

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 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 Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations to come before this meeting.

**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 stated he believes the odour is not as bad lately as it has been and enquired on the desludging that is taking place at the lagoon. Mayor Dagley stated the desludging which has been in operation over the last two weeks should be finished this week. Mr. Robertson enquired about a food concession for the upcoming Hank Snow festival as well as under Item 8.1 Waterfront Development, if consideration would be given to the flooding issue. Mayor Dagley stated the consultant for the flooding issue will be working in conjunction with the waterfront development consultants.

Sylvia Cherry – Island View Terrace, Labelle – Ms. Cherry stated she is the Treasurer of the Greater Molega Lake Lot Owners Association and offered her concerns as well as the residents, about the issue of the development of a trailer park on Labelle Road, stating that it should not have gotten to the state that it is now and the members of the Association feel that the Region is not enforcing their own Bylaws.

Francine Cosman, Bedford – Ms. Cosman stated she has been visiting Queens County for 45 years and voiced concerned about the development on Labelle Road and the need for the Bylaws to be enforced. She offered her opinion that the land has been stripped and damaged, and questioned the septic field capacity.

Mayor Dagley stated that staff enforce the Municipal Planning Strategy/ Land Use Bylaws and are aware of the issue.

Tracy Brophy – 3 Rock Island Lane, Labelle – Ms. Brophy offered comments on the septic system that was installed on her property by Berrigans, and stated that it was designed to handle the number of trailers on her property. She stated she does not have a campground on her property, the trailers are her friends and family and come and go at various times. She indicated that they are not there all the time, but when they are they would expect to be shown respect for her privacy and if the harassment continues, she will contact the RCMP. The only permanent trailers on the property is hers and her daughters, other trailers come and go.

She commented that she has not clear cut her property, but has cut what was necessary to level her property. She is in the process of planting trees and foliage, and has not damaged the foliage along the water. A member from the Department of Environment has been to her property and indicated that there were no issues.

She made reference to other developments in the area and pointed out issues she felt were against regulations, and encouraged RQM to enforce the Bylaws in these areas.

An invitation was extended to Council and members of staff to visit her property to see what she has done to the property.

Murray Cluett, Main Street, Liverpool – Mr. Cluett stated he understood from earlier conversations with Mr. MacDonald from Department of Environment that the odour issue was coming from the wetlands and not the lagoons and asked for clarification. Mayor Dagley explained that primary investigations suggested the issue originated with the wetlands, but has since been discovered to be coming from the primary lagoon. RQM are now in the process of desludging the lagoons and have performed air quality testing. Testing indicates the odour is coming from the lagoons.

Kim Williams, Barss Street, Liverpool – Ms. Williams enquired if development would continue behind Barss Street and if the septic system would be able to accommodate it. Mayor Dagley stated that the Region's sewage system would be more than capable without any impact.

She commented that the lighting packs on the trees along the water front are becoming embedded into the bark and should be investigated.

## **6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### **6.1 Council Minutes – July 23, 2019**

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held July 23, 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 Liverpool Waterfront Development Plan

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality adopt the proposed Liverpool Waterfront Development Plan as prepared by EDM Planning Services and request that staff begin the process of securing partners and funding to implement all components of the plan.**

Jenny Rockett, Director of Economic Development, stated feedback received from the public and Council has been submitted to EDM Planning Services. The majority of the feedback has been positive and the overall feeling is that the proposed changes will be manageable and achievable and will not over develop the waterfront.

The flooding issues from the flood mitigation study, and accessibility rules which will come in effect by 2030, were taken into consideration and will be worked into the proposed plans with EDM Planning.

An updated copy of the conceptual plan has not yet been received from EDM Planning Services, but there were only a few minor changes from the original plan:

- access to the water has been removed from the elevated beach area;
- the installation of a water fountain near the public washrooms;
- clear identification of the stage area to be used for festivals, etc.; and
- change the term cabanas due to misunderstanding of what they are and to use the term Kiosks.

With the impending elections over the next two years, there may be a stronger willingness for governments to provide funding for this kind of development.

The plan moving forward is to have the development concept approved. In December, a preliminary program and infrastructure plan with costing would be presented to Council after consulting with stakeholders. Applications would be submitted for funding to the federal and provincial governments in January, as well as look for other potential funding sources and inclusion in Budget discussions in March. If all goes well and to plan, in August 2021 the Region can celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of amalgamation with celebrations on the waterfront.

Some concerns raised by Councillors included:

- Ensuring EDM Planning Services work with issues raised from the Flood Mitigation Study before proceeding.
- Accessibility from Main Street using Gorham Street, giving consideration to widening it for safer passageway and better clearing during winter months.
- Waiting to make a decision once an updated plan is received from EDM Planning Services before proceeding to ensure changes have been incorporated.
- Inclusion of the parking lot area by the bridge for food trucks.
- Inclusion of more bike racks and garbage cans in the area.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 10.0 ENGINEERING & WORKS

### 10.1 Odour Issue Discussion – Councillor MacLeod

Councillor MacLeod stated she asked Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works, to provide an update to Council on the desludging and his perspective on the odour issue and what the plans are going forward if the desludging does not eliminate the odour. She further stated she feels Councillors have not been provided enough information on the situation although they have been issuing updates to the public and asked to be provided with details of the experts hired to do the air quality testing, if they've been hired and if they are any costs associated with it. She further stated she felt the issue should have been automatically been added to the agenda, rather than a request from Councillors to be brought up to date.

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated staff recognizes that this is an issue. It is a staff function and responsibility and do provide updates on a regular basis and relevant details are provided. Staff are doing the best they can to find solutions in a timely manner.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works provided an update on the desludging of the primary cell. He stated the sewage treatment plant located on Hank Snow Drive was constructed in 2001 and came on line in September 2001. It consists of 3 polyethylene cells or ponds which are all interconnected, two sand filter beds within the area, aeration and UV (ultra violet) disinfection equipment in the buildings. The sewer is first received into Cell #1 and is what is referred to as the primary cell. This is where you will see the greatest amount of sludge and therefore is the strongest sludge as that is where it settles first. As part of the normal and ongoing operation, we normally remove sludge from these cells every 20 to 30 years, depending on the usage. We are now at year 18 and since 2010 there has been the addition from the septage receiving station that is also being processed through the system, therefore there is more material in the cell. Given the odour issue this year the decision was made to move ahead with the desludging a few years early. Every year money is put into a reserve to pay for this desludging as we know that we will have to do this.

The other two cells in the pond will need to be done in the foreseeable future, but the odour is coming from the primary cell. Once these have been desludged, the primary cell will need to be investigated again. Given our experience this year, the plan will be to desludge more often rather than less often.

The desludging began the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were two days to mobilize their equipment prior to starting the desludging process. After a day pumping, there were issues with the pump failing and set us back a week. Work resumed and should be completed by this Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and the demobilization of the equipment on Friday.

The sludge material is collected into long bags and are located in the sand drying pits. The water slowly drains out of the bags, goes down through the sand filters and goes back through the cells for treatment. The dried sludge cake will then be used as landfill cover in the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation cell.

## 11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILTIES

### 12.1 Physical Activity Strategy Rewrite Steering Committee

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Dr. Celeste Johnston of Port Mouton, Mya Uhlman of Caledonia, Hubert Rodden of Milton, Tara Smith of Port Joli, Lindsay Reinhart of Caledonia, Taryn Jollimore of Western Head and Stacy Thorburn of Milton as the citizen representatives on the Physical Activity Rewrite Steering Committee, effectively immediately.**

**AND THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Councillor Raymond Fiske and Councillor Jack Fancy as Council representatives on the Physical Activity Rewrite Steering Committee, effective immediately.**

Norm Amirault, Physical Activity Coordinator, stated the existing Physical Activity Strategy is now 10 years old and needs to be renewed to be more current to affect change in healthier lifestyles for residents of Queens County.

The strategy is the guiding document and the expectations from the province is that the terms of reference, funding, the planning process and that guide aligns with the priorities of government.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 12.2 Appointments to Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Jessica Van Dyne-Evans and Jeremy Myalls to Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning on September 1, 2019.**

Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation & Healthy Communities, stated following the initial Expression of Interest for QPEC Board of Directors there were two remaining vacant positions available; therefore a second Expression of Interest closed on July 26, 2019 with two submissions received.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 12.3 Medway Head Lighthouse Society: Waiver of Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality agree to waive Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipally Owned Properties as requested by Medway Head Lighthouse Society for August 16, 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.**

Steve Burns, Manager Events, Promotions & Sponsorship, stated the Medway Head Lighthouse Society is hosting the Lighthouse Awareness Art & Craft Show August 16 – 25 and have requested Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property be waived so they can serve alcoholic beverages during the reception scheduled for August 16, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 12.4 Community Investment Fund – Milton Canoe & Camera Club

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Milton Canoe and Camera Club in the amount of \$5,110.82 from 2019-2020 Community Investment Fund budget.**

Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation & Healthy Communities, stated an application was received to assist with costs associated with the material and construction of a canoe rack system, re-location of boathouse and dock purchase and installation from the Milton Canoe and Camera Club. All required documentation has been received and meets the grant criteria.

**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

**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings go In-Camera at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the following:**

- 15.1 Contract Negotiations
- 15.2 Contract Negotiations
- 15.3 Sale of Municipal Property
- 15.4 Potential Litigation

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 10 minute recess at 10:55 a.m.

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:35 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

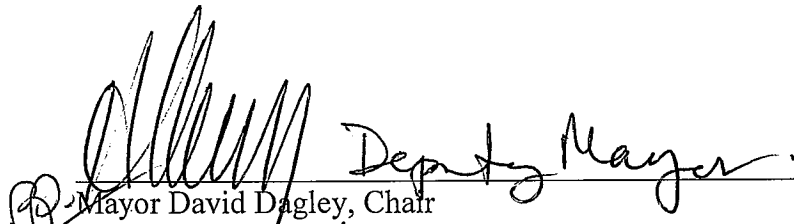
Councillor Fancy declared a Conflict of Interest for Item 15.4 as he is related to one of the parties and left Council Chamber at 11:55 a.m.

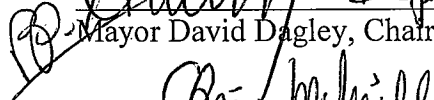
Councillor Fancy returned to the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

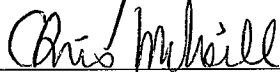
**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

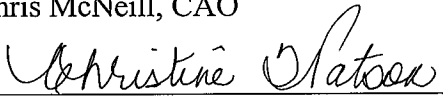
**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Muise that the meeting be adjourned at 12:36 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

  
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Mayor David Dagley, Chair

  
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Date Approved: August 27, 2019