

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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 Muise and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the Agenda be approved as amended:**

**Delete Item 3.1 – Senior Safety Coordinator (will be rescheduled to June 25 meeting).  
2:00 p.m. TIR meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 Mayor Dagley welcomed Ian Watson, Senior Planner, Upland to provide an update on the Municipal Planning Strategy to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- Team
- Agenda
- Project
- Work To-Date
- Reviewed outcome to open houses, workshops and surveys for
  - Coastal Issues
  - Lakes and Rivers
  - Infrastructure and Amenities
  - Housing
  - Seasonal Residents
  - Economy
- Reviewed 6 Discussion Papers
  - 1 Population & Demographics
  - 2 Environment
  - 3 Residential Development
  - 4 Economy
  - 5 Infrastructure
  - 6 General

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- Next Steps
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Councillor Fiske stated that if possible a paper copy of the reports should also be located in the Greenfield area in addition to the other locations. Mr. Watson asked him to make contact with a location and he would distribute.

Councillor Fralic stated he had a list of questions and asked Mr. Watson if he could submit via email. Mr. Watson stated yes.

**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 opinion on the street lines at Waterloo Street and White Point Road intersection, stating the sharp turn may cause an accident. He commented under Item 10.1, that he was pleased to see the province’s decision on the paving of the section on Old Port Mouton Road.

Barb Fry – 40 Beach Front Lane, Beach Meadows – Ms. Fry stated she had contacted several organizations concerning the frequency in which water testing is done at the Beach Meadows Beach without any success. She enquired who is responsible for testing. Mayor Dagley explained that Environment Canada discontinued testing in 2015 and suggested contacting Provincial Fisheries and Aquaculture in Shelburne.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox enquired when an Emergency Response Plan would be brought to council as a follow-up to comments from previous CAO. Chris McNeill, CAO, stated there is an Emergency Response Plan in place, and has been for a period of time. The EMO Committee holds regular meetings and works on the plan regularly.

Mr. Cox further enquired about the flood study and when it would be available. Mayor Dagley stated work is in progress and would be available this fall.

Anne Laws, 19 Old Meeting House Road, Beach Meadows – Ms. Laws stated Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> was World Oceans Day in which she participated. She thanked Councillors for their support in backing Protect Liverpool Bay and stated in conversations with residents from other municipalities that they wished they had the support of their council as the Protect Liverpool Bay do. She provided information on sea lice and the treatment using lufenouron; which is causing a lot of problems with the need to have a 350 day washout before consuming.

Eric Goulden, 1036 Brooklyn Shore Road, Beach Meadows – Mr. Goulden offered his opinion on the need for new telecommunications towers, especially with 5G capability which will allow better communications, especially with home based businesses. He stated with the Upland project in progress, now would be time for consideration for the incorporation for towers.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – May 28, 2019

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 28, 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:**

8.1 Request by South Shore Flying Club to Sublease Land

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize South Shore Flying Club to sublease lands of the Municipality at South Shore Regional Airport designated as those lands for future hangar development.**

**AND THAT the South Shore Flying Club be authorized to collect such rents as applicable with the usual hangar rental for each hangar being remitted to the Municipality;**

**AND THAT any sub-leases not be for a term of more than ten (10) years with a right of termination by the Municipality for any reason whatsoever with 24 months' notice.**

Jenny Rockett, Director of Economic Development, stated members of the South Shore Flying Club (SSFC) have requested authorization to sublease a portion of land to construct additional hangars that would allow members to store their aircrafts and provide an opportunity for potential income. There are presently two hangars on site; one is privately owned and the other is used by the Nova Scotia Drag Racers Association. There is room for 6 hangars.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.2 Provincial Façade & Beautification Program

Richard Lane, Community Economic Development Coordinator, stated the applications for the Façade program closed on May 31, 2019. The Region received notification from the province on May 29, 2019 that our application for \$25,000 was unsuccessful. The province received between 40 – 50 applications for \$25,000 from a \$500,000 pot available. This would support 20 applications. We were successful in the application process last year.

Twelve applications were received from local businesses, and one has since withdrawn, under this program with a total ask of \$41,500. The Region has budgeted \$25,000.

Several applications with no issues associated with them were completed and the work applied for are eligible under the criteria for the program. If those applications, five of them, are approved, we would be within budget. An alternative would be to reduce the amount of money for each project.

Councillor Fralic asked the CAO what the best solution would be, since opening the program to the County. He stated the \$41,500 in application requests doesn't mean that all the projects would go forward, and to allocate the monies to the projects that meet the criteria of the program and do the best with the \$25,000 budgeted. If any applicants withdraw their application, or not complete their project, it would free money up for others on the application list.

## 9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 10.0 ENGINEERING & WORKS

### 10.1 J Class – Cost Shared Program for Paving of Subdivision – Old Port Mouton Road

Mayor Dagley stated that he and the CAO contacted the province following notification that the Region had not been approved for this project. After consideration on their part, a letter was received, which was circulated with the agenda, that funding for the paving of .2 km on Old Port Mouton Road from Liverpool Town Line to just past Dr. John C. Wickwire under the Cost Shared Program for Paving of Subdivision (J Class) Streets was approved.

## 11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### 12.1 Community Investment Fund

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Liverpool Curling Club in the amount of \$29,964.50 from 2019-2020 Community Investment Fund.**

Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation & Healthy Communities, stated an application was received from the Liverpool Curling Club to assist with cost of replacing the roof. All required documentation was provided and meets the criteria of the grant.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 13.0 PLANNING

### 13.1 Road Naming Request

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the naming of a new private road in Summerville Centre as Willow Lane.**

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated a request to name a private road in Summerville Centre on lands of Quarterdeck Restaurant and Villas Inc. was received. As per our procedure for civic addressing, where there are three or more civic numbers assigned off a lane or driveway, we recommend naming as a private road. The first name choice, Willow Lane, is acceptable to the Planning Department as no similar name exists in the Region of Queens.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 10 minute recess at 10:25 a.m.

## 14.0 REPORTS

### 14.1 Inclusion, Diversity and Welcoming Communities – Councillor Fralic

Councillor Fralic thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about these topics.

Inclusion means all people have the right to be respected and appreciated as a valuable member of the community. Diversity is a range of human differences, i.e. race, age, sexual orientation, social class, physical ability, etc. A welcoming inclusive community is where citizens feel safe, respected and comfortable with being themselves and expressing all aspects of their identity and share a sense of belonging.

The Region is doing a lot of these already, and offered his opinion on where improvements could be made. Some highlights included:

Immigration/Immigrants – The Region has had some amazing immigrants move into the community, but they have since moved away. Investigate ways in which the Region could be better equipped to provide services to immigrants to feel they are part of the community. Investigate to see if there are ways to improve on what we are doing or could provide so that new residents want to stay and live within the community.

Youth - We need to entice youth to move back into the area. Many move away for their careers or for other reasons. If the Region provides them with fond memories, it may encourage them to return. Using Pride as an example, some residents have left the region as they felt they could not live their true life.

At the next Council meeting, he stated the intention to have a motion asking for a Pride sidewalk to celebrate Pride the end of July. This would help send out a message to everyone, and especially the youth that are struggling, that the Region is progressive and inclusive.

When discussing welcoming towns, he provided information and feedback received on the Thanksgiving dinners that Deputy Mayor Kelly and he provide to newcomers to the Region. He challenged other Councillors to do the same in their communities, whereas it's a free event for attendees who provide donations and potluck.

Newcomer Events – Many municipalities are having newcomer events around the province. The welcome bags to newcomers the Region provides is excellent and are appreciated; 60 bags have now been delivered. He suggested that the collection of email addresses from these new residents for use for future events would be helpful when making announcements. He provided information on how newcomer events are done in Lunenburg; which takes place in their council chambers with everyone there to welcome residents and provide information on the community and what the community has to offer.

South Shore Multicultural – This event is lost to Queens this year, and suggested that when planning for Canada Day next year, to consider this as part of the celebrations.

Councillor MacLeod offered her opinion on Councillor Fralic's comments, stating that she feels the Region has accomplished many of the items he discussed and that Queens are a welcoming community. Segregating groups, such as having a Pride sidewalk, and separating groups from everyone may cause a negative reaction rather than a positive one. The Region is an open and welcoming community and suggested that while doing the branding, that this could be a part of it.

#### 14.2 North Queens Community School Update – Councillor Johnson

Two months ago, a community group from North Queens presented to Council on their proposed pilot project to use the community school for recreational activities. Partners from Department of Health, Department of Education and provincial Community Culture and Heritage recognize that North Queens is underserved in human resources and infrastructure. A copy of their report following the presentation was circulated to Councillors. Part of the report, as requested by Mayor Dagley and CAO, included the next steps. Subsequent to that, Mayor Dagley, CAO and Director of Recreation met with the committee.

The committee has provincial funding in place, the School Board is on board as well as a partnership with the Department of Health. They are asking the Region for funding, consideration to sign a Joint Use Agreement with the School Board and administration support. The province will not fund unless the Joint Use Agreement is signed by RQM.

#### 14.3 Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Spring Convention May 8-10, 2019

Deputy Mayor Kelly, Mayor Dagley, Councillor MacLeod, Councillor Fancy and Councillor Johnson attended the NSFM Spring Convention held May 8 – 10, 2019 in Truro, NS and provided an update.

Some highlights included:

Physician Recruitment – Some municipalities are combining forces in their recruitment endeavors.

Cliffs Fundy Geo Park – Cumberland/Colchester counties working on this and will be the first of its kind in the world.

Presentation on Bill 55 – Windsor/Hants County Experience – The amalgamation of Windsor and Hants County.

Best Practice for In Camera Meetings

Climate Change – Best Practices and Practical Solutions - Innovation program through Federal Government for flood mitigation

National Housing Strategy

Speakers – Karen Casey, Minister of Finance, NDP MLA Lisa Roberts, MLA Elizabeth Smith McCrossin

Accessibility – Key Speaker, Rick Hanson – You’re Building Our Future – His foundation provides grant monies for accessibility. Spoke to him on the Queens Universal Play Park and received contacts for them to access grants.

#### 14.4 South Shore Housing Event May 14, 2019

Councillor Fancy provided an update on the South Shore Housing Event he attended on May 14, 2019 in Bridgewater.

Some highlights included:

- Over 40 attendees including building contractors, developers, investors and municipal staff (planners)
- Representatives from Coastal Queens – Hostel – to see what options are available
- Presentations were made by Housing Nova Scotia, Efficiency Nova Scotia and CMHC
- Attendees filled out questionnaires; some questions included:
  - Did event meeting your expectations? – 80% yes
  - Did you learn anything? – 97.4% yes
  - Are you considering investing in affordable housing? – 44% yes
  - Were you aware Housing Nova Scotia offers rental supplements? – Many were not aware, and the supplements can be up to \$400

**15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:40 a.m. to discuss the following:**

**15.1 Contract Negotiations**

**15.2 Contract Negotiations**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minutes recess at 11:40 a.m.

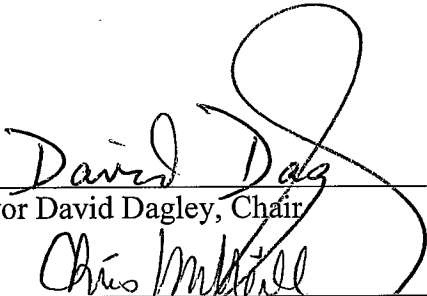
**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 2:09 p.m.**

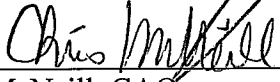
**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

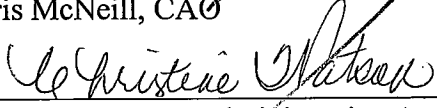
**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

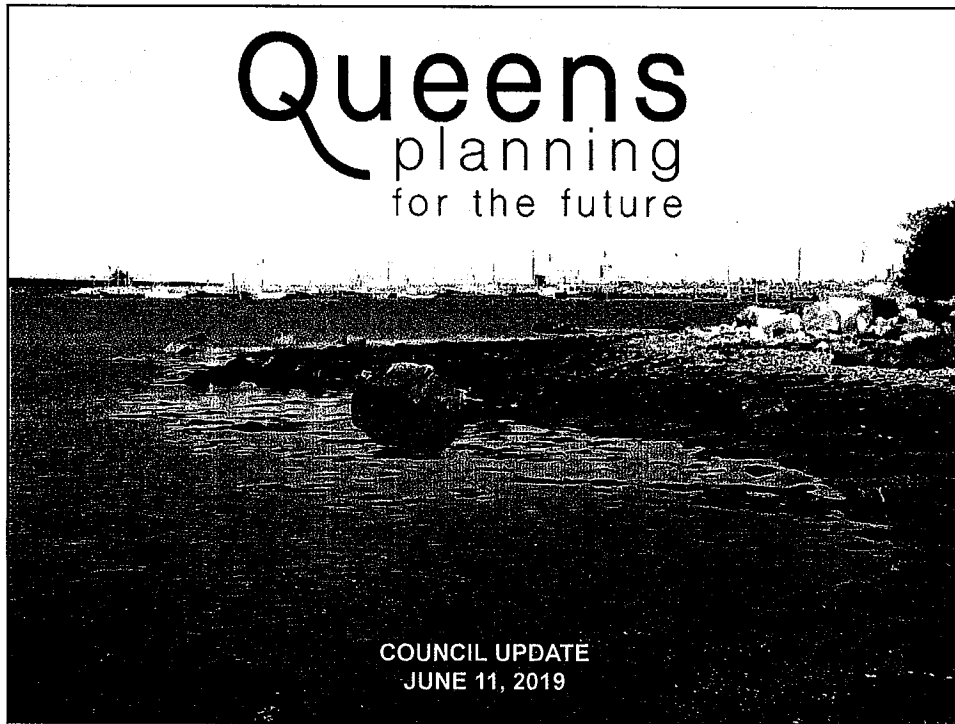
**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

  
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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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## WHO ARE WE?

### UPLAND

 Ian Watson	 Erica Brook	 Alexandra Baird Allen Neil Lovitt	 Jeff Pinhey
 Steffen Käubler	 Juniper Littlefield	 Region of Queens Municipality Planning Advisory Committee + Mike MacLeod	



## WHY ARE WE HERE?

### Agenda

- **Project Refresher**
- **Work Completed to Date**
- **Next Steps**
- **Key Directions**



## WHAT IS IT?

### THIS PROJECT WILL...

- **Review the overarching VISION**
- **UPDATE land use policies and regulations**
- **SIMPLIFY the content and language of regulations**



## WORK TO-DATE

- Project brand and website
- Pop-up events
- Seven public open houses
- Four stakeholder workshops
- Stakeholder calls
- On-line surveys
- Draft Vision, Goals, Objectives
- Discussion Papers
- Policy Direction Paper
- PAC policy direction workshop

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## WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

### Coastal Issues

- Defining aspect of Queens
- Public access
- Erosion
- Sea level rise
- Development impacts
- Beaches

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## WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

### Lakes and Rivers

- Another defining aspect of Queens
- Impact of development and resource activities
- Riparian areas

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## WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

### Infrastructure and Amenities

- Rural internet
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Arts and culture
- Downtowns
- Waterfront

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## WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

### Housing

- Affordable
- Quality
- Need for diverse options
- Seasonal workers
- Seniors housing
- Neighbourhood character

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## WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

### Seasonal Residents

- Converting seasonal residents to full-time
- Services and amenities

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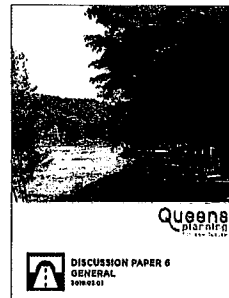
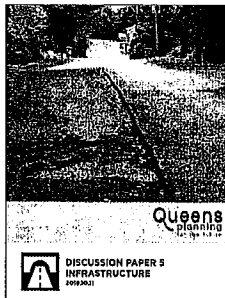
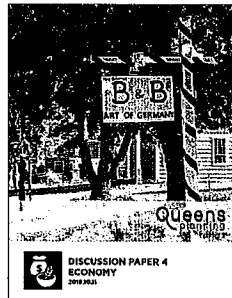
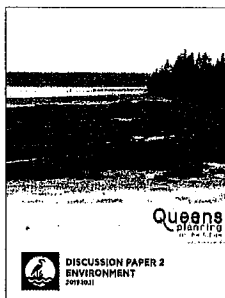
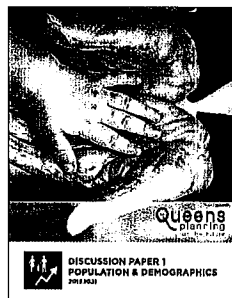
# WHAT WE ARE HEARING?

## Economy

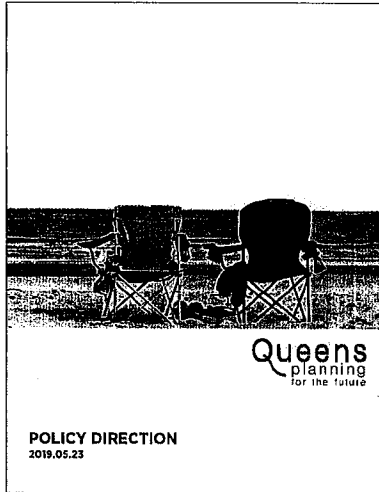
- Need to support diverse businesses
- Land use conflicts
- Encouraging reinvestment in downtowns
- Clear, rational regulations



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- **North Queens Business Centre and Innovation Hub**  
Caledonia - 9793 Highway 8
- **The Port Grocer**  
Port Medway - 1615 Port Medway Road
- **The Seaside Centre**  
Beach Meadows - 1066 Eastern Shore Road
- **West Queens Recreation Centre**  
Port Mouton - 70 Riverhead Road




## NEXT STEPS

- Staff workshop
- Policy direction feedback
- Draft documents
- Interim “What We Heard” report



## NEXT STEPS

		JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
<b>2</b>	<b>Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement</b>						
2.1	Communications						
2.2	Stakeholder Engagement						
2.3	Staff Engagement						
2.4	Public Survey						
2.5	Open House Meetings						
2.6	Creative Tactics						
2.7	Community Vision						
2.8	Metric Reporting						
2.9	What We Heard Report					X	
<b>5</b>	<b>Drafting / Policy Development</b>						
5.1	Prepare Draft MPS						
5.2	Prepare Draft LUB						
5.3	Prepare Mapping						
5.4	Submit Draft MPS & LUB				X		
5.5	Draft Plan Presentation						
5.6	Community Consultation						
<b>6</b>	<b>Final Presentation and Approvals</b>						
6.1	Community Input Summary						
6.2	Final Revisions					X	
6.3	Formal MPS & LUB Adoption						X
6.4	Project Wrap-up						X



## KEY DIRECTIONS

1. Create a “hamlet” classification for communities
2. Be strategic about where new services and roads are permitted
3. Implement a coastal vertical setback
4. Expand evaluation criteria for discretionary planning applications
5. “Pre-zone” lands for multi-unit residential development and residential facilities (e.g. nursing homes)

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## KEY DIRECTIONS

6. Permit secondary suites
7. Refine commercial zoning
8. Additional flexibility for home-based businesses
9. Refine open space dedication
10. Create a “Supportive Initiatives” chapter in the Plan

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