

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Dagley, Chair  
Councillor Kevin Muise  
Councillor Heather Kelly  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Gilbert Johnson  
Councillor Raymond Fiske  
Chris McNeill, CAO  
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations to come before this meeting.

Mayor Dagley announced that the flags at Queens Place Emera Centre and the Region's Administration Building are flying at half mast due to the tragedy in Humboldt.

**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 offered his comments on the budget presentation held April 10. He further enquired on the revisions to the Hospitality and Code of Conduct policies under Section 9.0 on the agenda. He was advised revisions are required under the *Municipal Government Act*.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – March 27, 2018

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 27, 2018 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 Repeal of Bylaw No. 5 Respecting the Firing of Guns

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality give first reading to a Bylaw to Repeal Bylaw No. 5 Respecting the Firing of Guns.**

Councillor Fralic enquired about the effect this repeal would have during festivals. Chris McNeill, CAO, advised the Region has no authority and advised to contact the RCMP with any requests.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9.2 Policy 3 – Hospitality

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 3 – Hospitality.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9.3 Policy 7 – Council and Staff Expenses

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 7 – Council and Staff Expenses.**

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the under Item 7.5 the wording “under 50 kilometres” be inserted after “electoral district”.**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against and reads as follows:**

7.5 All council travel within one’s electoral district under 50 kilometres is deemed to be incidental to the discharge of one’s’ duties and be included in the one-third tax fee allowance of the elected official’s remuneration.

**MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.**

9.4 Policy 74 – Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Public Committee Members

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 74 – Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Public Committee Members.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Councillor Fiske declared a Conflict of Interest and left Council Chambers at 6:18 p.m.

9.5 Renewal of Fire and Medical First Response Dispatch Agreement

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality enter into the proposed 5-year fire and medical first response dispatch agreement with Valley Communications effective April 1, 2018;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on Council's behalf.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Councillor Fiske returned to Council Chambers at 6:20 p.m.

**10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

**11.0 FINANCE:**

11.1 Grants to Organizations

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Friends of Hank Snow Society in the amount of \$8,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Liverpool International Theatre Festival in the amount of \$4,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Mersey Band Society in the amount of \$1,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Milton Community Association in the amount of \$500 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Milton Heritage Society in the amount of \$750 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to North Queens Board of Trade in the amount of \$1,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to North Queens Farmer's Market in the amount of \$500 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to North Queens Heritage Society in the amount of \$750 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Councillor Johnson declared a Conflict of Interest and left Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to North Queens Medical Centre in the amount of \$4,150 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Councillor Johnson returned to Council Chambers at 6:38 p.m.

Councillor Fralic declared a Conflict of Interest and left Council Chambers at 6:38 p.m.

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Privateer Days in the amount of \$10,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Councillor Fralic returned to Council Chambers at 6:39 p.m.

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Privateer Farmer's Market Cooperative Limited in the amount of \$500 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to CJQC Radio Society (QCCR) in the amount of \$1,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Fair Association in the amount of \$10,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Museum in the amount of \$5,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens Learning Network in the amount of \$1,000 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to South Queens Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$600 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association in the amount of \$500 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Muise:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Winds of Change Youth Theatre Group in the amount of \$750 from its 2018-2019 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

### 12.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

**It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fralic:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the draft Terms of Reference for Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors effective July 1, 2018;**

**AND THAT advertisements and recruitment for Board Members begin immediately.**

In response to Councillor Kelly's enquiring if existing committee members can apply as Board Members, Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation and Healthy Communities, stated yes and they would be assessed on their merits, as other applicants. She also encouraged youth to apply.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 12.2 Termination of Lease with Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality provide notice to Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia that subject to Section 9(a) of the lease agreement between Region of Queens Municipality and Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia entered into on August 20, 2014, that Region of Queens Municipality will terminate the lease between the parties effective April 30, 2018.**

Ms. Roberts stated the Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia has requested to terminate their lease as they have not been using the space and use satellite offices in Halifax and Yarmouth. The intention is to find another leasable tenant.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 13.0 PLANNING

### 13.1 Rezoning Re Gorham School Properties

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to amend Region of Queens Municipality Land Use Bylaw which would see:**

- 1. Rezoning of PID#'s 70018296 and 70028006 from Restricted Residential (R1) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3); and**
- 2. Rezoning of PID#'s 70018817, 70246061 and 70246079 from Institutional (I1) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3);**

**AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on May 8, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS, at 8:45 a.m.;**

**AND THAT prior to the Public Hearing, the property purchaser provide Council with details on the proposed residential development, including but not limited to, a detailed site plan, building design drawings, number of units, sidewalks and landscaping;**

**AND THAT all costs associated with the amendment process be borne by purchaser of lands, Gregory Thomas.**

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated on January 9, 2018 Council approved entering into a purchase and sale agreement to sell municipal lands known as the former Gorham School lands. In order to facilitate a multiple unit residential development for the properties, rezoning to Multiple Unit Residential (R3) is necessary. The land transaction is scheduled to close at the end of May and the purchaser has requested to initiate the rezoning process to save time and speed up development.

**MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.**

#### **14.0 REPORTS**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

#### **15.0 OTHER:**

##### **15.1 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities – 2018 UNSM Priorities**

Following discussions, five issues will be submitted to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as the Region's 2018 priorities (copy of letter from UNSM attached to original set of Minutes):

1. Age friendly places / seniors,
2. Economic development,
3. Housing,
4. Solid waste system and extended producer responsibility, and
5. Police services.

##### **15.2 Council Implementation Report – January-March 2018**

Councillors asked for an update to outstanding lists of action items from 2017. Mr. McNeill to follow-up and provide at an upcoming Council meeting.

##### **15.3 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Spring Workshop**

Mayor Dagley, Deputy Mayor MacLeod and Councillors Kelly, Fralic and Johnson confirmed their attendance at the UNSM Spring Workshop being held May 10 – 12, 2018 in Yarmouth.

Mayor Dagley asked for consensus to suspend the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Consensus was given.

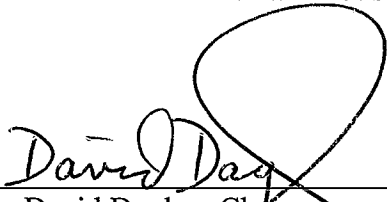
#### **16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

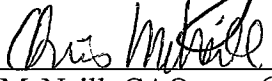
There were no items to come before this meeting.

**17.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

  
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Mayor David Dagley, Chair

  
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Chris McNeill, CAO

  
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Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: April 24/18





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March 22, 2018

By E-mail

Mayors/Wardens  
All Units

Dear Mayors/Wardens:

Further to the E-mail we sent to the Membership yesterday, we are requesting that you include the discussion of UNSM Priorities on your Council Agenda.

UNSM continues to evolve its process of developing a collective voice for municipal priorities and concerns, and is seeking Council feedback on the most important matters you would like UNSM to address in its advocacy work and in its workplan.

Over the last few years, UNSM has been working to improve its effectiveness in its advocacy work and member engagement. For example, revisions to the resolutions process were made in order to develop a clearer focus on the most important matters for municipalities across the province. Last year's resolutions resulted from a broad consultation effort with municipalities and a process to choose the top ones to be forwarded to the province.

Comments received during and after last year's resolution process suggested Councils should be involved, not just individual members. The link between resolutions and UNSM priorities was also noted as perhaps not being as strong as it could be.

The five top resolutions from 2017 certainly represent significant issues for municipalities, and will not likely be resolved in the short run. Municipal funding, the CAP, physician recruitment, internet connectivity and roads will see progress in the next few months, and will need to be reassessed in the fall. Knowledge gained over the next few months may suggest revisions or refinements to the actions being taken in support of these priorities.

In addition to these areas, UNSM is working on a number of other files. The Board has identified ten as being of significant importance, and would like councils to identify which of these matter the most to Councils. The results will help UNSM focus its advocacy efforts and workplan. Please note we have not included the current 5 resolution topics, as they are already a priority.

In order to consolidate the responses in time for the Spring Workshop, Councils are asked to provide feedback on your top priorities by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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Please see below the suggested priorities for your consideration. Please discuss and provide your top issues to UNSM with an explanation of why it is important to your Council, how it impacts your community, and suggestions as to how you would like to see it addressed.

#### Potential Priorities

1. Age friendly places/seniors: as our community demographics lean towards more seniors, municipal supports may include planning, community transit, socialization through recreation or other initiatives, safety support, etc. A number of initiatives are underway in many communities, best practices could be better shared, and innovative solutions developed.
2. Cannabis legalization: while impending provincial legislation will determine the framework for the municipal role in legalization, it will take time and resources to understand the implications for municipalities.
3. Code of conduct: a workshop planned for April will assist in identifying possible changes to the MGA to add authorities for actions in response to breaches in a code of conduct, there will be work required to develop appropriate legislation, resources and tools to assist councils in ensuring the code is sustained.
4. Economic development: The REN model is developing across most of the province, but there remains major challenges in our economic viability. There is work to be done to better support the RENS and to identify further tools to facilitate economic growth.
5. Housing: The availability of affordable and quality housing is a concern throughout the province. In some areas, the lack of housing is impacting negatively on economic development. In some areas suitable housing may be available, but the location, without adequate public or community transit, is not helpful.
6. Immigration: population in the province is aging and decreasing. Studies are showing economic growth in the province will be limited without more immigration. The factors impacting the ability of communities to attract and retain immigrants needs to be understood and enhanced.
7. Municipal modernization and municipal government act revisions: The Fiscal Review Report identified the need to create a new way for municipalities to deliver local services. Through the review of the Municipal Government Act, it became clear municipalities need to be enabled to do more. Amalgamations and annexations are allowed in the MGA, but have expressed the need for



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alternative ways of working together. The status quo will not serve our citizens well, we need to be creative and open to finding new ways forward. This is about creating a new approach to meeting the needs of our communities.

8. Minimum planning standards/regional planning: there are challenges in the ways communities and adapt to more frequent and extreme weather, housing and transportation demands, and economic opportunities, and in how we protect the environment and quality of life. Minimum planning standards and/or regional planning may be appropriate tools to better plan infrastructure and service delivery.
9. Solid waste system and extended producer responsibility: The cost of disposing of garbage has been increasing at a significant rate. A review of the solid waste system is just beginning, and recommendations on improving the system will be forthcoming. Extended Producer Responsibility, where those producing waste printed paper and packaging are made responsible for the disposal of the waste, is a tool used in more and more provinces.
10. Police services: even without the legalization of cannabis, the costs of policing have been increasing significantly and the trend is likely to continue. We need to find new ways of addressing these costs, respecting police services and addressing the social and economic conditions contributing to the costs of these services.

Feedback is requested by April 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Geoff Stewart'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Geoff Stewart  
President, UNSM

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cc: Chief Administrative Officers/Clerk-Treasurers