

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Raymond Fiske

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 MacLeod and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the Agenda be approved as amended:

**Add: Item 11.2 – Budget Update
Item 15.2 – Contract Negotiations**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 United Way – Michael Graves

Mayor Dagley welcomed Michael Graves, Coordinator, Lunenburg County United Way, to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

Is a Community partner with Mental Health and Addictions, who have a number of clients who would benefit from participating in a recreational activity, but due to low income are unable. Some recreational activities include free swimming, skating, Aquafit and yoga at the LCLC, free full access day passes to the YMCA, and free walking passes to the HB Studios Sports Centre. These free passes allow the client to bring up to 2 guests for support at no extra charge. Is asking if Queens Place Emera would provide a free gym membership to a client in the Liverpool area.

United Way Lunenburg County directs funding to the following focus areas:

- All That Kids Can Be
- Poverty to Possibility, and
- Healthy People, Strong Communities

In 2018/2019, invested \$119,511 in 29 local programs.

Reviewed the programs that benefit residents of Region of Queens.

Deputy Mayor Heather Kelly stated the need for a coordinator in Queens County and enquired how to achieve this. Mr. Graves stated the community would need to raise money through a number of business payroll deductions.

Councillor Gil Johnson, member of the Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors, stated he would pass the request to the Board of Directors for consideration.

For further information, see www.lunenburgcounty.unitedway.ca or contact Michael Graves at office@lunenburgcounty.unitedway.ca.

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 if there is a budget meeting today. Mayor Dagley confirmed yes under Item 11.2, which was added to the agenda.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – February 26, 2019

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 26, 2019 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:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Heavy Equipment Rentals

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give acceptance to the Heavy Equipment Rental Tender for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, as submitted, for various pieces of equipment;

AND THAT the rental of equipment is based on the Rental Schedule as attached.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works, stated the tender for heavy equipment rental is done on an annual basis and takes effect April 1, 2019. Prices are similar to last year, with a slight increase in hauling gravels which was included in the Tender. Rentals are based upon the lowest bid submitted in consideration of availability of equipment, analysis and comparison of equipment specification details. If for some reason a particular piece of equipment is not available, the firm with the next lowest tender will be contacted and given the work.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE:

11.1 Tax Exemption Bylaw, second reading

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives second and final reading to Bylaw 14 respecting Tax Exemptions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Budget Review

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated in response to Council's request to lower the proposed increase by another ½ cent, some of the previous estimates have been revised and the Nova Scotia Power grant allotment has been confirmed, the increase to the tax rate has been cut to 2 cents from the 3 ½ cent increase discussed at the last budget review. She reviewed the summary of changes for the 1 ½ cent revision and stated the only reserve amount affect will be the Landfill Reserve because it will be used towards the Consultants' study when we reevaluate the value of our post closure liability. RQM will hire an independent consultant. The \$15,000 is an estimate and the transfer will be the actual cost.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go In-Camera at 10:08 a.m. to discuss the following:

15.1 Property Matters

15.2 Contract Negotiations

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minute recess at 10:08 a.m.


It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 11:23 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

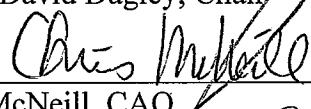
17.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the meeting be adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

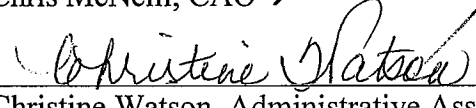
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: March 27/19



March 1, 2019

Region of Queens Mayor and Council

Re: Recreational opportunities for individuals living in or on the edge of poverty

As you know the South Shore is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

But what if you're working at a minimum wage job with no benefits, or have children with learning or physical disabilities, are recently laid off or have an addiction or mental health problem? What if you're a senior with few friends or no family, are the child of a dysfunctional or broken family or a member of the working walking poor? What happens if you have a strong rural community but little infrastructure to sustain it? Then life isn't so easy.

As a locally run United Way we are not going to solve all the issues related to poverty here in Lunenburg County or in rural Nova Scotia. But as a locally funded organization we can and do help provide new opportunities and a better quality of life for many people living in or on the edge of poverty. We do this by working with our many community partners.

One of those community partners is Mental Health and Addictions. Mental Health and Addictions has a number of clients who would benefit from participating in a recreational activity but due to low income they are simply unable to. That's a shame because we know that recreation has the power to heal minds and bodies. The United Way has created a way to reduce some of the barriers to recreation in Lunenburg County.

In conversation with many of our recreational partners we have developed the opportunity to acquire excess recreational capacity at no cost to the United Way of Lunenburg County. Remember this is recreational space that will never be used. Because of this we can offer a number of recreational activities to the preselected and qualified Mental Health and Addictions clients at no cost. This includes;

- free swimming, skating, Aquafit and yoga at the LCLC
- free full access day passes to the YMCA
- free walking passes to the HB Studios Sports Centre

All of these free passes allow the client to bring up to 2 guests (buddies) for support at no charge. We work with the partners to track usage.

We have recently received word of a preselected and qualified Mental Health and Addictions client in the Liverpool area that would benefit from having a gym membership. As mentioned

earlier, this individual would never have the income to afford this type of facility. **I am reaching out to you to see if Queens Place Emera would provide a free gym membership to this individual.** It is worth noting that there may be other requests.

I have also attached information related to our funding. I have highlighted those programs and projects that benefit residents of the Region of Queens.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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United Way of Lunenburg County's **three focus areas** help guide our local community investments.

Not all community members have the opportunity to create a vibrant life. Many struggle to achieve a sustainable livelihood because they have vulnerabilities that place them at risk and face barriers at accessing opportunities and support.

Recognizing this, the United Way chooses to focus its efforts on individuals and groups in our community that are vulnerable to a variety of social and systemic barriers. Priority populations in a community vary according to local circumstances, but often include people dealing with or at risk of poverty, abuse or stigmatation related to race, country of origin, culture, disability, age or sexual orientation.

The United Way of Lunenburg County directs funding to the following focus areas:

- All That Kids Can Be
- Poverty to Possibility and
- Healthy People, Strong Communities.

For 2018/2019 the United Way of Lunenburg County invested \$119,511 in 29 local programs :

All that kids can be

**received funding
totaling \$77,995**

HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH REACH THEIR POTENTIAL BY INVESTING IN THEIR EARLY YEARS, MIDDLE YEARS AND YOUTH.

Giving kids a positive summer camp experience \$11,644

- Girl Talk (7) A Second Story Women's Centre Program
- Kids and Kops (2) A Big Brothers Big Sisters Program

Helping kids participate in sport, recreational or cultural activities \$18,000

- PRO Kids Bridgewater
- PRO Kids Municipality of Lunenburg
- Bikes for Kids - Over 400 bikes given away to kids of financially stressed families
- 3000 FREE LCLC swimming and skating passes for financially stressed families every year
- FREE used sports equipment exchanges (hockey and soccer)

Providing a safe place for youth to grow and socialize \$41,905

- Art in Action Hub for Youth
- Better Together Family Resource 4H Clubs (3)
- Musical Friends at St. Stephen's Anglican Parish in Chester
- YMCA Thursday Night Youth Basketball & Youth Fitness Conditioning
- YMCA Friday Night Youth Zone
- YMCA King Street Youth Centre

**Helping our communities' vulnerable youth
\$2,000**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters In School Mentoring

**Education programs for teachers and youth
\$1,446**

- Sexual Health Centre Education and Support

**Helping children and youth with special needs
\$3,000**

- Hinchinbrook Farm Horse Boy Camp (1) and Playdates (32) for Autistic Families

**From poverty
to possibility**

**received funding
totaling \$17,200**

**MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF
POVERTY BY INVESTING (IN PART) IN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,
BASIC INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND IMPROVING
SKILLS THROUGH EDUCATION.**

**Literacy programs
\$2,200**

- Lunenburg County Adult Learning Network - Literacy & Skill Building

**Basic income maintenance programs
\$15,000**

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society

**Providing life changing opportunities for people living on low income
These are \$0 cost programs**

- Free Recreational Passes for low income individuals with mental health issues. (75 passes)
- Free iPhones for vulnerable low-income individuals (42 since May 2017)
- Free iPhones for nursing home music therapy programs (30 since May 2017)
- Coats 4 Kids - Teens and Adults Too (Because everyone deserves to be warm in winter.)

**Healthy people,
strong communities**

**received funding
totaling \$24,316**

**SUPPORTING PERSONAL WELLBEING AND STRENGTHENING
NEIGHBOURHOODS BY INVESTING (IN PART) IN SENIORS,
TRANSPORTATION, INFORMATION.**

**Helping to create inclusive community spaces (The family that plays
together, stays together.)**

\$10,900

- Bridgewater Outdoor Pool Free Swims
- Mahone Bay Outdoor Pool Free Saturday Swims
- Free bus to Rissers beach for transportation challenged families
- Free to borrow skates at the LCLC (Free to anyone who needs them.)

Connecting people and communities through transportation networks

\$6,405

- Bridgewater Senior Wheels
- Chester Community Wheels

Helping to keep our seniors safe and in their homes

\$5,000

- Lunenburg County Senior Safety Coordinator
- Plow it Forward, Rake it Forward, Mow it Forward, Stack it Forward Campaign.
Volunteer to help a senior

Helping to provide information and resources

\$2,011

- **211** Information and Referral

Making positive things happen in Lunenburg County takes more than good intentions and the contributions of a few.

It takes everyone doing what they can because everyone shares in the benefits of a happy, healthy, and safe community where no one is left behind.

Consider this: if every single working person in Lunenburg County invested just 15¢ per day with the United Way of Lunenburg County, we would raise over \$1.1 million dollars. That's almost 10x what we now invest in programs and organizations that make a meaningful and measurable difference in the lives of Lunenburg County residents. Your donation could even benefit someone you know.

To find out more about how the United Way of Lunenburg County is putting your donations to work helping Lunenburg County kids, youth, families, women, seniors and communities, to see our community impact videos, to see the requirements necessary to obtain a grant, to sign up for our e-newsletter and/or to make a secure online donation please visit at www.lunenburgcounty.unitedway.ca. Please direct questions to office@lunenburgcounty.unitedway.ca.

When you support the United Way of Lunenburg County you help make positive things happen in your community.

Local Giving. Local Results.



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Programs that benefit residents of Region of Queens Municipality

211 Information and Referral (211)
Big Brothers Big Sisters in School Mentoring
Big Brothers Big Sisters Kids and Kops Summer Day Camps
Bikes for Kids
Coats for Kids
Girl Talk Summer Day Camps (1) offered by Second Story Women's Centre
Hinchinbrook Farm
"Plow, Rake, Mow and Stack it Forward" Community Engagement Campaign
Technology Program – Free iPhones and Laptops
YMCA Youth Programs

The United Way of Lunenburg County Community Asset Purchases

**THESE PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED COMMUNITY ASSETS
ARE STILL PROVIDING BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

Harbour House Community Outreach Material
Buster the Bus School Bus Safety Program
Bonny Lea Farm Industrial Shredders (2)
ARK Crew Cab Truck Purchase
South Shore Scouts Start Up Kits - Caledonia
Chronic Disease Management Program at South Shore Regional Hospital
Bonny Lea Farm Ground Maintenance Training Riding Mower
Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre – Aquatics for All Adaptive Devices

United Way supported Community Organizations that operate in Lunenburg / Queens

211 Information and Referral (211)
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Early Childhood Development Intervention Services
Family Resource Centre
Harbour House
Hinchinbrook Farm
Second Story Women's Centre
Schools Plus

WHAT DOES LOCAL LOVE LOOK LIKE?

United Way Lunenburg County is a volunteer driven organization with two roles. One is to motivate donors and raise money to provide the financial resources needed to affect change in our community. The other is to seek out organizations and help create the dynamics and partnerships that will affect positive social change right here in Lunenburg County.

Here are some of the projects your generous donations have made possible:

FREE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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FREE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PASS

ENJOY A FREE SWIM ON US!

ENJOY A FREE SKATE ON US!

OWNING A SMART PHONE CAN HELP:

- Curb loneliness by providing a modern form of communication to connect with friends and family;
- Increase the ease of job searching and create employment opportunities;
- Decrease vulnerability in emergency situations.

Plow it Forward this Winter

"Adopt" a senior neighbour and help with their snow removal.

Uncleared snowfall prevents seniors from getting groceries, mail, medications and daily care on which they depend. Seniors clearing their own snow puts them at serious risk of broken bones, heart attacks and stroke.

Plow it Forward

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Support the free Way of Lunenburg County Bikes for Kids

FREE USED HOCKEY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

MON- AUG 21 X 4:00-9:00PM

@theCLC Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre

GENTLY USED SOCCER EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED. DROP OFF WHAT YOU DON'T.

COATS 4 KIDS

Teens & Adults, too

Free Skates to Borrow

borrow skate clean return

Back in the Game



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