

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
9:05 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 9:05 a.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved as circulated.**

**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, College Street, Liverpool – Mr. Robertson stated under Item 8.1 – Branding, that he feels the new brand is a very good suggestion and encouraged Council to approve it. He commented hearing on the radio that Liverpool has been nominated for an award following the curling event last year. He further enquired under Item 9.2 Use of Permanent Election List, how the list was brought up to date. Mayor Dagley explained the province updates the list after every election.

David Huskins, 160 Church Street, Liverpool – Mr. Huskins stated he had not been present at Council lately and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – January 28, 2020

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 28, 2020 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 Region of Queens Municipality Branding Project – Branding Adoption**

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality adopt “Queens Coast” as its brand along with the tagline “Seek Nature’s Rewards”.**

Jenny Rockett, Director of Economic Development, stated staff have been working with m5 to develop a new brand. m5 held in-person engagement sessions, met with Council and staff, launched an online survey, and held a kiosk during Privateer Days with a postcard survey and box. In addition, m5 held a provincial phone survey of 400 Nova Scotians and asked a question about familiarity with Queens County, which showed that less than half were familiar with the region. Throughout the engagement sessions and surveys, residents, when asked to choose a single strong asset for Queens County, beaches rose to the top of their list.

RQM is working with m5 for a booth at Saltscapes this year, and working on letterhead and business card designs. They will be making a presentation at a future council meeting on their proposed promotional campaign.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES**

**9.1 Kin Canada 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag Request**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the application made by Kinsmen Club of Liverpool to have the Kin Canada 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag flown on the Special Purposes flagpole located on Henry Hensey Drive, Liverpool for a two week period, from February 14 through February 28, 2020.**

Heather Cook, Communications & Engagement Coordinator, stated the application request meets with policy standards. They are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November this year.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**9.2 Use of Permanent Election List – 2020 Municipal Election**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize the use of the most up-to-date provincial list of electors for the 2020 municipal election.**

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated the list is a permanent list of electors which the province keeps up to date on a regular basis. After municipal elections, the municipality is required to provide the updates incurred to the province. This is done as well after federal elections.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9.3 Request for Councillor Training

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve registration for Councillor Susan MacLeod in the 10-week on-line Political / Administrative Imperative Executive Certificate in Local Government Leadership program through Dalhousie University at a cost of \$3,495 to be funded from the 2020-2021 operating budget.**

Councillors provided reasons for why they would or would not support this recommendation. Some included:

- With the election being this year, not a wise use of taxpayers money whereas the course is offered every spring/fall and could be taken at that time should the requester be re-elected.
- Suggestion to review policy and make changes that training not be offered in the last year of the elected term.
- Suggestion to review policy and make changes that all conferences, including national, not be offered in the last year of the elected term.
- The policy as written entitles the requester to participate.

**MOTION DEFEATED WITH 3 in favour, 5 against**

**10.0 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

**11.0 FINANCE**

11.1 Temporary Borrowing Resolution - Brooklyn Sewer/Water  
(Waterfront Park to Marina)

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves Temporary Borrowing Resolution – File No. 19/20-01 in the amount of \$325,000 for Brooklyn Sewer/Water (Waterfront Park to Marina).**

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated it is a requirement that RQM has specific permission from the Minister prior to participating in debentures. Project was completed this year and will be reflected on the March 31, 2020 statements. The project came in under budget; budget was \$430,000 and came in at \$323,500.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

11.2 Tax Exemption Bylaw, first reading

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives first reading to Bylaw 14 respecting Tax Exemptions.**

Ms. Keating-Hubley stated this file comes forward to Council each year and requires two readings. The second reading will be the first Council meeting in March. Changes to the Bylaw include the transfer of the Mount Pleasant School to the Day Care Association, to be exempt from property taxes, added Queens Supported Living's acquisition of new building and the removal of the Lions Club, following the sale of their building.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 13.0 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

13.1 A Bylaw Respecting Amendments to the Region of Queens Municipality Land Use Bylaw

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give second reading to a bylaw respecting amendments to the Land Use Bylaw which sees:**

- 1. Rewording the definition of small options home to allow for up to six persons; and**
- 2. Rewording the definition of residential care facility to allow for seven or more persons.**

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated following the Public Hearing this morning, 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 which allows 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.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

13.2 Queens County Transit Society – Request for Funding for New Van

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a \$25,000 expenditure, as municipal cost sharing toward the purchase of a new wheelchair accessible van; estimated at \$100,000; for Queens County Transit Society;**

**AND THAT the expenditure be allocated from Gas Tax Fund.**

Mr. MacLeod stated Queens County Transit currently has 3 vehicles in its fleet of which two are wheelchair accessible. These vehicles were purchased with the startup of the transit system and have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced.

As part of the QCT Society's presentation last year, they requested \$25,000 from RQM to assist them in purchasing a new wheelchair accessible van. The remaining \$75,000 will be applied for through the province.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**14.0 REPORTS**

14.1 Council Implementation Report

Council Implementation report included for information purposes.

14.2 2019 Proclamation Requests

2019 Proclamation Requests included for information purposes.

**15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Muise that the proceedings go In-Camera at 9:50 a.m. to discuss the following:**

**15.1 Contract Negotiations**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced a 10 minute recess at 9:50 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Kelly declared a Conflict of Interest at 10:00 a.m. prior to Item 15.1 being discussed and left Council Chambers.

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 10:20 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

15.1 Contract Negotiations

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


**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality grant a one-year extension (based on the current terms) to October 31, 2021, to the Lease Agreement with the Astor Theatre Society to operate the Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.**

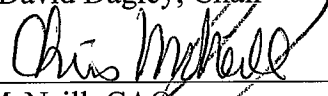
**MOTION CARRIED with 5 in favour and 2 against.**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 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: February 25, 2020