

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019  
9:06 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Dagley, Chair  
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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Kevin Muise

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelley that the Agenda be approved as amended:**

**Item 14.3 Carters Beach Advisory Committee is deferred to July 9  
Add Item 14.5 – Discussion on Odor in Bristol Area – Councillor Fancy**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Senior Safety Coordinator – Shelley Walker**

Mayor Dagley welcomed Shelley Walker, Senior Safety Coordinator for Queens County.

Ms. Walker stated she started this position May 1<sup>st</sup> and has an office located in the RCMP detachment located at 20 Shore Road. She works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 – 4:30.

The program provides and promotes information to enhance personal safety for seniors and the need to educate seniors. This program is available to every person age 55 and over in Queens County and is free of charge. Referrals can be self-referrals or through the RCMP.

A brochure which provides information on the program activities is available and contact information (copy attached to original set of Minutes) was circulated to Councillors. During this year's Privateer Day parade she handed out the brochure to get information out to residents and seniors of Queens..

She stressed that working three days is not enough to cover the needs of the residents.

In response to Councillor MacLeod's enquiring on barriers or restrictions in her position, she stated she is accompanied on visits with a member from the RCMP detachment on occasion.

Many referrals come from residents of North Queens and stated she is investigating having an office in the area. Councillor Johnson advised her to investigate a partnership with the North Queens Medical Centre and Queens County Transit.

To eliminate the fear factor of some residents calling the RCMP detachment for appointments or having a visitation to their homes, consideration is being given to having an office located in the downtown Liverpool area.

Mayor Dagley thanked her for her presentation.

For further information she can be contacted at 902-354-5721 or 902-350-0231. Her email contact information is [shelley.walker@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:shelley.walker@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). This information will be added to the RQM's Facebook page.

#### **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 odor in the Bristol area as being a sewage smell. He enquired when the road lines would be repainted on the corner of Payzant and Waterloo Streets to avoid confusion and collisions. He further enquired to the Region's plans for Canada Day Celebrations.

David Huskins, 160 Church Street, Liverpool – Mr. Huskins enquired to winter parking bans and there being no mention of it in any bylaw. Mayor Dagley stated he would check with the Bylaw Officer for clarification.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox stated that he has had instances at the intersection at Payzant and Waterloo Streets and hopes something will soon be done to improve the lines as the tourist season approaches. He thanked the organizers of Privateer Days, stating he was impressed with the music on Sunday.

Murray Cluett, 277 Main Street, Liverpool – Mr. Cluett offered his opinion on the odor issue which has been ongoing for a while in the Liverpool area, stating the smell is wide spread and seems to be a new smell compared to previous years.

#### **6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – June 11, 2019

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 11, 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 & WORKS

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 11.0 FINANCE

### 11.1 RFP Legal Services closing on March 21, 2019

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award Wickwire Holm the services associated with Tax Sale proceedings (Title Searches, Tax Deed Preparation, Attendance at Tax Sales, Certificate of Sales) and that the services associated with court appearances (respecting summary offence tickets and parking violations) and land transactions (purchase and sale agreements, leases, land registry filings and development agreements) be awarded to Folk Law.**

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated RQM have been using JC Ready's office over the last few years, and with the increase of tax sales over the last couple years, the value of their services has surpassed the threshold for professional fees under the procurement policy. Given the substantial discount on the costs to prepare Deeds and Certificates of Sale that Wickwire Holm are offering, we would be remiss not to pass that along to the residents who purchase property at our tax sales.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### 12.1 Appointment to QPEC Board of Directors

Mayor Dagley stated RQM advertised for 2 vacant positions for the Board of Directors for Queens Place Emera Centre. Two members of the public have indicated an interest; Sylvia Hurley and Hubert Rodden.

We had an appointee from Council. Both Councillor MacLeod and Councillor Fiske have expressed an interest in this position.

A ballot process was initiated for the Councillor position.

Following the ballot count, Mayor Dagley stated Councillor Fiske was the successful candidate.

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Sylvia Hurley, Hubert Rodden and Councillor Fiske to Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2019.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

## 13.0 PLANNING

### 13.1 Rezone 3 White Point Road in Liverpool

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality give second reading to a bylaw respecting the rezoning of PID #70020482 from Restricted Residential (R1) to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3).**

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated as per the Public Hearing this morning an application was received to rezone property identified as PID #70020482 and 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. An art studio is not permitted in the Restricted Residential (R1) zone, but under the Municipal Planning Strategy, Council can consider proposals for Neighbourhood Commercial (C3) by amending the Land Use Bylaw.

The property had previously been home to Hanks Variety Store which ceased operation in 2014 and ownership was transferred and rezoned to Restricted Residential (R1) in 2015. The structure was never converted to residential and remained vacant. The current owner wishes to convert back to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3) to operate an art studio. Work has been done to the rear of the property for off street parking and entrance will be moved from White Point Road to the east side of the building.

The Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the application and feels rezoning back to Neighbourhood Commercial (C3) is a reasonable request and is in favour of the application.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 13.2 Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

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

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

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated that illegal dumping remains a significant issue in Queens. As a result, staff initiated the process to re-evaluate fine levels which would be levied for illegal dumping. Currently our Policy has a first offence, second offence and third level offence. It was suggested to become more stringent with violators and that an increase to one fine level; the highest of the three fines levied, which is \$697.50 be implemented. A resolution was passed by Council to recommend the Department of Justice increase the fine levels. We were advised that first we need to amend our Solid Waste Management Bylaw which would then lead the Province to change the fine level. Since that time, we have been working with Municipal Affairs, Department of Justice and our solicitor to draft the appropriate amendments to the Bylaw to effect the increased fine levels. While going through the process, we have also been working with the Engineering and Works Department to make amendments to policies and procedures with the Public Works Department and these changes are also noted.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 14.0 REPORTS

### 14.1 Council Implementation Report

The Council Implementation Report was included for information purposes.

#### 14.2 FCM Report – Deputy Mayor Kelly/Councillor Fralic

Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Fralic attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on May 30 – June 2, 2019 in Quebec City. Some highlights included:

- There are 75 members on the FCM Board.
- The FCM represents 2000 Municipalities.
- 3,740 participants at conference with representatives from all over Canada.
- 176 Exhibits
- 7 resolutions were passed:
  1. Expand Airports – That FCM urge the federal government to extend eligibility for ACAP to all small airports, including those providing commercial passenger service to fewer than 1,000 passengers per year, and to increase funding available for the program.
  2. Gender-Based Violence – That FCM endorse in principle the federal government’s national strategy to address gender-based violence; and be it further resolved, that FCM advocate with the federal government for municipalities be consulted on how the strategy and the funding is implemented.
  3. Federal Climate Change Adaptation Funding and Support for Regional Disaster Mitigation and Flood Planning – That FCM call on the Government of Canada to provide predictable, flexible, long-term infrastructure funding to help municipalities reduce disaster risk and adapt to climate change, with funding levels based on the latest assessments of the impact of climate change and the cost of adapting municipal infrastructure; and be it further resolved, that FCM call on the Government of Canada to ensure that future investments in disaster mitigation and climate change adaptation support a regional approach where costs and benefits are shared between all orders of government; and be it further resolved, that FCM call on the Government of Canada to provide support for municipalities and regional bodies to undertake climate risk assessments and disaster risk reduction plans, including watershed-level flood mitigation plans.
  4. Municipal Engagement in the Canadian Broadband Strategy – That FCM urge the Federal government to engage municipalities in the development of the Canadian broadband strategy and in the design and eligibility criteria of the new federal broadband fund; and be it future resolved that FCM encourage the federal government to include considerations for evolving speed targets in the Canadian broadband strategy; and be it further resolved that FCM encourage the Government of Canada to engage with municipalities so that projects that have demonstrated engagement with local governments and that consider local needs are prioritized.
  5. Prioritizing Housing Affordability – That the federal government assess and publicly report on the impact of budget 2019 measures designed to improve housing affordability for renters and owners; and that the federal government work with municipalities through FCM to determine the most effective federal role in improving housing affordability for renters and owners at the local level.
  6. Rural Economic Development – That FCM call on the federal government to strategically leverage existing programs, policies and institutions to further rural economic development, such as regional economic development offices; and be it further resolved that the Minister of Rural Economic Development engage local governments through FCM to develop economic growth that recognize the diverse needs and resolutions in rural communities across Canada.
  7. Zero Emission Buses and Municipal Fleet Vehicles – That the Government of Canada support local governments to purchase or lease zero-emission fleet vehicles, and associated charging or refueling infrastructure, including through grants, financing and bulk procurement; and be it further resolved that the Government of Canada support local governments to purchase or lease zero-emission transit buses, and associated charging or refueling infrastructure, including through grants, financing and bulk procurement.
- Study Tour – Healthy and active city; \$170 Million spend on the re-development on the waterfront of Quebec City in respect to flood mitigation.

Councillor Fralic encouraged all Councillors to attend this conference if the opportunity arises. Many exhibits and information are provided.

- Toured the new Quebec library which is modeled as a community hub, no longer a quiet place. There are approximately 200 older libraries throughout the city.
- Public Art Tour – Many potted plants throughout the city and many people were lining up for photos.
- Environment / Climate Change – Municipality should take this into consideration in future decision making.

14.3 Carters Beach Advisory Committee – Councillor Muise

Councillor Muise asked that this item be deferred to July 9 Council meeting in his absence.

14.4 Traffic Assessment of Old Falls Road, Liverpool

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

**THAT this item be deferred to the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

14.5 Odor – Bristol Avenue Area – Councillor Fancy

Councillor Fancy asked to speak on this issue stating although not a new issue, there have been many calls and discussions. He enquired what RQM has done on this issue and what can be done in the future.

Some highlights of Councillors concerns:

- Odor is new and intense,
- Has RQM confirmed the odor is not coming from sewer system,
- Issue press release so the public is aware of what steps RQM has taken or plan to do,
- Investigate if the Mersey Tobeatic Research Centre, Agriculture College or Ducks Unlimited are interested in performing research to the cause,
- Perform air quality testing.
- Perform soil testing,
- Obtain permit through Department of Environment to fill in the wetlands.

Mayor Dagley stated the odor is most likely from the swamp area near the treatment facility caused by rotting leaves, grass and other organic material. The wet weather and tidal flow may contribute to the odor lingering this year as compared to previous years. The wetland covers approximately 21 acres and possibly 12 feet deep and is a protected area; and falls under regulations by the federal and provincial government.

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated our staff and Department of Environment have confirmed the wastewater system is working according to established standards. Staff from the Works Department have flushed sewer pipes in the area and are monitoring. Staff continue to investigate and will bring forward a report once options become available.

**15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:05 a.m. to discuss the following:**

**15.1 Labour Relations**

**15.2 Sale of Municipal Property**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 10 minute recess at 11:05 a.m.

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 11:35 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

15.1 Labour Relations

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality enter into the proposed collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 4719, ending on March 31, 2021.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

15.2 Sale of Municipal Property

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

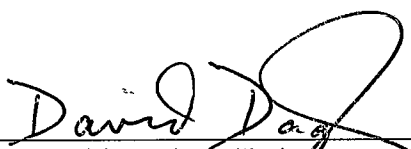
**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement with the Queens Daycare Association for the former Mount Pleasant School, which would see an extension in the closing date to on or before July 19, 2019.**

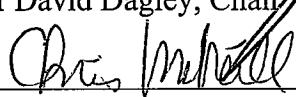
**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

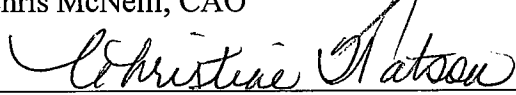
16.0 ADJOURNMENT

**It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 a.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: July 9, 2019

# *Queens County Seniors' Safety Association*



*Helping you stay safe, healthy  
and happy in your home and  
community!*

This program provides and promotes information to enhance personal safety and home security; increases awareness and reduces victimization of seniors targeted by consumer frauds, scams and identity theft; brings increased awareness to the issues and factors involved in the detection and the prevention of senior abuse; promotes the wellbeing, independence, and safety of seniors in their homes and in their communities; and works to build partnerships, supports, and engagement with seniors, the police, and community partners who share in the vision of safe living at home and in our communities.

This program is free of charge, and available to every person age 55+ in Queens County.



## **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**

- Provide personal and household safety information to seniors through home visits and community presentations
- Consumer Frauds and Scams – tips to help you protect your assets and identity- Internet Safety
- Vial of Life – a tool to assist emergency personnel in obtaining important medical information during a crisis
- Health issues- work very closely with Seniors Community Health Team
- Medication Safety
- Seniors and the Law
- Senior Abuse Awareness and Prevention
- Falls Prevention – tips for fall-proofing your home
- Fire Safety – tips for preventing fires in your home
- Emergency Preparedness
- Mobility issues
- Addictions
- Loss and Grief
- Caregiving – Alzheimer- Dementia - support
- Home repair grants – rebate applications
- Living alone Program
- Hoarding
- Seniors Safety Academy
- Annual 50+ Information Fair
- Community Presentations- increase awareness and knowledge and also connects seniors to others in the community
- Seniors Safe Driving Program and Driver Cessation
- Safety check in calls with Seniors
- Work very closely with RCMP-Queens Detachment – Community Policing Officer

**If you feel our program can be of assistance to you and your family, friend or member of your community please contact**


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