

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TO AMEND THE DEFINITION SECTION OF THE LAND USE BYLAW  
TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS PERMITTED IN SMALL  
OPTIONS HOMES TO 6 AND THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS  
PERMITTED  
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES TO 7 OR MORE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:** 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

**MEMBERS OF STAFF:** Chris McNeill, CAO  
Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dagley called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m.

**REMARKS:**

Mayor Dagley stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide any interested person an opportunity to present an oral or written presentation to Council of Region of Queens Municipality with regard to its intention to amend the definition section of the Land Use Bylaw to increase the number of residents permitted in Small Options Homes to 6 and the number of residents permitted in Residential Care Facilities to 7 or more.

Mayor Dagley reviewed the procedures for the Hearing which was provided on the agenda.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATION BY STAFF:**

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated an application to make amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to increase the number of residents permitted under a small options home use was made by Queens Association for Supported Living. They have recently purchased the property located at 531 West Street in Milton. Their intent was to convert the existing dwelling into a small options home. The property is located on the northern end of West Street, near Potanoc Street, in Milton and is 2 acres in size. Support workers attending the home will have no impact on traffic in the area and there is adequate room on the property to accommodate off street parking. The footprint or appearance of the existing dwelling will not be changed.

The property is currently zoned as General Residential (R2) under the Land Use Bylaw which does allow for small options homes as a permitted use. The definition for a small options home allows up to 3 residents in that home. There is also a definition for residential care facility which allows a higher density facility for 4 or more residents. The applicants wish to have 4 residents in the home. In order to accommodate the applicant's request, amendments would be required to the Bylaw.

It had already been the intent under the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw review project to amend these definitions to reflect up to 6 residents in a small options home and allow 7 or more residents in a residential care facility.

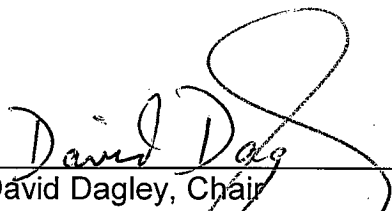
Staff and the Planning Advisory Committee have reviewed the application and agree that the request is reasonable and are in favor of the application.

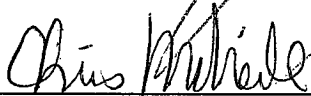
## **WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

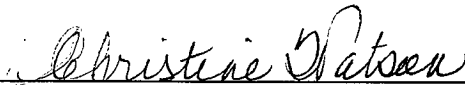
Trina Dexter, Executive Director, Queens Association for Supported Living, 44 Pleasant Street, Milton – Ms. Dexter stated that QASL believes that everyone has the right to safe inclusive housing in a community of choice. Community homes are created to provide a safe and secure place for people to live and gives them the support they need to live in dignity, meaning and quality.

She thanked RQM staff, Planning Advisory Committee and Council for acknowledging the value of the principle of human rights. Inclusive and diverse communities are vibrant and resilient. QASL fully supports the bylaw amendment.

Mayor Dagley asked if there were any more members of the public who wished to speak on this matter; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

  
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Mayor David Dagley, Chair

  
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Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: February 25, 2020