

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Heather Kelly, Chair
Councillor Kevin Muise, arrived 9:05 a.m.
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Gilbert Johnson
Chris McNeill, CAO
Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

REGRETS: Mayor David Dagley

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske 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 felt there was an improvement with the odour issue and enquired about an update. Deputy Mayor Kelly stated this issue would be discussed under Item 10.1. He encouraged Councillors to consider favourably on the rezoning request under Item 13.1.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox offered his opinion and commented on the recently approved motion on the waterfront development, stating he was not aware of public sessions until it appeared on the agenda. He feels the area is for recreation and does not agree with the erection of a structure, as he believes this will require a rezoning process and take away the open space for events, and he is not in agreement with the possibility of having food trucks in the area adjacent to the bridge or the redesign of the parking area as he feels it will interfere with snow removal.

He further commented that on weekends people are parking in the location for the vegetable vendor and smoking cannabis and asked RQM to have the RCMP patrol the area.

Deputy Mayor Kelly stated there were ads on the radio and on previous agendas concerning discussions about waterfront development and there will be future consultations with the public. The food trucks are not part of the proposed construction. If there is a suspicion of people using cannabis illegally, she encouraged him to contact the RCMP.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – August 13, 2019

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held August 13, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

7.1 11 Markland Avenue, Brooklyn, Queens County, NS

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality declare the property located at 11 Markland Avenue, Brooklyn, Queens County, Nova Scotia and identified as PID #70086855 as dangerous or unsightly as defined in the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*;

AND THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 11 Markland Avenue, Brooklyn, Queens County, Nova Scotia, requiring that, within seven (7) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1. Grass to be mowed or cut; and**
- 2. Small clean-up of garbage and miscellaneous items strewn about the back yard.**

AND THAT, if the owners fail to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owner.

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, stated property PID #70086855 and located at 11 Markland Avenue in Brooklyn, Queens County is a residential property and has been vacant for some time. This property hosts a two-story dwelling that appears to be structurally sound and in very good condition, but is in need of ongoing seasonal lawn maintenance and general clean-up of miscellaneous items.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

9.1 Royal Canadian Legion Mersey Branch 038 Flyover Request

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Liverpool have requested a letter of support be written to the Canadian Air Division in support of a flyover during the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Liverpool. A similar request was made of Council in the spring for an event in Caledonia.

No formal recommendation is required. Consensus was given by Council to send a letter of support.

10.0 ENGINEERING & WORKS

10.1 Infrastructure Update

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works, provided an update on projects under the Engineering & Works Department. Some highlights included:

North Queens Volleyball Court - Base installed and completed.

Cobbs Park Playground – Equipment repairs, refinishing completed.

Queens Place Emera Centre – Exterior paint and wood work refinished; building maintenance completed where needed.

Farmers' Market – Ongoing regular structural repairs, posts and anchors.

Port Medway Park – Maintenance completed, overhead doors replaced, roof repaired.

Old Town Hall Building – Exterior repairs are ongoing, two-thirds complete.

Sewage Pumphouse Buildings – Building repairs completed, main building on Hank Snow Drive complete exterior refinished.

Street Signage – A large number of signs were purchased this year to replace faded or damaged signs and have been installed. More will be purchased next year. The overhead sign at the 3-way stop on Main Street has been rebuilt, corrected and is now installed.

Paving/Asphalt Repairs - Ongoing throughout the year and is two-thirds complete.

Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk Repairs – Ongoing through the year and is 50% complete.

Splay Painting – Largely done with a few areas remaining. The specialized paint order is due to arrive soon for completion.

Regular Streets - Sewer and water maintenance ongoing throughout the year.

Caledonia Sewer System – Installation and commissioning of controls and monitoring equipment is near complete. The coordination of trades, supplier and NS Power will be completed in late September.

Trestle Trail Bridge – RQM is not directly involved in the installation and inspections, but Director of Engineering & Public Works was involved with the design of repairs. It appears the concrete jacket over pier #1 and south abutment is complete and it appears that the steel and decking work on the super structure is completed as the contractors are no longer on site.

Brooklyn Water & Sewer – From the Park to the Marina was completed earlier this year and went very well.

Waterloo Water & Sewer Project – Ongoing. This year's phase includes Bartling Avenue, Waterloo and James Streets and includes replacement of gravity sanitary sewer, forcemain pressure sewer, sanitary pump station controls, storm sewer main leads, catch basin, sanitary storm water laterals, concrete curb and sidewalks, street surface rebuild and repaving. Project is on schedule and on budget. The gravity sewer, pressure sewer, storm sewer watermain laterals are installed in its entirety on William and James Streets and we are now onto Bartling Avenue. The lower portion of William Street and all of James Street are now live with distribution out of the new watermain and collection of sewer now out of the sewer main. The sanitary sewer pumping station wet well and valve chamber and control structure is installed along with the new sewer outfall. Pump and valve controls will be installed at the end of the job. Concrete curb, gutter and sidewalks are installed along James Street and is now progressing on lower William Street.

Future work for this year over the winter is primarily water and sewer. A 16" water transmission bypass water line which will replace a 128 and 90 year old supply line. This will take 8 – 10 years to complete. The first phase will start at the water treatment plant.

We will also be looking at desludging sedimentation ponds that accumulate dirt and matter that is filtered from the water from within the water treatment process. It is then sent to the two other ponds that have been in operation since April 1, 2008. The ponds are shallow, approximately 2 – 3 feet deep and are near full. The drying beds were constructed on the upland side and sand is stockpiled there for when we require it. There are no odour issues here and money has been set aside in the reserve to complete this and will be completed with RQM forces.

Sewer Treatment Plant – The desludging of the primary cell has been completed. Following completion by the contractor on August 8, 2019, there was a residual odour that was present throughout the week and has since dropped off and there is now very little odour. A large part of the odour lingering was due to the dry weather and no inflow. We have been pumping cleaner water to Cell 1 from final Cell 3 and into the primary cell. This has had a positive impact. The fats and oils that accumulate on the surface are being vacuumed and pumped into the desludging bags and will be an ongoing process for the next couple weeks.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Report from August 21, 2019 Tax Sale

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance and Mallory Plummer, Manager of Finance, were welcomed to provide an update on the tax sale which took place on August 21, 2019.

The tax sale began at 10:00 a.m. and finished at 1:00 p.m. with 67 people in attendance. There were 29 properties listed. Close to \$80,000 in minimums were collected. This was the largest tax sale that RQM has undertaken and was very successful.

Given the leverage tax sales afford RQM with property tax delinquency, we are not likely to pursue collection agency procedures; however, consideration is being given to using the services of a collection agency for other receivables.

Mallory Plummer has sourced an opportunity to accept credit card payment on any account balance in which any bank charges are paid by the credit card holder and cost neutral to the Region's operating budget.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 PLANNING

13.1 Rezoning Request – 128 Gorham Street/186 Church Street 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 amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to change the zoning of PID #70024245 from Institutional (I1) to Downtown Commercial (C1);

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on September 24, 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, stated an application to rezone property identified as PID #70024245 and located at 128 Gorham Street / 186 Church Street in Liverpool from Institutional (I1) to Downtown Commercial (C1) has been received. The prospective purchaser wishes to convert the building into a flower shop and indoor botanical garden. To accommodate the request an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw is necessary.

The property was developed by the Lions Club of Liverpool in 1970 for the use of the Girl Guides and other purposes. The Club is now in the process of trying to sell the property. There are other businesses adjacent and is already located in a fairly high traffic area and therefore should have minimal impact.

The property is zoned as Institutional (I1) under the Land Use Bylaw and has a future land use designation of Institutional (I) under the Municipal Planning Strategy.

The Planning Advisory Committee has reviewed the application and are in favour of rezoning the property to Downtown Commercial (C1) to allow for a flower shop and botanical garden.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

14.1 Council Implementation Report – January – July 2019

The Council Implementation Report was circulated for information.

Councillor Fralic enquired to the status of the RCMP enforcement to the area in front of the post office, i.e. angle parking, and jay walking. He requested that Councillors be provided an update on future RCMP actions.

15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go In-Camera at 10:03 a.m. to discuss the following:

15.1 Sale of Municipal Property

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Kelly announced a 5 minute recess at 10:03 a.m.


It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 11:02 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

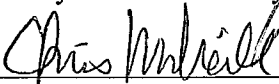
16.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the meeting be adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

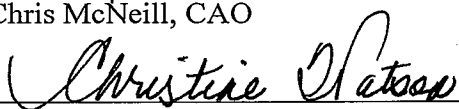
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Deputy Mayor Heather Kelly, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved:

