1 to the subject properties instead of R3 Multiple Unit Residential as they were previously with the former Town of Liverpool. This is a housekeeping amendment to correct the error on the mapping.

He explained that the RQM is required to go through a formal process, which is dictated through provincial legislation, to correct the error.

Further discussions with Councillors followed. Some highlights included:

- The need to rezone entire property as R3 Multiple Unit Residential, not just the piece of property where the existing building is located;
- Other parcels of land that may have been incorrectly zoned – to be reviewed by the Planning Department and any amendments brought back to council for approval;

Richard MacLellan, CAO, suggested seeking legal advice for clarification as Council may be taking away the current property owners rights by not passing the motion.

Mayor Dagley enquired if the motion passed if it would alleviate the need to seek legal advice.

Deputy Mayor MacLeod called a Point of Order to Mayor Dagley for making comments she felt would affect the vote of Councillors and stated the need to move from the Chair position.

Council recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Council went back in session at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. MacLellan stated that he was unable to obtain legal advice. Staff advises that the property owner may have rights respecting the mapping error. The property was multiple unit residential and the recommendation today is to do a housekeeping amendment. Council has three options:

1. Approve the recommendation,
2. Defer recommendation pending legal advice,
3. Reject—may be subject to liability to the property owner.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

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

THAT the agenda Item 3.1 Presentation be next on the agenda and Item 13.2 be deferred to its original place on the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Liverpool Regional High School

Todd Symes, Vice Principle, and Chris Framp, Physical Education Instructor, from the Liverpool Regional High School were welcomed to present to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- Showed aerial shots of various school campuses throughout Nova Scotia showing Tracks;
- Discussed benefits of having a Track in Liverpool:
 - promoting physical activity and mental well-being,
 - Track can be maintained by students and staff of LRHS, along with support from the SSRSB.
 - Track and Field Facility will have a multi-tiered affect on Healthy Active Living goals of students, their families and the community.
- Discussed potential events with a Track facility.
- Discussed estimated costs - \$120,000
- Timeline—start excavation in spring, open for use in 2018
- Ask of the Municipality
 - Letter of Support to use in grant proposals and funding requests
 - Help with grant writing, sharing of information of potential funds
 - \$50,000 of work “in kind” (excavation work)

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 enquired under Item 9.2 what was included with the sale of the Gorham School. He also commented under Item 13.3 for Council to reconsider the recommendation to maintain status quo.

Susan Inglis, Liverpool—Ms. Inglis, Special Olympics coach for Queens, commented on the LRHS presentation and the need for a Track and the advantages of having one in the area.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – May 9, 2017

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 9, 2017 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:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve:

- 1. The contribution agreements, valued at up to \$20,000, with Department of Municipal Affairs for the development of a Transit Business Plan and Pre-pilot implementations for a Community Transit solution for the Region of Queens Municipality; and,**
- 2. The funding of the municipal portion of this project, to a maximum of \$6,500 from Previous Years Operating surplus.**

Richard MacLellan, CAO, provided background stating in 2016 the Region of Queens Municipality received a grant from the Department of Municipal Affairs to conduct the first phase of the Transportation Research Project which enabled a lot of work around the feasibility of community transit solution. The work was done in consultation with a working group including a number of key stakeholders in the community including the Queens Care Society.

The findings were that potentially a community transit service may be feasible in Queens and that report was presented to Council. Applications for funding for the next two phases to pay for a business plan have been submitted.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Surplus Property Declaration

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality:

- 1. Declare the following properties as surplus for listing with a residential realtor or direct sale:**
 - **PID 70016159**
 - **PID 70017983**
 - **PID 70040423**
 - **PID 70027982**
 - **PID 70019872**
 - **PID 70071279**

- PID 70029483
- PID 70015532

2. Declare the following properties as surplus for listing with a commercial broker:

- PID 70018817
- PID 70018296
- PID 70028006
- PID 70246061
- PID 70246079

Mr. MacLellan stated there were 299 municipal properties listed on the Nova Scotia Property online during the review in 2016. This list is properties listed in residential areas.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

9.3 Surplus Declaration: Buckfield School

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality declare PID #70131651, 3969 Highway 210, as Surplus and direct staff to proceed with options to dispose of the property.

Mr. MacLellan stated this property was operated by a community group which ceased operations in 2016. The property which was previously the Buckfield School has been reverted back to the Municipality. The municipality has no use for this property; therefore staff is recommending actions to dispose of the property.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Verbal Update

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering, provided a brief update on capital projects.

Main Street - Reese to Wentworth

The concrete, curb and gutter on Main Street from Reese to Wentworth is installed on both sides of the road. The sidewalk will be installed this week, weather permitting.

Lower School Street

The services on lower School, from Main to the old pump station near the old Stenpro lands were completed last week. This enables the work to begin work at the intersection which will further enable the activation of water from Wentworth to School Street and then to the properties fronting that area.

Skate Park

Concrete elements have been cast. Miscellaneous details that need to be amended by the contractor on site. The electrical conduits that power the onsite electrical service at the site have been installed. Work will begin on the landscaping throughout the next two weeks. The viewing stand is expected to be erected the first week of June. We have secured 2 aluminum bleachers and will be located at the site.

Bike Park

Work will be ongoing, weather dependent.

11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.2 Land Use Bylaw Zoning Map 1 – Rezone Municipal Lands on Barss Street

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to adopt a bylaw respecting amendments to the Region of Queens Municipality Land Use Bylaw which would see:

- **Rezoning of PID #700221126 from Restricted Residential (R1) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3).**

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on June 20, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS, at 8:55 a.m.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, provided background stating that Council recently entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell parcel of land off Barss Street which is currently zoned as R1 (Restricted Residential) and in order for the developer to proceed, rezoning to a R3 (Multiple Unit Residential) classification is required.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.3 Amend Development Agreement – 290 Main Street, Liverpool – Residential Units on Ground Floor in Commercial Zone

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality maintain status quo respecting the number of ground floor residential units in building located at 290 Main Street in Liverpool.

Mr. MacLeod provided background stating that an application was received requesting an amendment to the existing development agreement to permit up to three additional residential dwelling units on the main floor of the existing building which is located at 290 Main Street, and is centrally located in the commercial area.

The application was discussed at the May 1, 2017 Planning Advisory Committee meeting with a recommendation to maintain status quo. Staff does not feel that the continued erosion of commercial space is in the best interest of the RQM and is also recommending maintaining status quo.

MOTION CARRIED with 5 in favour and 3 against.

13.4 Elm Street Renaming

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the renaming of Elm Street in Liverpool to Welder's Way.

Mr. MacLeod stated direction was given to Staff to initiate a process to have Elm Street in Liverpool renamed to remedy the confusion for couriers and emergency services as there is also an Elm Street in Brooklyn. A contest was held asking residents to submit names for consideration; 26 submissions were received.

Council was requested to review the proposed names and select their preference, which were tallied and Welder's Way was the top choice to be the new street name.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

Items 14.1 and 14.2 were included in the agenda package as information:

- 14.1 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – April 2017
- 14.2 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – April 2017
- 14.3 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Spring Workshop

Deputy Mayor MacLeod along with Councillors Johnson and Kelly attended the UNSM Workshop held at St. FX University, Antigonish on May 10, 11 and 12, 2017 (copy of report attached to original set of Minutes).

15.0 OTHER:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fiske that proceedings go In-Camera at 12:00 Noon to discuss the following:

- 16.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e
- 16.2 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e
- 16.3 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

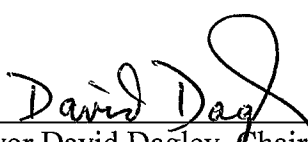
COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings exit the In-Camera session at 2:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

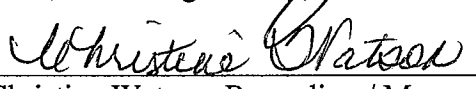
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance

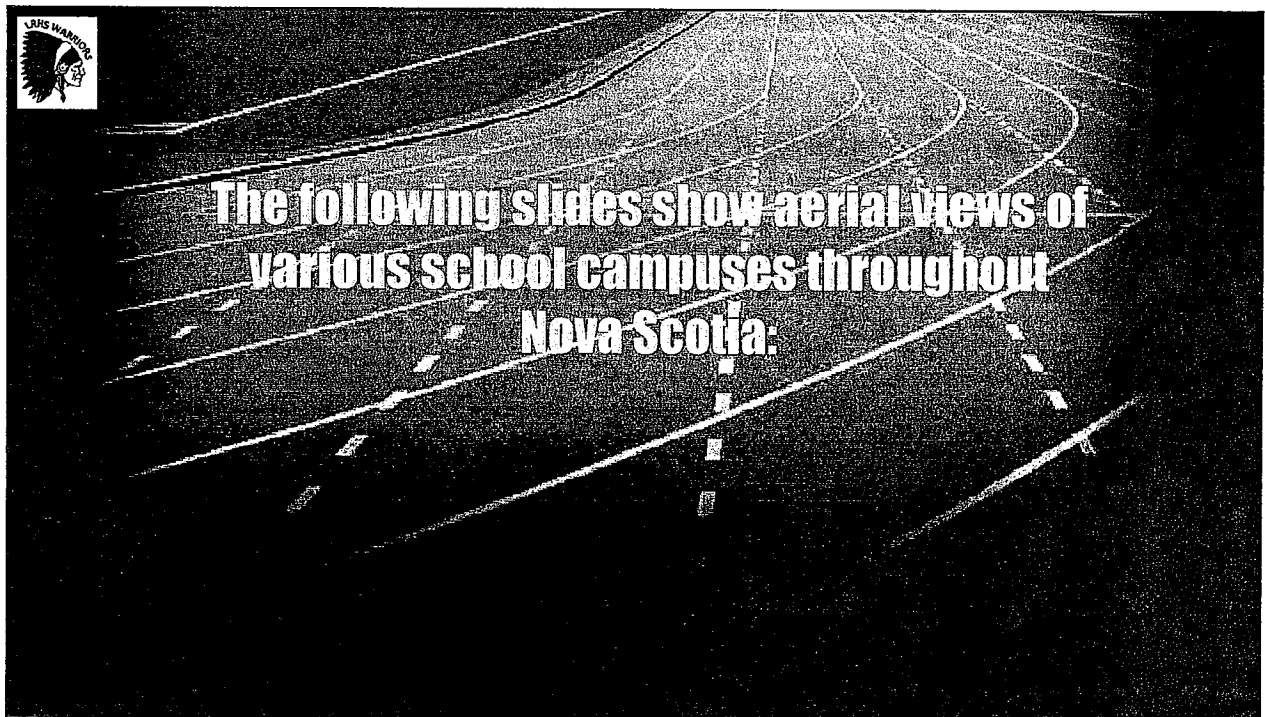


Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: 

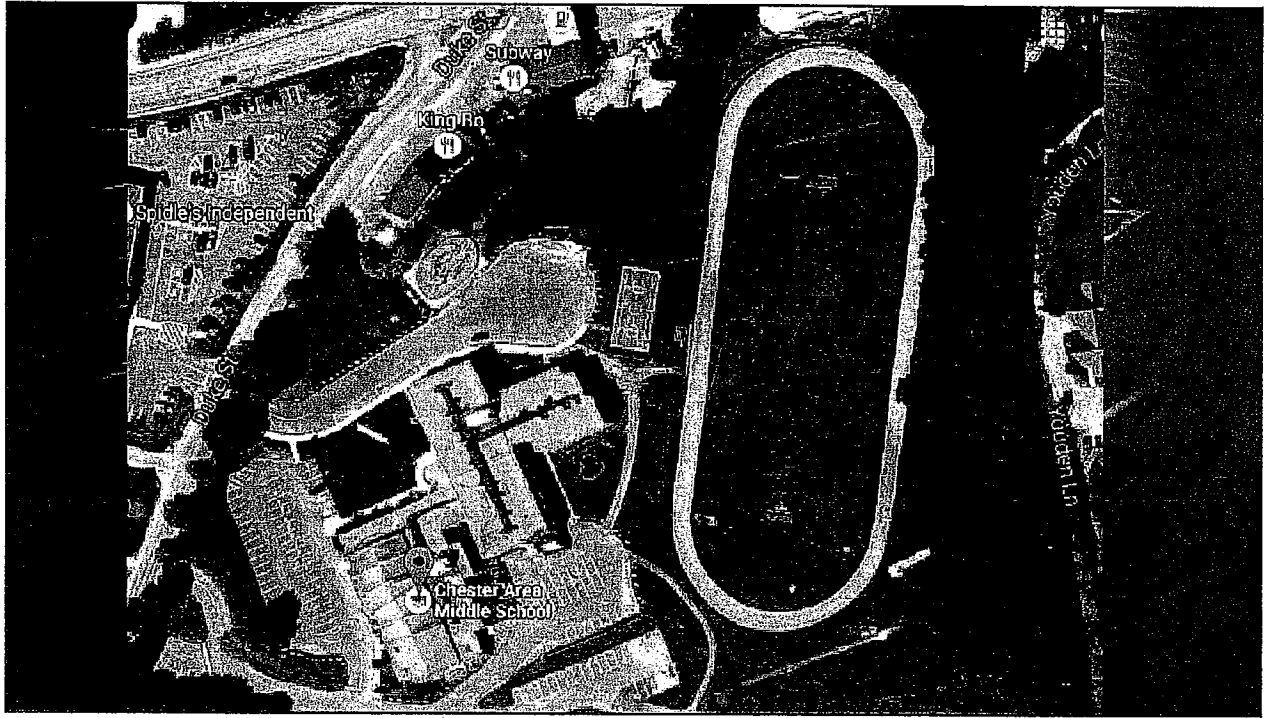


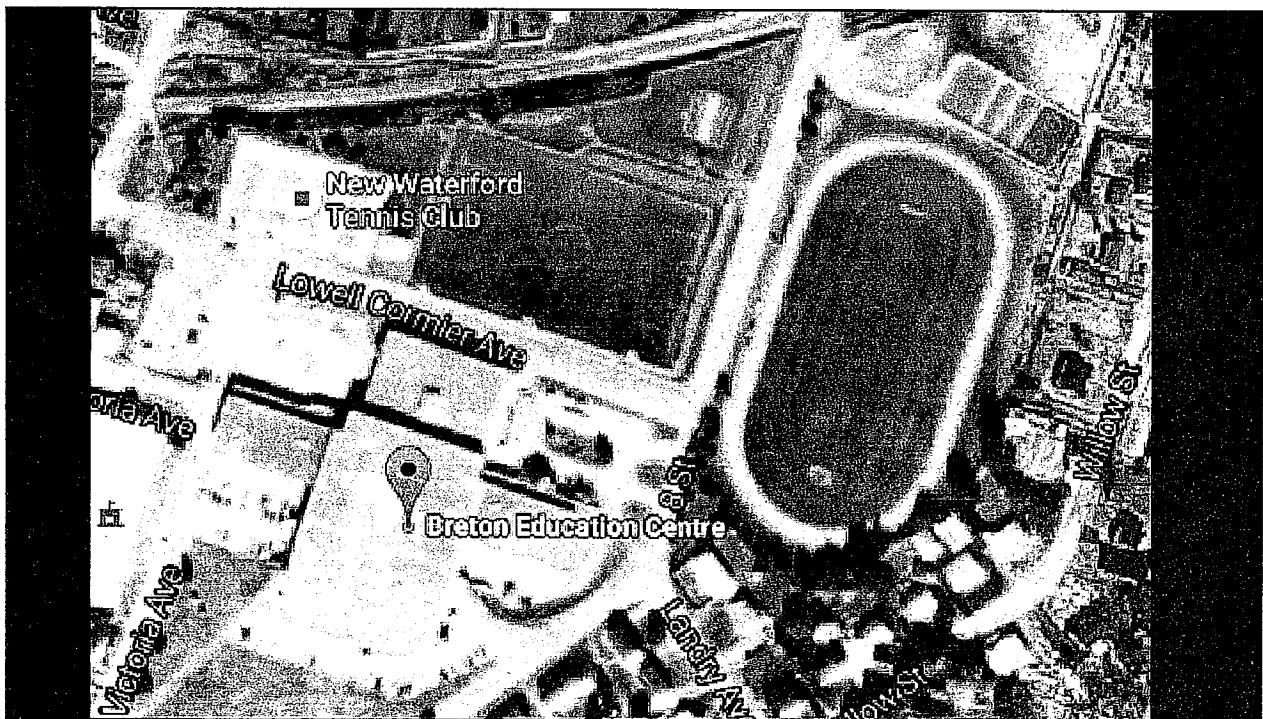
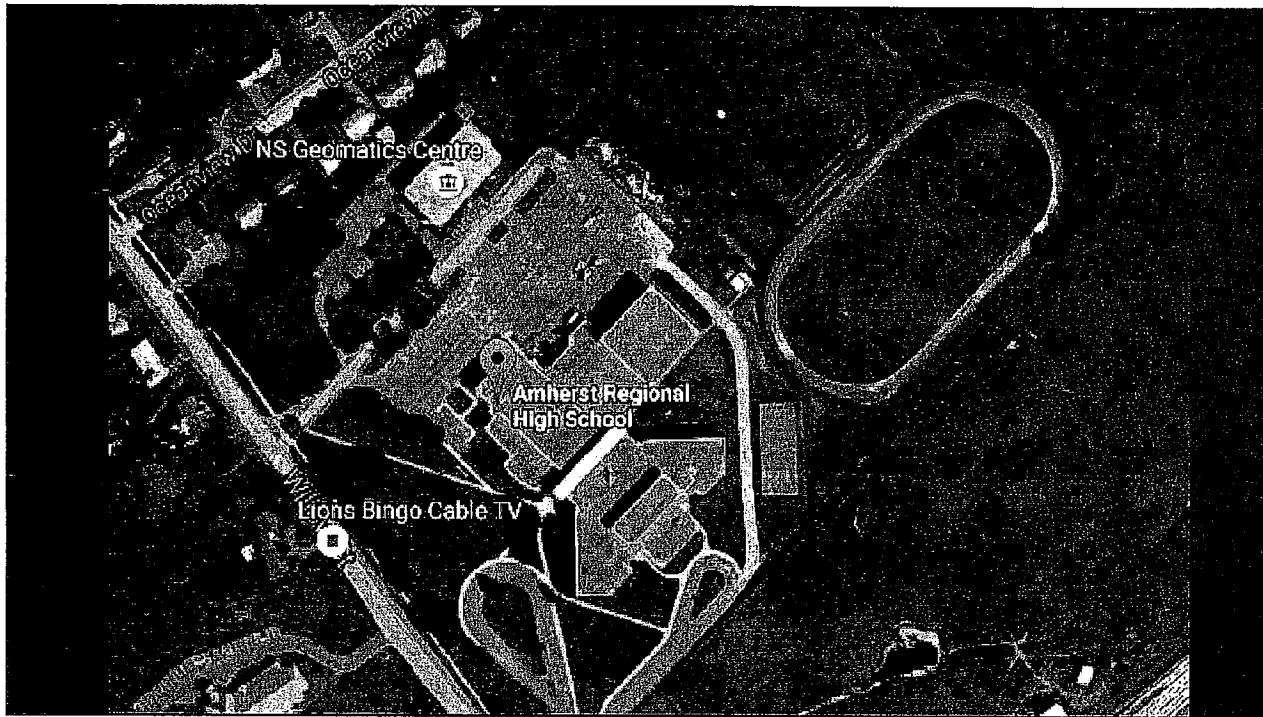
**Liverpool Regional High School
Track Project**

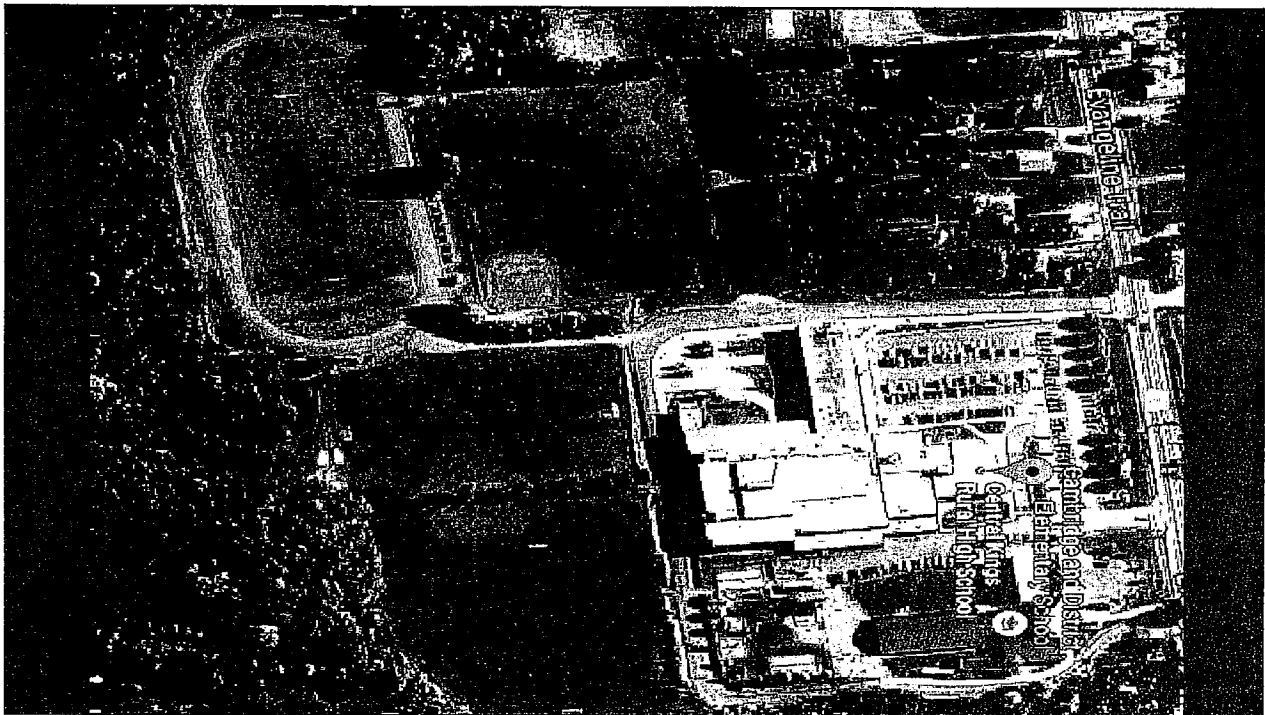
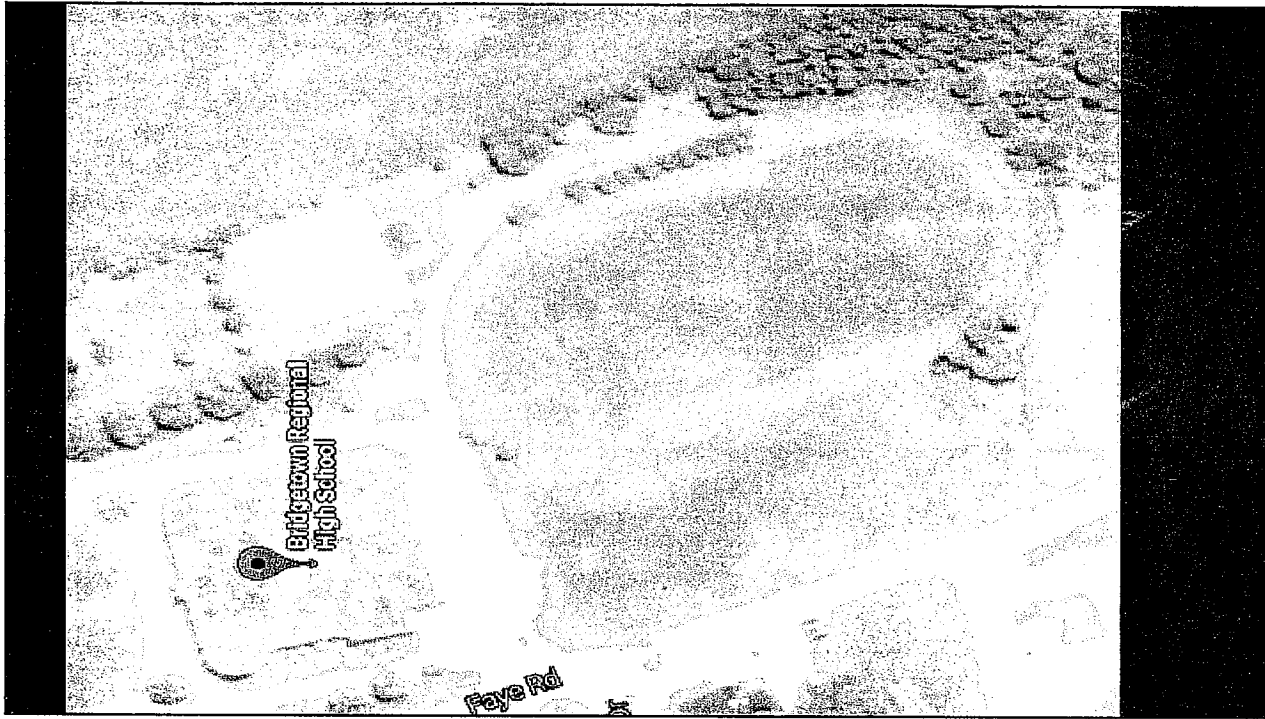


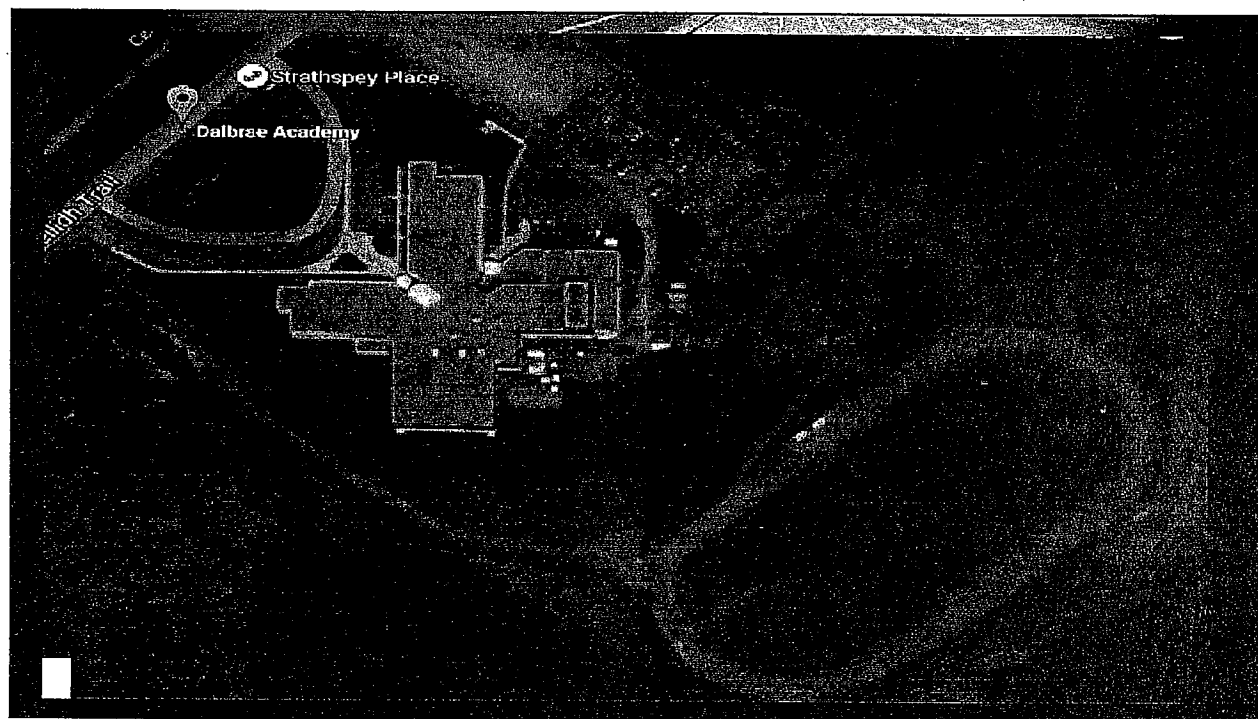
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various school campuses throughout
Nova Scotia:**

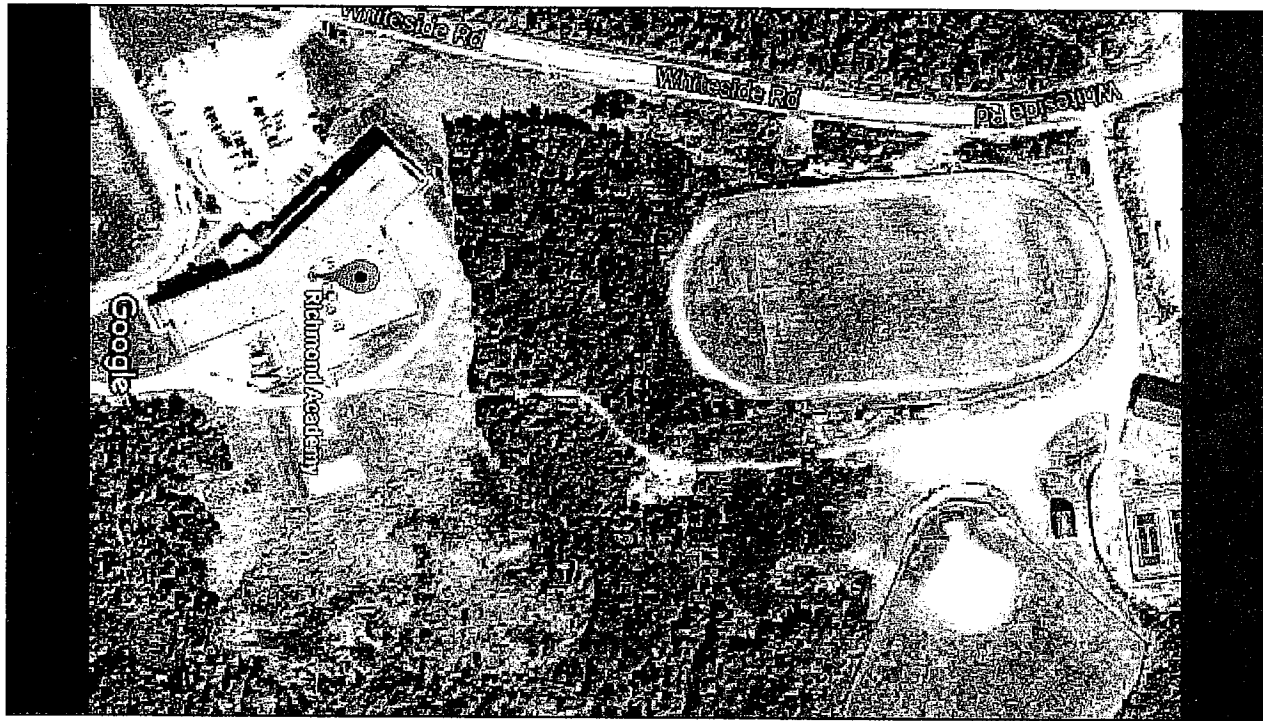


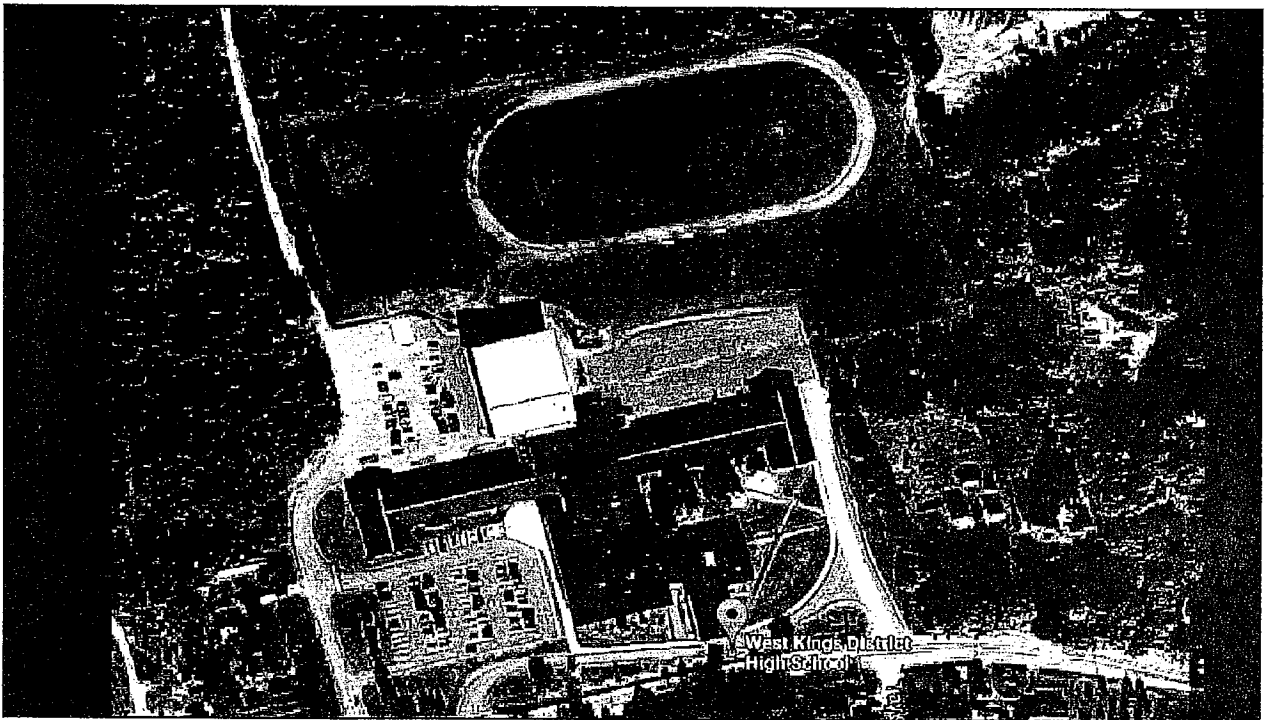


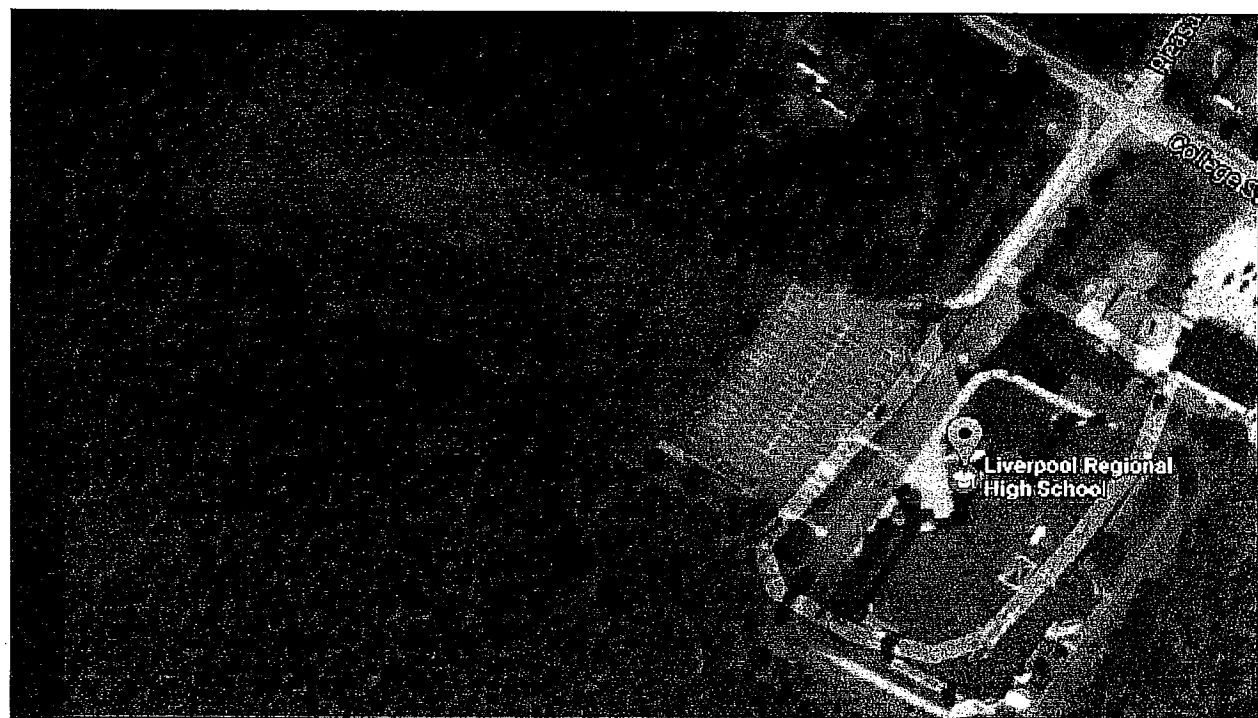
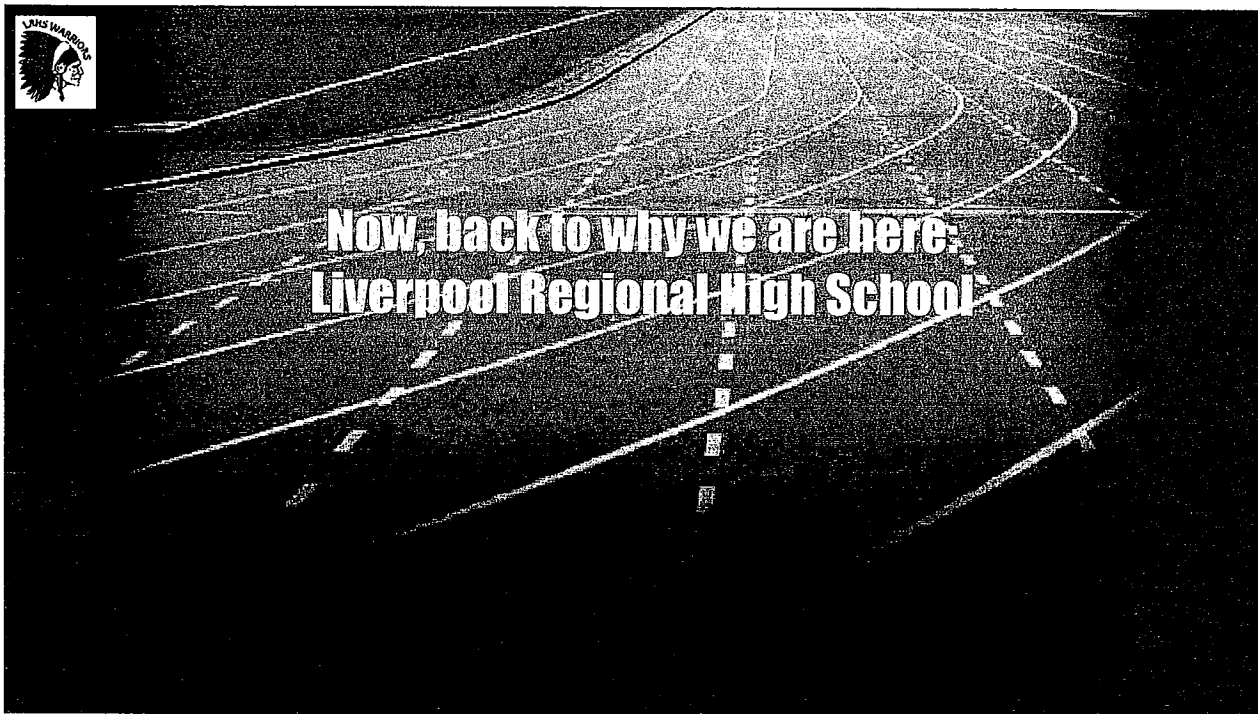


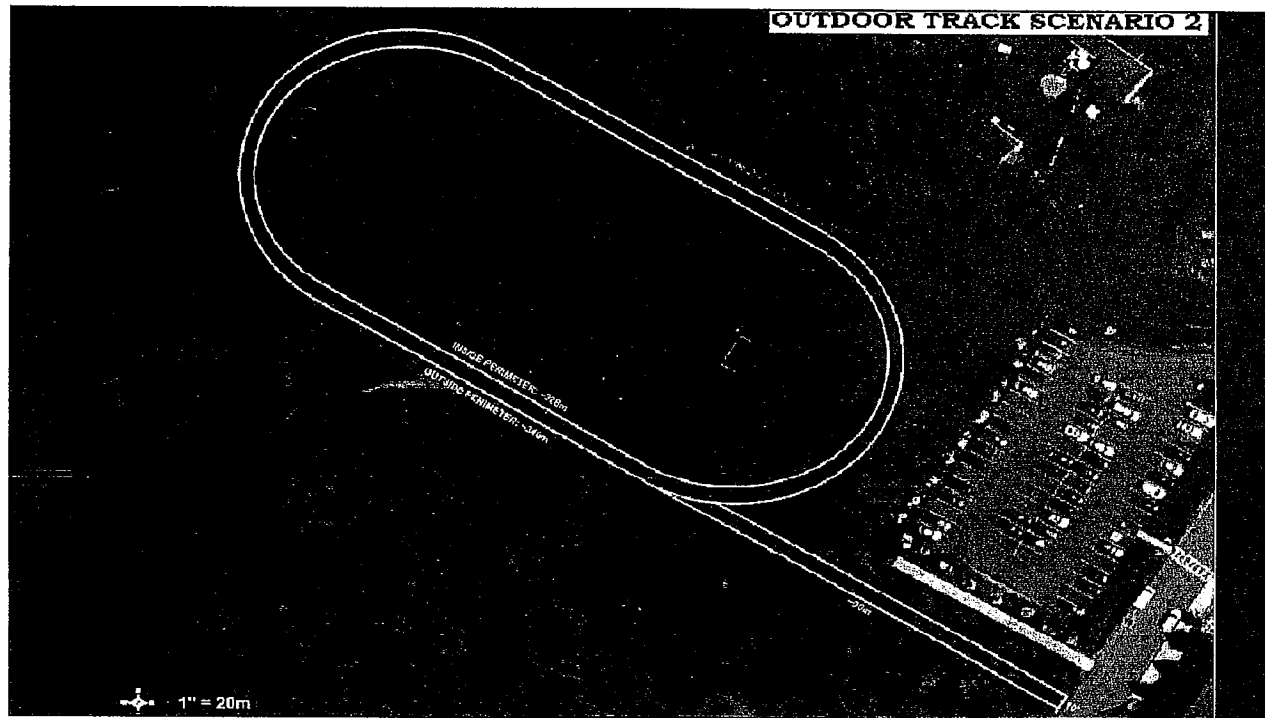











Benefits to having a Track in Liverpool

- Only 8% of Canadian boys and 4% of girls aged 6 to 17 meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines (Statistics Canada, 2011a) and approximately 64% of waking hours are spent in a sedentary manner (Statistics Canada, 2011b).
- Promoting physical activity and mental well-being are areas that have received increasing attention in policy and research related to youth populations. We believe making improvements to our current design by constructing a full service facility can greatly benefit these areas.
- Most Physical Activity programs are fee-based which presents significant financial barriers for many families across Queen's County. Our Track can be maintained by the students and staff at LRHS, along with support from the SSRSB.



The LRHS Athletic Department focuses on "Balanced Healthy Active Living" supported by programming that is accessible, affordable, inclusive and developmentally appropriate. Because Schools in our communities are a focal point for healthy active living, additional funding for projects that can significantly improve the comprehensive school health programs will provide our youth with an equal playing field, and offer all members of our community numerous health promoting opportunities over their life-span.

Given the *cross curricular nature* of the sport (ex: run, jump, throw), a Track & Field Facility will have a multi-tiered affect on Healthy Active Living goals of students of LRHS, their families, and the entire Queen's County community.

Creating healthy communities is a role we all share. By making improvements to the current built environment at LRHS, the community will be able to use the space in a more comprehensive way. This will promote healthy active living among our children & youth and provide a basis for a *Legacy of Healthy Active Living in Queen's County*.



Potential Events that could happen with a Track Facility in Liverpool Area:

- South Queens Middle School Track and Field team could host Track Meets, Events, Competitions
- LRHS Track and Field team could host events, meets as well
- Queens County could host "Run-Jump Throw"
- NSSAF Cross-County Meets
- Relay for Life, could be a host facility
- Queens County Manor and Liverpool Regional Hospital for rehabilitation services
- Canada 55+ Games
- Special Olympics
- Legion Track and Field Competitions



Things to Consider:

- Our Facility will be maintained by the SSRSB, no additional annual maintenance costs!
- Parking spaces made available for public access
- Well-lit environment
- Accessibility: Level ground, Barrier Free Facilities
- Great location, close to all regional amenities.



Estimated Costs to having a Track Facility at Liverpool Regional High School:

- Design and Consultation: \$20,000
- Mass Excavation: \$40,000
- Drainage and Infrastructure: \$20,000
- Aggregates for larger surfaces: \$10,000
- Landscaping & Make Good: \$20,000

Prices are best estimates without running into problems after penetrating soil.
Estimates provided by Anrew Streach, VP of Operations, Turf Masters



What are we Asking for from the Municipality of Queens?

- Letter of Support from the Municipality to use in grant proposals and funding request moving forward
- Help with grant writing, sharing of information of potential funds
- \$50,000 of work to be performed "in-kind" by the Municipality.



Thank you for your time and
consideration,
Liverpool Regional High School

Report to the Region of Queens Municipal Council
Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Spring Workshop
May 10, 11 and 12 in 2017 at St. FX University, Antigonish

This workshop was attended by Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod, Councils Gil Johnson and Heather Kelly. It was a pleasure and a great learning experience for us to attend especially since there had been no attendance by the Region of Queens Municipality at these sessions for many years.

Previous to the workshop, we attended a day session with Engage Nova Scotia. This organization is a coalition of businesses, community leaders and specialists who share and promote effective ways to bring the community, municipal leaders and other organizations together to discuss effective ways to get public participation in their efforts to improve living, learning and achieve thriving communities. This was great workshop, which resulted in lots of new innovative ideas complimented with enthusiasm for wanting to go forward.

The UNSM workshop included the Caucus meetings with members. We attended the Rural Caucus meetings, and participated in the discussions which were on the agenda. It was an opportunity to engage with other municipalities in what was important to them. Agenda items included: Physician Recruitment, Waste Reduction Innovation, Building International Relationships,, Gas Tax Fund and Asset Management, UNSM initiatives and working together with Municipalities and other Government levels. The Regional Enterprise Networks (REN) progress and discussions on effectiveness of this model and working together on Economic Development initiatives was discussed.

There was a session with several Candidates for the Upcoming Provincial Election. An opportunity for the UNSM and municipal Leaders to discuss the issues and topics on the minds of municipalities that effect their residents.

It was an Excellent Workshop with lots of participation and dialogue and Networking with other municipalities and towns who try to do the best for their residents and tax payers.

It was a pleasure to attend and we encourage our municipality to continue to be an active part of this organization UNSM. Which in fact are considering a name change...more of that to come...

Submitted
Susan MacLeod
Deputy Mayor