

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Gilbert Johnson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Deputy Mayor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

1.2 Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2017

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the June 20, 2017 minutes be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 MPS Review

Richard MacLellan, CAO and Mike MacLeod, Planner; made a presentation to Council on the Municipal Planning Strategy project review (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Following discussions, staff will provide Council with a report that will address the long term approach.

3.0 IN CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 3.1 Property Matter MGA 22(2)a
- 3.2 Personnel Matter MGA 22(2)c

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Council recessed for 5 minutes at 10:10 a.m.

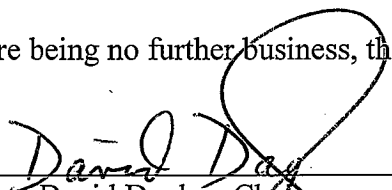
Councillor Fiske left Council Chambers during In Camera at 12:20 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacLeod that the proceedings exit the "In-Camera" session at 1:39 p.m.

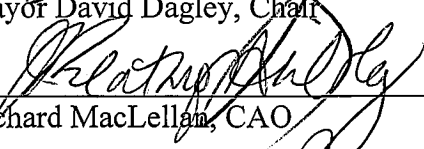
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

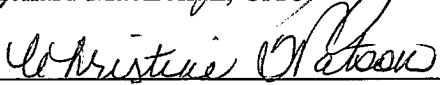
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair

per 

Richard MacLellan, CAO



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved:

October 17, 2017

Committee of Whole Discussion:

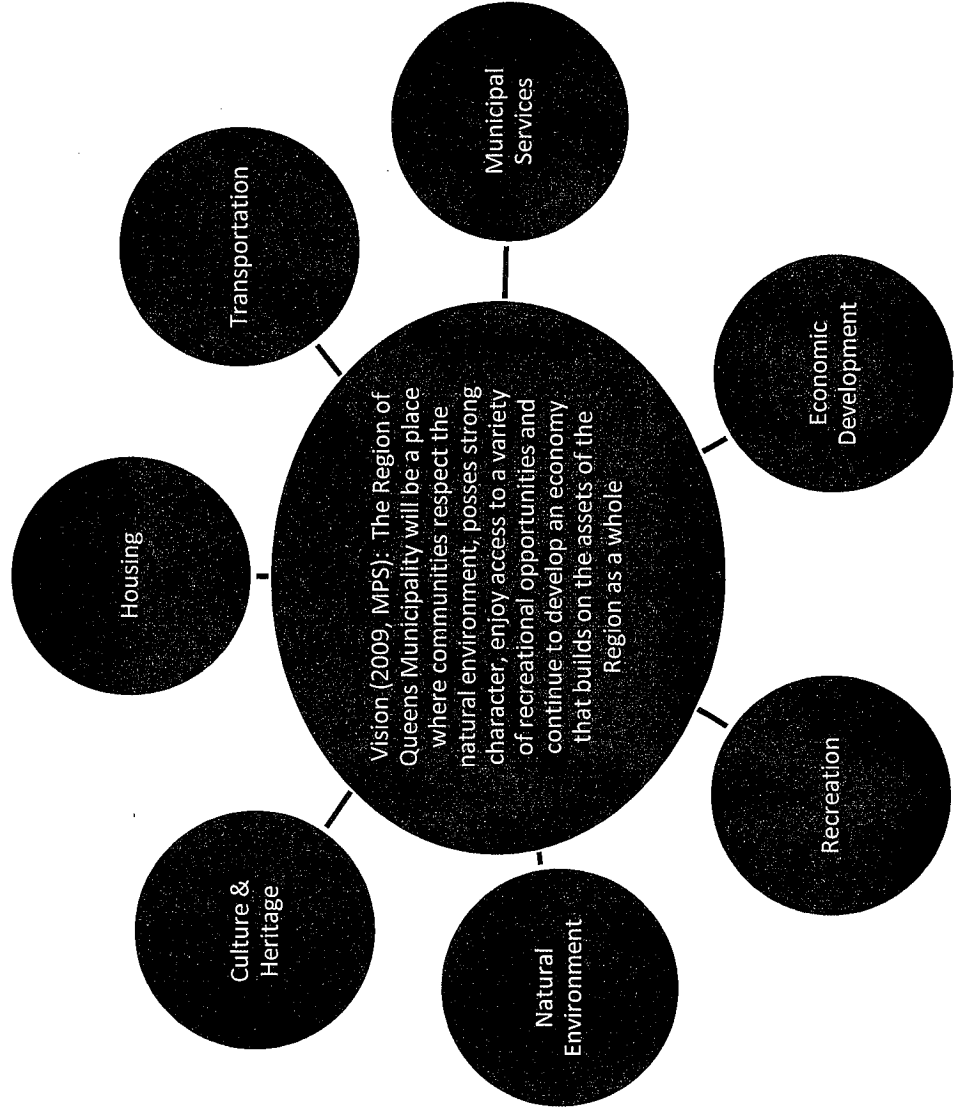
**Scoping the Municipal Planning
Strategy Review Project**

September 2017



Region of Queens Municipality

Municipal Planning Strategy



Goals of the Region of Queens

Municipal Planning Strategy

- *promote a wide range of housing options throughout the Region to meet the needs of all residents of Queens, including new affordable housing units, high-end condominium development and senior's housing;*
- *encourage economic development by building on the Region's strengths, recognising the importance of improved infrastructure and identifying the potential of undeveloped lands for new, or expansion of, commercial and industrial related operations;*
- *encourage land development within the Region of Queens Municipality that protects the quality of the natural environment and the safety of all residents, through such means as sewage collection and treatment, maintaining safe drinking water supplies, establishing development setbacks from water courses, and recognition and protection of environmentally sensitive areas;*
- *promote recreational opportunities of both an active and passive nature within the Region as a major contributor to a high quality of life for both residents and visitors alike;*
- *recognize institutional uses such as churches, schools and hospitals as integral parts of our communities that contribute greatly toward a higher quality of life;*
- *recognize the importance of the Region's culture and heritage and encourage the protection of historically significant properties and promoting the historic character of all communities;*
- *utilize and properly manage the Region's transportation infrastructure, which includes alternate modes such as active transportation;*
- *grow our communities through new road, sewer and water infrastructure thereby enabling new economic growth and improving the health and welfare of our residents, while at the same time achieving a balance in maintaining existing infrastructure assets and seizing every opportunity to repair or replace deteriorating systems;*
- *establish clear rules for implementing a Region wide strategy, which reflects community concerns and is acceptable to the people of the Region.*

Requirement to Review

Policy 12.1.1.4

It shall be the intention of Council to review this MPS when the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations considers it necessary; or when Council considers it necessary; but in any case it shall be reviewed not later than eight (8) years from the coming into force of the Strategy or from the date of the last review.



MPS Review

- When is set out in Policy
- How is up to the Council of the day

*We would like to discuss our
proposed approach today*



How will we scope our Municipal Planning Strategy Review?

Option: To conduct a full scale review of the goals, the vision, the policies.

Requires:

1. Comprehensive study of progress on all goals:
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Municipal Services (Infrastructure)
 - Culture & Heritage
 - Natural Environment
 - Recreation
 - Economic Development
2. Broad Public Engagement Program
3. Development of new Policy Set



How will we scope our Municipal Planning Strategy Review?

Option: To conduct a focused review based on Council priorities.

Requires:

1. Comprehensive study of progress related to priorities
2. Focused Public Engagement Program
3. Development of new Policy Set



Approach

Full Scale Review

Likely a \$200,000 to
\$300,000 project

Likely a 2 year project

Initiated every 8 Years

Focused Review based on Current Priorities

Likely a \$50,000 to
\$100,000 project

Likely a 1 year project

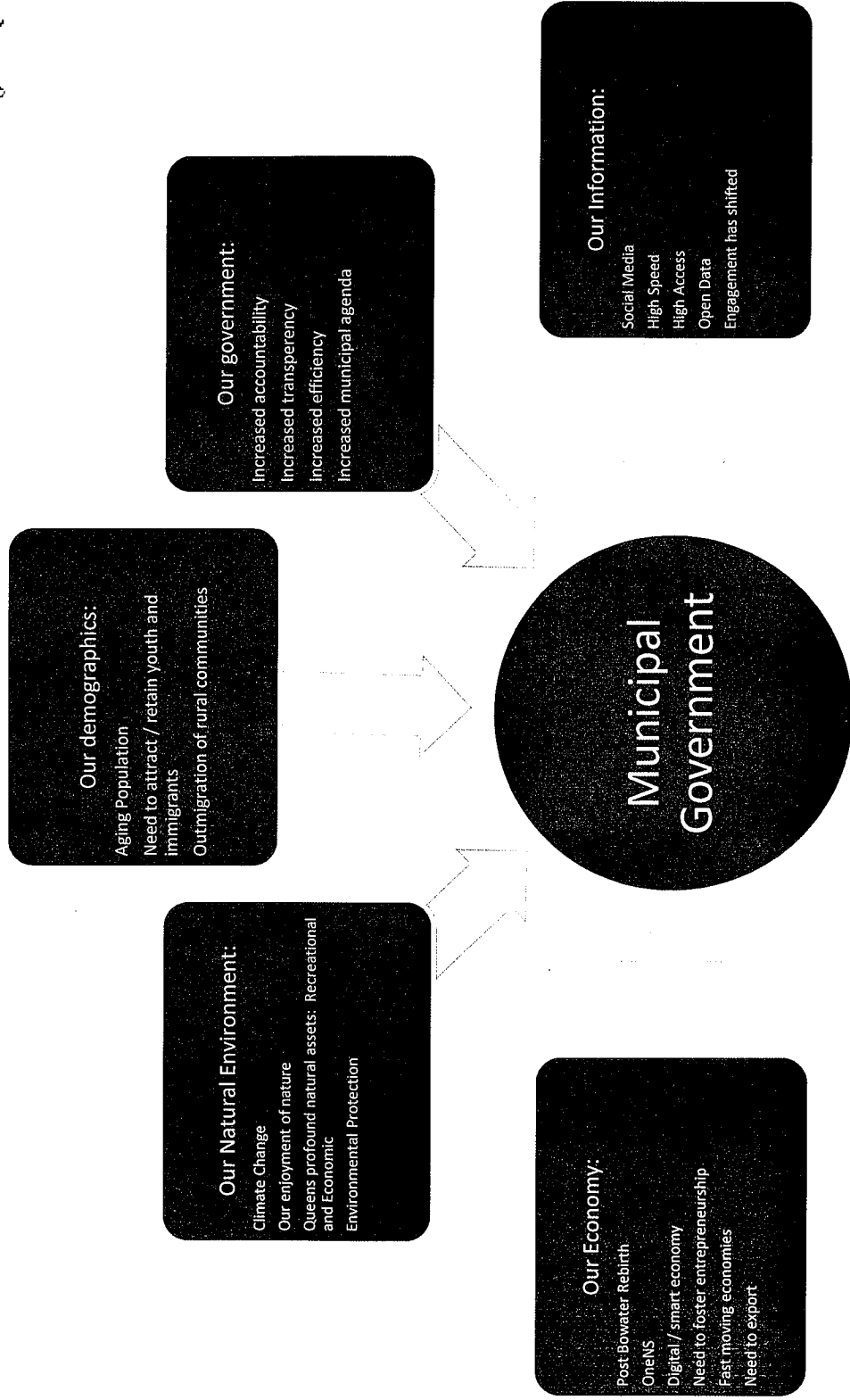
Ongoing



Strategic Planning



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Strategic Priorities



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2016 to 2020 Council Priorities		
Growing the Population and Economy	Delivering Desirable Municipal Services	Governing to Best Practices
2017 – 2018 Organizational Goals		
Revitalize Downtown Core	Invest in Infrastructure and events that will improve lifestyle in Queens	Maintain and develop quality infrastructure
Actions		
Scope review of Municipal Planning Strategy focused on Downtown Revitalization	Provide council with a municipal broadband action plan	Review Capital Plan in 5 and 10 year lens based on current priorities.
Develop a municipal marketing strategy to inform 2018 budget and actions.	Scope review of Municipal Planning Strategy to respond to development and housing pressures.	Progress Asset Management Strategy in coordination with Gas Tax obligation, with priority on data collection: flood mapping, condition assessment.
Engage with downtown business and examine opportunity for a Business Improvement District	Support development Business Plan for Community Transit solution.	Prepare Cost of Service Study for Utility and Review Board Water and Wastewater Rate application.
Gather decision supporting data: Traffic and Pedestrian counts, vacant land, assessment of missing products / services	Develop community events: concerts, expos, and sporting events.	Develop project readiness for federal infrastructure funding.

Staff Recommending



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MPS is to be reviewed more frequently than 8 years based on Council Priorities.

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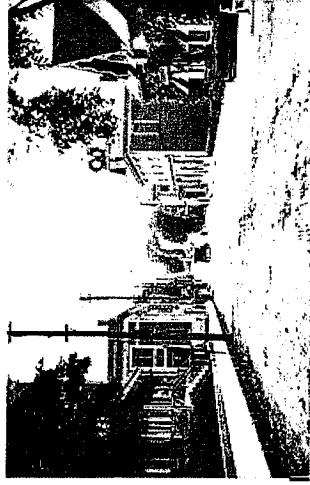


Current Scope

Two key components of this phase would include:

Economic Development and Revitalization of Liverpool's and Caledonia's Downtown Core
 Responding to Housing Development Pressures

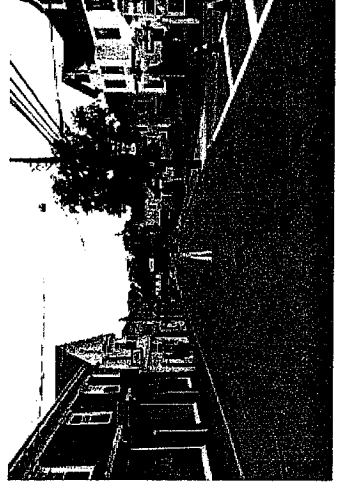
Downtown Revitalization



1920's

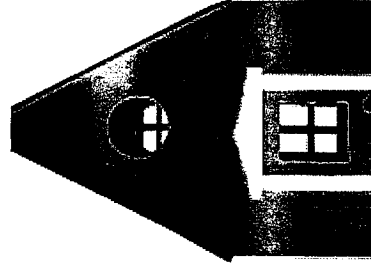


1970's



2017

Respond to Development and Housing Pressures



Healthy affordable housing options

for all, at every stage of life

Thank You



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