

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017
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.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: 16.5 Legal Advice MGA 22(2)g

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Helping Hands – Debbie Page and Annalise Parker

Mayor Dagley welcomed Debbie Page and Annalise Parker, South Shore Helping Hands, to Council to provide information on the initiative of SSHH. They are a group of volunteers who assist people throughout Queens County with household tasks that can no longer be done safely, e.g. picking up mail, running local errands, or simply changing a light bulb (copy of handout attached to original set of Minutes).

The contact number is 902-354-4789. Your call will be answered by a recording; please leave a message and your call will be returned with 24 hours.

3.2 Kejimkujik – Sophie Borcoman

Sophie Borcoman, Visitor Experience Manager, Kejimkujik National Park, was welcomed to Council.

Some highlights included:

- Three short videos were shown: Learning to Camp in Kejimkujik, Parks Canada and Syrian Refugees Experience.
- Programs offered: Dark Sky, Night Hikes, Learn to Paddle, Mersey River Still Water, Lantern Paddle, Bioblitz, Big Keji Picnic, Savour the Trail, etc.
- Reviewed new summer programs offered: Midnight Summer Dream and Tent Dwellers
- Reviewed their partnership with Whynot Outfitter; can provide canoes, bikes, standup paddle boards, sleeping bags and pillows, and provisions for any experience.
- Reviewed their partnership with Boxing Rock Brewing Co., a brewery in Shelburne, who have named a beer (Dark as Keji) as a tribute to the park. A portion of the proceeds from purchases supports the Dark Sky education programs at Keji (copy of brochure attached to original set of Minutes).

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 asked for a brief update on Privateers Days and RQM activities for Canada Day and the opening of the Skate Park.

Bill Cox – 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox enquired on the number of demolitions and if they were at the expense of RQM; Mayor Dagley stated they were the decision and expense of the property owners.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – June 13, 2017

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 13, 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:**

8.1 **Events Update**

Steve Burns, Manager of Events, Promotions and Sponsorship, provided an update to Council on upcoming events.

Tom Cochrane Concert – Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Doors and bar open at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Davison, opening act, will be on stage at 8:30 p.m. with the concert following at 9:00 p.m. This concert is the only stop in Nova Scotia this year.

Canada Day – Saturday, July 1, 2017

Canada Day festivities are taking place in Caledonia, Milton and Liverpool and area. To support these activities, advertisements were placed in The Breaker last week and will be again this week to advise people of the activities. In Liverpool, the events will take place at Queens Place Emera Center with the lobby and The Hub opening at 11:00 a.m. There will be Acadia First Nations Display and activities in the lobby. The arena will have Bouncy Kingdom Inflatables, Wilderbeats and Atlantic Cirque will be performing, and Little Rays Reptiles.

Mersey Skate Park, July 1, 2017

The Skate Park will be opening at 11:30 a.m. with special guest, Jesse Watson, Home Grown Skateboards in LaHave will be on site with other patrons to interact with skaters throughout the afternoon.

Councillor Fralic gave a brief update on the Privateer Days events, stating there were capacity crowds all weekend with full capacity Saturday night in the events tent. The Multicultural events were popular and drew huge crowds. Nova Scotia Tourism was on site filming on Sunday as well as Dash Board Bloggers, documenting the events. A more detailed report will be provided at a future Council.

8.2 Rural Internet Strategy Planning

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the procurement of consultancy advice to further the development of a broadband internet strategy. Funding up to \$5000 will come from the Regional Economic Development budget line.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, provided background stating rural internet is a priority for RQM, and need to have a better understanding of the potential solutions and priority areas in Queens so that a strategy is in place when funding becomes available for the internet in rural areas. This is of low cost, budget item which will assist in defining a path going forward, for future development.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

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

13.1 Rezone 137 West Street in Milton from General Residential (R2) to Institutional (I1)

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to rezone PID #70071725 from General Residential (R2) to Institutional (I1).

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on July 25, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS at 8:45 a.m.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, provided background stating a request was received from the Milton Canoe and Camera Club to rezone property located at 137 West Street in Milton to allow for their new club facility. Following the construction of the new bridge in Milton, the Club was forced to vacate their property and have been without a permanent location. The parcel of land is currently zoned as General Residential (R2) and in order for the Club to operate from this location the property will have to be rezoned as Institutional (I1).

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

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

- 14.1 Building Official's Monthly Report – May 2017
- 14.2 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – May 2017

15.0 OTHER:

15.1 Cannabis Symposium

Councillor Kelly attended the UNSM Symposium on Cannabis Legalization with other members including Brian Johnston, Lawyer with Stewart McKelvey, Craig Reid, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Kate Johnston, IWK Prevention & Health Specialist, Rebecca Jesseman, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, members from the Departments of Justice, Health and Wellness, Finance and Treasury Board, and Steve Skadron, Mayor of Aspen.

She provided the following facts:

- Federal Legislation – April 2017
- Anticipated legalization date – July 2018
- Provinces will decide legal age, enforcement tools, tax revenues and distribution
- Bill C45 – Proposed Cannabis Act and Bill C46 – Changing Criminal Code respecting Impairment of Drug and Alcohol will go through three readings through the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada
- Minimum legal age is 18
- Maximum legal possession is 30g
- Marijuana is authorized and not prescribed, and will cease to become an illicit drug
- No DIN for marijuana
- Expected market - \$5 – 7 Billion

Ms. Kelly stated the Mayor of Aspen, Steve Skadron, provided information for Colorado, noting that there was no appreciable increase in crime since legalized, but a Marijuana Council was created to help recognize, mitigate and deal with any issues.

UNSM Symposium presentations are available at:
<https://unsm.ca/cannabis-legalization-session.html>

15.2 South Shore Regional Library

Councillor Fralic, liaison for the Library Board, provided an update to Council. For future consideration Council may want to consider extending an invitation to Troy Meyers, South Shore Public Libraries, to present their strategic plan.

15.3 Veterans – Exempt Parking

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality request a staff report on the viability of allowing vehicles displaying the Veterans license plates to be exempt from Municipal parking meter fees.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Muise that the proceedings go In-Camera at 10:50 a.m. to discuss the following:

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

- 16.4 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c
- 16.5 Legal Matter, MGA 22(2)g

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCIL RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES AT 10:50 A.M.

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the proceedings exit the In-Camera session at 12:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

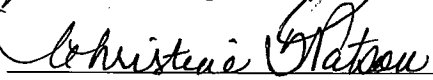
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.



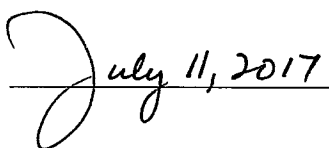
Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



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Date Approved: 

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

South Shore Helping Hands (SSHH) is an initiative to activate a volunteer base to assist people within their homes with occasional household tasks that are becoming too difficult or that can no longer be done safely.

Some examples

- Running local errands
- Changing light bulbs and batteries
- Picking up mail
- Changing water containers or picking up water at the well -Garbage/Recyclables/Green Bin to the curb - Letter writing and phone calls -Social visits/Reading

We will do our best to meet your needs!

If you have a need that is not listed in the examples simply ask and if possible we will assist.

HOW IT WORKS

-CALL 902-354-4789

-YOUR CALL WILL BE ANSWERED BY A RECORDING -LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND YOUR REQUEST -MESSAGES WILL BE CHECKED DAILY BY 10:00 A.M.

-YOU WILL RECEIVE A RETURN CALL WITHIN 24 HOURS

WE DO NOT DO PERSONAL CARE OR DISPENSE ANY MEDICATIONS.



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Dark as Keji is our tribute to Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site.

Enjoy this #NSCraftBeer knowing that a portion of the proceeds will go to support Dark Sky Preserve education programs at Keji.

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