

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Dagley, Chair  
Councillor Kevin Muise  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Deputy Mayor Heather Kelly  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
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 Fralic that the Agenda be approved as amended:**

**Add: Item 9.2 – D-Day Flyby at Caledonia**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Privateer Days Festival – Catherine Croft, Jessica Evans, Rosie Evans**

Mayor Dagley welcomed Catherine Croft, Chair, Jessica and Rosie Evans, Privateer Days Festival to Council.

Ms. Croft provided an overview of the upcoming Privateer Days Festival being held June 21 – 23, 2019. Some highlights included:

- In conversations with residents, is having the return of some favorites such as bed races, soap box derbies and pie eating contests, to name a few.
- Fishing derby – held in Pine Grove Park on Friday afternoon for 15 year olds and younger
- 10 Game Arcade – held in Town Hall
- Other events such as Bouncy Castle, retail vendors, crafts and food vendors, etc.
- Working with Non Profits such as Queens County Transit – to bring seniors to the events throughout Queens
- Working with Queens County Museum to bring back Historical Reenactments

A rack card for the event was handed out to Councillors. Copies were given to the Liverpool and Caledonia Visitor Information Centres. For more information see [www.privateerdays.ca](http://www.privateerdays.ca).

Ms. Croft thanked Councillor Fralic for his help when she assumed the role of Chair for this years' festival and stated that she would not be chair next year due to other commitments. She thanked Jessica and Rosie Evans for all their help.

Mayor Dagley thanked them for their presentation.

**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 about concert financials. He further encouraged Councillors to consider the request under Item 11.2 North Queens Medical Centre.

Lance Bezanson, 391 West Street, Milton – Mr. Bezanson stated he purchased a property at 642 Main Street and the property next door at 636 Main Street has a roof that is partially decayed, which he had brought to the attention of the Bylaw Officer in October, and understood that the building on this property was to be demolished and he has not been provided with any updates. He provided Mayor Dagley with documents on the subject. Mayor Dagley stated that he would be in touch with him within two weeks.

Peter Worden, 157 Freeman Road, Albany New – Mr. Worden stated he is Chair of the North Queens Medical Centre and provided background on the recent application under the Community Investment Fund and asked Council to consider assisting them with their ask as the Centre serves not only residents of Queens but from surrounding counties such as Annapolis, Kings, Lunenburg as well as from the Halifax area. He thanked Councillor Johnson for his assistance and for his help within the community.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – May 14, 2019

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 14, 2019 be approved as circulated.**

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

**7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

7.1 634 Medway River Road, Charleston, Queens County, Nova Scotia

Kelly-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, provided an updated on this file, stating as of May 27, 2019 full compliance as per request has been received and no further action is required. The file will be closed.

**8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

### 9.1 Extension of Lease for Thomas H. Raddall Library

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize the extension of the lease with Hines Proguide Limited from January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2024, for space housing Thomas H. Raddall Library;**

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

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated the current lease expires December 2019 and requires a six-month notification prior to termination if the Municipality wishes to terminate or extend the lease. The Municipality has no immediate plans for relocation and a further extension to the lease until December 31, 2024 will allow for continued library services and will be at the same rental rate as the current lease.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 9.2 D-Day Flyby at Caledonia

Mayor Dagley stated a request was received from Julie Ramey, a teacher at the North Queens Community School, for the support of a RCAF Aircraft to do a flyby at a D-Day Ceremony being held at the Cenotaph Site on June 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of the letter giving support for the flyby was circulated to Councillors who concurred to send the letter (copy attached to the original set of Minutes).

## 10.0 ENGINEERING & WORKS

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 11.0 FINANCE

### 11.1 Request from Queens Daycare Association for Tax Exemption Status

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives authorization to the Director of Finance to provide tax exemption for AANs 03377768 and 04918665 owned by Queens Daycare Association, for the 2019/2020 taxation year.**

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated a request was received from Queens Daycare Association, as a non-profit organization, to be forgiven their property taxes for the municipal property to be purchased this year. The tax exemption bylaw was approved in March. Property that is sold to an organization not eligible for exempt status is then taxable under the ownership of the new organization. The tax bill for 2019/2020 would be prorated by months following the purchase, which will be completed the end of June and converted to taxable on July 2, 2019. They are requesting that Council waive their property taxes for the remained of this fiscal year.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 11.2 North Queens Medical Centre Association Funding Request

At Councillor Johnson's request, a letter and attachment of financial information from North Queens Medical Centre Association was circulated with the agenda as a follow-up to their application being denied through the Community Investment Fund.

He stated he is a strong supporter of this request and what it means to Queens as a whole. The project needs to move forward quickly as there are mobility issues of access to the medical centre. This medical centre serves all of Queens with approximately 3000 patients, some that come from four different counties.

Mayor Dagley stated the North Queens Medical Centre is very important to Queens and well supported by Region of Queens and Councillors. The Community Investment Fund made a recommendation that due to surplus it did not meet the criteria for that fund and that was the reason it was not approved. The issue now is if you can't use the Community Investment Fund, the Association needs to explore options available going forward.

Mrs. Keating-Hubley stated the budget is complete for this year. Without accessing the Community Investment Fund, Council needs to consider from what area of the budget this money will come from as we do not have a surplus of this extent.

Under the Nova Scotia District Health Authority website, the North Queens Medical Centre is listed as a location and there may be a funding opportunity through accessibility or through the Health Authority of the province as is done by Hillsvie Acres. Mr. Worden stated they have not explored these avenues.

Councillor Fralic enquired under the Community Investment Fund the availability of an appeal process. Chris McNeill, CAO, stated Council has adopted a policy with clear rules and regulations. Staff have implemented that policy according to the rules and regulations and brought forth their recommendations. Council has the option to accept or reject those recommendations. Council accepted those recommendations in this case. Staff have spent a lot of time going through the 40 applications received and brought forward their recommendations. There is no need for an appeal process as Council makes the final decisions.

Following discussions with Councillors who brought forward their concerns on this issue, Mayor Dagley stated a meeting could be arranged next week with representatives of North Queens Medical Centre, Councillor Johnson and members of staff to investigate options.

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### 12.1 Privateer Days Commission for Waiver of Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality agree to waive Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipally Owned Properties at the request of Privateer Days Commission at Privateer Park, Liverpool and Fort Point Lighthouse Park, Liverpool between Friday, June 21, 2019 and Sunday, June 23, 2019.**

**AND THAT the applicant be required to submit proof of insurance in no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence with the Region of Queens Municipality as additional insured, and copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia to the Region, and that all municipal, provincial, and federal laws be strictly adhered to.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 12.2 Boxing Rock Brewing Company for Waiver of Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality agree to waive Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipally Owned Properties at the request of Boxing Rock Brewing Company at Privateer Park, Liverpool on August 24 & 25, 2019.**

**AND THAT the applicant be required to submit proof of insurance in no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence with the Region of Queens Municipality as additional insured, and copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia to the Region, and that all municipal, provincial, and federal laws be strictly adhered to.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 10 minutes recess at 10:15 a.m.

### 13.0 PLANNING

- 13.1 Rezoning Request – 3 White Point Road in Liverpool

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to rezone PID #70020482 from Restricted Residential (R1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3).**

**AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on June 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS at 9:00 a.m.**

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, provided background stating an application was received to rezone property located at 3 White Point Road in Liverpool from Restricted Residential (R1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3). The owner wishes to convert the vacant building into an art studio which is permitted within the Neighbourhood Commercial (C3) zone. The property had previously been Hanks Variety Convenience Store and ceased operation in 2014. The ownership of the property was transferred and the new owner intended to convert the building into a single family dwelling. An application to rezone to Restricted Residential (R1) was granted in May 2015; however, the structure was never converted. It is the intent of the new owner to move the entrance to the east side of the building and eliminate the current access off White Point Road. The Region's Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the application and conducted a site inspection and is in favour of a rezoning back to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3).

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 13.2 Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality give first reading to Bylaw No. 13 – Solid Waste Management Bylaw.**

Mr. MacLeod provided background stating Council passed a motion to increase the fine levels. A request for this was forwarded to Municipal Affairs for amendments to the Summary Offence Tickets, and they have advised that in order to effect these changes formal amendments will be required to the Bylaw.

Staff have been working with Municipal Affairs, Department of Justice and our solicitor to make the necessary changes to the Bylaw to accommodate the change in the fine level.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

13.3 Global Positioning System (GPS)

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give approval for the unbudgeted expenditure of \$7,895.00 plus HST for the acquisition of a Trimble Geo 7X handheld unit, to be funded from General Operating Surplus.**

Mr. MacLeod stated the GPS is an integral part of the daily operation in civic numbering, new structure development and illegal dump sites, to name a few. The current unit was purchased over 14 years ago and is no longer functioning. The department did not expect to replace this piece equipment during the 2019/2020 budget year and did not budget for its replacement.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**14.0 REPORTS**

14.1 Council Implementation Report

The Council Implementation Report was included for information purposes.

14.2 Accessibility Discussion

Councillor Fancy stated during the recent Nova Scotia Federations of Municipalities meeting held in Truro there was discussions about accessibility and the need to be in compliance by 2030. Councillors offered their comments, some highlights included:

- Splays/visibility – RQM have already begun and are continuing.
- Lights at Bristol – The switches have been installed and audible will also be installed. This will aide with the visible impaired.
- Town Hall – Discussion on accessibility to the building, in particular, on the front steps. Whereas the building is registered as a National and Provincial Heritage Building, there are regulations which have to be followed to make alternations. There was discussion on the possibility of having the heritage status removed; however, this would be something that staff would not recommend.
- Begin the process of doing an inventory of assets of RQM and prioritize in order to be better prepared when funding is available.

Mayor Dagley stated that accessibility legislation has been approved but still needs to be proclaimed by the Lt. Governor which will be done this fall. Once proclaimed, it is anticipated there will be accessibility funding available to businesses in order to comply.

**15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:25 a.m. to discuss the following:**

- 15.1 Legal Advice
- 15.2 Acquisition of Municipal Property
- 15.3 Contract Negotiations
- 15.4 Sale of Municipal Property
- 15.5 Legal Advice
- 15.6 Personnel

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minute recess at 11:25 a.m.

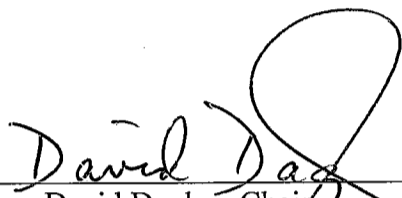
It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 3:59 p.m.

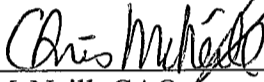
**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

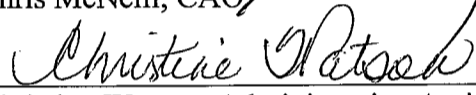
**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

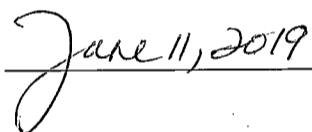
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

  
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Mayor David Dagley, Chair

  
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Chris McNeill, CAO

  
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Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved:   
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Region of Queens Municipality encompasses all of Queens County, Nova Scotia.

Region of Queens Municipality of Nova Scotia is supportive of a flyby by RCAF Aircraft as low as 500 feet, with the flyby for the planned D-Day Ceremony being held in Caledonia, Queens County, Nova Scotia for transit, practice and shows on June 6, 2019.

Yours truly,

David Dagley  
Mayor