

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor David Dagley, Chair
Councillor Kevin Muise
Councillor Heather Kelly
Councillor Brian Fralic – arrived 9:25 a.m.
Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Gilbert Johnson
Chris McNeill, CAO
Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

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 Fiske and seconded by Councillor Muise that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION

3.1 G. Cecil Day – Beverley Day Burlock

Mayor Dagley welcomed Beverley Day Burlock to Council.

Mrs. Burlock provided background on her father, G. Cecil Day, Editor at *The Advance* in Liverpool, NS (copy of Biography attached to original set of Minutes).

Mrs. Burlock enquired about recognition options for not only her father, but others who were involved with successes of *The Advance*. Mayor Dagley agreed to investigate options and consult with her.

Councillors and Mayor Dagley were invited to attend the unveiling of a plaque recognizing G. Cecil Day at The Advance Building, 271 Main Street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

3.2 Queens Community Aquatic Society – Celeste Johnston

Mayor Dagley welcomed Celeste Johnston to Council.

Ms. Johnston provided an update on the Queens Community Aquatic Society (copy of presentation attached to the original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- Background on Queens Community Aquatic Society
- Results of two questions asked during survey
- Numbers concerning size of pool and construction costs
- Summary – Challenging demographics and economy in Queens and comparable sites
- Limitations of Study – Questions answered in an unbiased manner and costs provided were only estimates.
- Update from MJMA – They were originally part of Architect 49 and know Queens Place Emera Centre, and have a copy of their plans.
- Next Steps
 - Requesting commitment from RQM for \$4 Million for construction, which would require a tax increase by 1 – 2 cents each year for 4 years.

- Call for Tenders
- Decision re contract
- Federal and Provincial governments approached
- Fundraising

Mayor Dagley thanked Ms. Johnston for the presentation. Staff will review the information provided.

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 thanked both presenters for their presentations. He enquired under the Aquatic Society's presentation, if the tax rate increase would raise the required amount of money required. He commented on the change to the Councillors and Mayor's one-third tax free pay.

Gordon Kennedy, Hunts Point – Mr. Kennedy stated he moved to Queens County four years ago. He voiced his concerns over the potential increase to the tax rate as part of the Aquatic Society's ask from the RQM.

Kim Williams, Barss Street, Liverpool – Mrs. Williams stated that swimming plays a huge part to her health and voiced her opinion in favour and the benefits of having a pool in Queens.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – August 28, 2018

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held August 28, 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:

8.1 Business Façade Program Update – Richard Lane

Richard Lane, Community Economic Development Coordinator, provided an update to the Business Façade Program. To date four applications have been approved and accepted, totaling \$11,322, for replacement of windows and painting / siding. An additional two applications have gone through the approval stage, but the applicants have not yet accepted the Letter of Offer, totaling approximately \$6,000.

We are in receipt of applications that are incomplete, totaling approximately \$9,000. Applicants have been contacted for additional information.

It was noted that applications are still be accepted.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Request for Councillor Training

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve registration for Councillor Heather Kelly in the Executive Certificate in Local Government program through Dalhousie University.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Request for Councillor Expense Account Funding – Councillor Gil Johnson

Councillor Johnson stated he is aware of a budget line for incidental expenses for Councillors in the budget which is referenced in the 2020 Vision document, and is seeking clarification and the guidelines when submitting expenses. He provided an example for an expense which was denied; a community meeting held at his initiative to gain input from his constituents.

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated there is money available under the Community Economic Development for Municipal functions and training in the community. The one-third tax free portion allocation of Councillor's salary is intended for Councillors to use for work within their constituency such as hosting public meetings.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE:

11.1 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve a cost of living increase of 2.7% effective the thirteenth payroll of the 2018/2019 fiscal year, to all non-unionized, full-time and part-time employees excluding Hillsview Acres.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Nova Scotia is 2.7% and Canada is 3.0%. The budgeted amount for 2018/2019 included an estimate of 2.0%.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Policy 27 – Respecting Remuneration for Mayor and Councillors

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality amend Policy 27 – Respecting Remuneration for Mayor and Councillors, as attached, to reflect Federal Government income tax calculation changes effective January 1, 2019.

Mrs. Keating-Hubley stated recent changes to how the federal government calculates income taxes for Municipal Councillors means they will no longer be eligible for tax exemptions on one-third of the remuneration. To compensate in their take home pay, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website was used in calculating the increase to their pay to ensure no loss of net pay for Council members.

Chris McNeill noted the Policy is outdated and has not been updated.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Ticketpro Contract

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality enter into the proposed three-year contract with Ticketpro Inc. beginning September 11, 2018 and ending September 10, 2021, with the option for the Municipality to renew for three additional one-year terms at the same terms and conditions.

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.0 REPORTS

There were no reports to come before this meeting.


15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

There were no In-Camera items to come before this meeting.

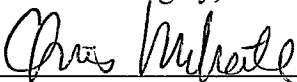
16.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Muise that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

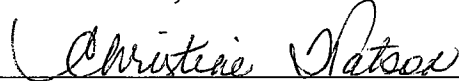
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: September 25, 2018

G. Cecil Day

In earlier days, every weekly newspaper in North America came out on Thursdays. But The Advance which announced the death of its former editor came off the presses on Wednesday August 25, 1976, the day of his funeral, in the 99th year of its publication.

G. Cecil Day died Aug 21 at the age of 78, one week after receiving the Sydney R Stone Trophy at the 57th CWNA (Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association) convention in Halifax, where he'd been honorary chair. Overwhelmed and speechless for once in his life, Cecil was presented the trophy by Mr. Stone. The citation read: In recognition of meritorious achievement in the service of their fellow man and their community, with great appreciation for their ceaseless effort and personal self-sacrifice. His peers gave him a standing ovation, long before they became commonplace.

It was not his first award, but culminated a remarkable career for a lad from Worthen, Wales, originally refused entry into Canada because he'd had polio at 3 years of age. His master grocer father had decided things might be better for his 5 children in Canada, but it wasn't until an Anglican minister signed for Cecil's care, that the family sailed to farm in PEI, via Pier 21 in Halifax. Cecil had his 13th birthday Easter Sunday on the boat, sick as a dog.

Though he'd never farmed before, in 6 years Mr. Day won the award for most improved farm, now part of the vast Vesey's Seeds farms, and promptly moved to Charlottetown to open a shop. Because of Cecil's mother's persistence in massaging his limbs, Cecil finally regained the use of his arms and one leg, but spent the rest of his life on crutches.

Despite the fact that President Franklin Roosevelt had polio 20 years after Cecil, with all the medical advances, plus his wealth and power to support him, the president still concealed his disability because 'society didn't recognize the ability of handicapped people to perform demanding duties'. Cecil had no such luxuries. He took 6 years of missed schooling in 3 and entered pre-law at Prince of Wales College at 16. He often walked the 7 miles home to Little York on weekends.

However, with shortage of funds, as well as shortage of workers because of the war, Cecil left college after one year to work as night editor with the Charlottetown Guardian - 10 hours at \$3 a week. His parents provided \$1 so he could pay his board of \$3.50. Having discovered he'd taught himself the Linotype, the next year he was offered a day job, 9 hours at \$6 a week.

The next year he moved to the Daily News in New Glasgow, getting \$14 a week on the Linotype. He continued some law studies as night and, over his 10 years there, added reporting to his repertoire, including covering the courts and sports. He also helped form the provinces' first softball league. He moved to the Sydney Post Record for two years and then, deciding he needed some weekly experience if he was to have a paper of his own, he moved to The Pictou Advocate, where he was also correspondent for the Halifax Chronicle.

In 1931 he came to The Advance in Liverpool where he saw the potential from the Mersey (then Bower) mill boom - despite the shock of finding the paper's facilities located behind the post office in an unfinished barn, 18x28, heated with a potbellied stove with one 60 watt light on a long cord. The press was hand-turned, the paper sheets hand-fed. Then owned by elderly James Clements, the paper had been founded by Senator Edward M Farrell and his brother, Thomas in 1878.

Cecil married Elizabeth Harlow in July 1937. Mr. Clements died that December and money had to be found to purchase the paper. Since the banks wouldn't look at a "crippled foreigner", he found assistance in the Senator's sister, Miss Mary A Farrell, who again loaned him funds in 1940 to build a magnificent new two story fireproof brick building on Main Street - a daring and bold venture, especially one year into WWII.

That year Cecil won his first awards - for the best ad, the best job printing and as the Second Best Weekly in all of Canada.

Three years later he was the first recipient of the Calnan Trophy for best community service. In 1945 an article in Canadian Editor & Writer likened him to Horatio Alger and in 1951 he was the first recipient of the RC Smith Trophy for the most progressive weekly in Canada.

In 1956, Time Magazine had an article in its June 11th issue celebrating his 40 years in the newspaper business. Ten years later, the Halifax Chronicle Herald featured him on the front page, celebrating his half century, and CWNA presented him with the prestigious Golden Quill Award for distinguished service to the weekly newspaper profession.

By this time The Advance was the first tabloid sized paper in Nova Scotia. It had grown from 4 to 16 pages, the staff had increased from 3 to 14, and the \$100,000 valued shop was one of the best equipped in eastern Canada. The circulation, having climbed from 700 mostly unpaid to 3,300 prepaid (eventually it would exceed 5,000 audited) was the highest weekly circulation in Nova Scotia. Hardly a week passed without The Advance being cited on the CBC national radio program Neighbourly News, mainly because of the large number of community correspondents - as well as his editorials.

Cecil's interest in politics began in Pictou and he ran twice for the Liberals in Queens County, federally and provincially, and served as town councilor. During WWII he was PR chair for Victory Loans, publicity agent for war services, fund-raiser for the Greek fund, Spitfire fund and Queens Canadian fund.

He was VP of Liverpool Community Club, Softball Assn president, Playground Assn president, Hospital Board Trustee, Board of Trade president. He was on the Queens County Historical Assn and the NS Boy Scouts Assn executives. A member of Kiwanis for 32 years, he then established the Lions Club and rose to District Governor. He was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias and an honorary member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Among the many certificates of merit and appreciation he received were ones from The Canadian Red Cross and the International Assn of Civil Defense Public Information Officers, the only one received by any Canadian paper.

He was President of both the Atlantic Weekly Newspaper Assn as well as CWNA, and was made honorary life member of both. While president of CWNA in 1957-58, he visited 300 weeklies across the country. He was Director of Class A Weekly Assn, a member of the Georgia Press Assn and the Commonwealth Press Union. In the mid 60's, a Maclean's magazine survey, seeking possible suggestions for the Senate, mentioned his name which was promoted by The Herald. From then on his office door bore a sign plate: The Senate.

Once the paper moved to the new building, the masthead and all business stationery contained a picture of the main door with the slogan "Open Door to Queens County". His office was visible to all who entered the building, its door was always open. One wonders if that's why Cecil was always working late, evenings, weekends, holidays, overtime, because anyone who came through always had free access to chat with him.

People brought him the first, best, biggest and weirdest of everything. Countless people received a leg up because of Cecil's encouragement, support or assistance, including our world-famous award-winning photographer Sherman Hines. With his hearty laugh and love of practical jokes, Cecil was the life of a party.

Neither disability nor discrimination ever stopped Cecil. He traveled the world, beginning with his first US trip to the New York World's Fair in 1939. He made 4 trips to Europe, one as Maritime UNESCO representative, and visited Japan, Hong Kong, Hawaii and Africa. He was presented to two popes, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, several prime ministers, including Diefenbaker and Joe Clark whose father had a weekly paper, and several premiers, including Henry Hicks. I donated a letter to him from Hank Snow to the Snow museum.

He regularly updated his knowledge by faithfully attending the leading-edge seminars at CWNA conventions. Since he only missed two conventions, he crossed Canada many times. On one rail trip, a bullet shot through the window of his train compartment. Many weekends were spent traveling Queens County, visiting communities and the people, and Nova Scotia, visiting other editors. Always he promoted Liverpool and The Advance, handing out countless imprinted souvenirs. For one overseas trip, he and his wife had suits made of Nova Scotia tartan. She also had an NS tartan purse.

The fact his stories and editorials were written directly to the linotype, error free, was legendary. He was usually the first to purchase and promote the latest equipment and new methods. Knowing other printing was essential to staying afloat, he vigorously pursued printing jobs, including printing high school yearbooks and the award-winning Mersey Quarterly.

After 37 years with The Advance, Cecil retired in 1968 at age 70, sold the multi-award winning paper and traveled 45,000 miles. The year before, The Advance had the highest growth rate in recorded history. He continued to write his candid, forthright and fearless editorial column One Man's Opinion until his death, 61 years a newsman. At 75 he took up painting and finally accepted a wheelchair.

In One Man's Opinion he promoted every worthwhile project, offered suggestions, gave criticism when he felt it was required. For years he promoted the filling in of the rat-infested waterfront with its rotting wharves to create a riverside boulevard where people could observe the sunsets. For decades he also promoted the construction of a museum. He didn't live to see the completion of either. Having promoted the twinning of Liverpool with its namesake in England, he was partially responsible, along with Bowater Mersey officials, for the presentation of the mayoral chain and mace for this town's bicentennial.

Mr. G.R.T. Ayling, Cecil's assistant for 12 years, described Mr. Day as ever optimistic, never satisfied with the status quo, having a desire for progress, unfailing energy, and being generous to a fault.

That Anglican clergyman truly recognized great potential when he saw it.

Report and Next Steps

September 2018

Quick Background QCAS

- Formed 3 years ago
- Goal to see a year round pool in Queens
- Conducted survey of close to 1000 residents, 90% want a pool but money an issue
- Met with five companies who responded with an interest in pool
- Created social media outreach, presence at Privateer Days
- Asked and received funding (\$6k each) from ROQ and NS, for study by aquatic facility consultants, Burke and Oliver

Results

- Addressed two questions:
- 1) What type of facility would suit Queens?
- 2) Identify magnitude of costs

Numbers

- 4 lane 25m lap pool
- Shallow teaching/lounging pool
- Large slide
- Waterfall
- \$10m construction (based on \$600/sq ft)
- \$140-185k annual operating cost based on 1000 users

Summary

- Challenging demographics and economy in Queens
- However, two similar-sized and economically comparable sites indicate
 - an aquatic centre can be a long term asset to a small community.
 - particularly effective public investment
 - accommodate a wider range of activities for people of all ages and abilities than any other type of active recreation facility
 - modern pool would help support the Relocate to Queens initiative

Limitations of Study

- Burke and Oliver answered our questions in an unbiased manner
- The costs they provided were only estimates

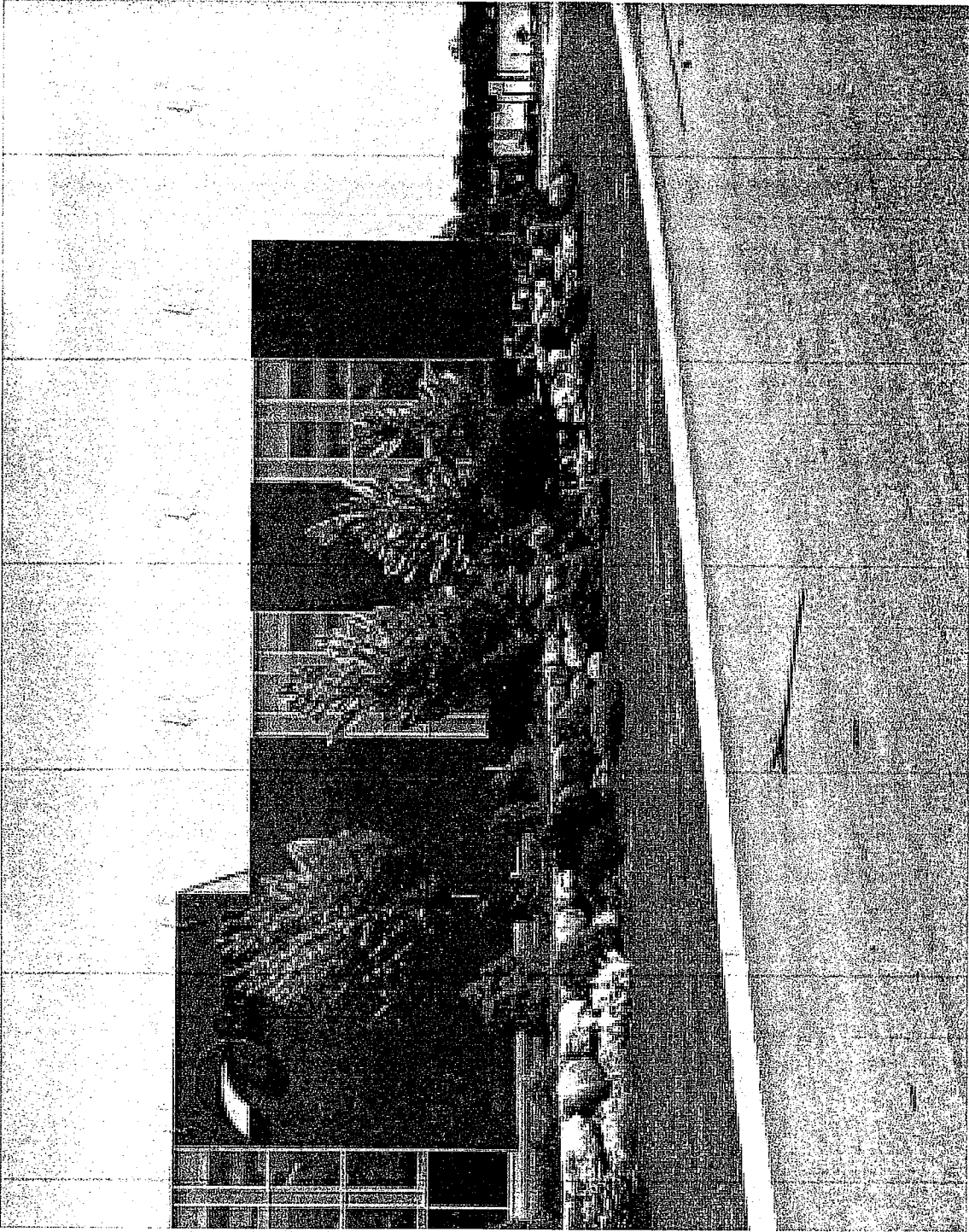
Update from MJMA

- MJMA were originally part of Architect 49 ie know QPEC, have plans etc
- Have contract in East Hants where they are currently building large aquatic facility
- Estimate is now \$12-\$13 million

Next Steps

- Commitment from RoQ for \$4m for construction
- Would require tax increase by 1-2 cents for ~4 year period
- With that a Call for Tenders
- Decision made re contract
- Federal and Provincial governments approached for \$4m each
- QCAS does corporate and private fundraising for fund to support operating costs

- Ready to do footwork, meet with governments, knock on doors of private and corporate potential donors etc
- Ready for the past 3 years (we are the third group over 20+ years to work on having a pool)
- Must have commitment from Region that indoor aquatic facility is high on the list of projects for Queens
- Essentially, QCAS cannot move forward without indoor aquatic facility being visible as a project that is a priority for the Region



Additional slides

Benefits of aquatic exercise including swimming (From Cochrane Reviews)

- Toddlers overall development improved
- Mobility in seniors, arthritis, chronic pain
- Increased lung capacity in persons with asthma, COPD, CF
- Increased activity in persons with CFS, claudication
- Calming for various mental health conditions

Indoor pools in NS

- Bridgewater
- Yarmouth
- East Hants
- Truro (
- Halifax (5 facilities)
- Bible Hill
- Wolfville
- Sydney
- Amhearst
- Greenwood
- Meteghan River
- Pictou
- Port Hawkesbury
- Lower Sackville