

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
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 Johnson that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 RCMP Report – S/Sgt. Dan Archibald and Senior Safety Coordinator – Shelley Walker

Mayor Dagley welcomed S/Sgt. Dan Archibald and Senior Safety Coordinator Shelley Walker to Council (copy of report attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- High Risk Offender – Requested a High Risk Offender Bulletin be sent to the public and approval was granted on a high risk offender recently released from Federal prison after serving a 20 year sentence. A surveillance plan was put into place.
- Fatal MVC on Highway 103 near Exit 19 at Liverpool – Waiting on report from traffic investigation.
- Flight from Police/High Risk Domestic – Suspect led police on a brief foot chase and was taken into custody. Released on strict conditions and was arrested again after breaching his conditions just 2 hours after being released.
- Partnered with SCEU and NSCIS in a joint investigation regarding a suspect possibly transporting large amounts of cash in connection with the drug trade, following a traffic stop in Queens County.
- Responded to a business in Greenfield following a report that one employee had given butter laced with cannabis oil to an unsuspecting employee. Investigation is ongoing and no charges have been laid at this time.
- Reviewed Yearly Statistics for Traffic
 - 339 tickets year-to-date
 - 16 impaired charges
- Reviewed Calls for Service – overall crime decreased 15% over last year

Senior Safety Coordinator's Report (copy of report attached to original set of Minutes).

- 69 active clients
- Works 3 – 8 hours/day
- In addition, works 2 days per week with Home Support
- 1 – 2 presentations made per month in the community on various topics
- Works closely with Community Policing Officer

Councillor MacLeod commented that there is speeding along Sandy Cove Road from Brady's to the intersection at the lights in Liverpool and enquired if the speed radar trailer could be installed. Councillor Fancy also requested to have it installed on West Street in Milton.

Councillor Fancy, as part of the littering committee, enquired if attention could be given to unsecured loads and advise operators.

3.2 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program – Troy Smith

Mayor Dagley welcomed Troy Smith to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- What is The Duke Award? – International award program for youth which is non-competitive, self-directed and is earned, not won. 130 countries are involved with the program.
- Award Requirements – The participants must be 14 years of age to begin the Bronze Level, 15 years of age to begin the Silver Level, and 16 years of age to begin the Gold Level. The Award must be completed by the age of 25.
- The Sections – Each Award Level has four sections – Service, Physical Recreation, Skills and Adventurous Journey. The Gold Level has an additional section – Gold Project.
- Assessors – Is an adult who is not a parent, an expert in the area you are working on who helps create and monitor your goal and progress. We presently have Assessors at the local MLA office, QCCR, Queens County Blades, local gymnastics, Queens Manor, Queens County Museum, Acadia First Nations, and have one participant working on her Gold who is doing a weekly garbage clean-up of beaches.
- Skill – Learn something new or enhance an existing skill. 5 participants have logged 2,340 hours.
- Service – Keep in touch with the community through service. 5 participants have logged 1,872 hours which equates to \$21,621 in value for their time. We presently have 12 active youth in Queens County.
- Physical Recreation – Individual or team sports. 5 participants have logged 3,289 hours of physical activity logged over a 3 year period.
- Adventurous Journey – Experience the outdoors through fun, adventure and exploration. Partnered with the Harrison Lewis Centre and run the Bronze camping expedition. 15 youth from Ireland chose Keji to complete their 5 day canoe expedition.
- Bronze Award – 14 years of age to participate and participants chooses a major equal to 26 weeks minimum. Ceremonies are celebrated locally.
- Silver Award – Participant can begin after finishing Bronze. Without a Bronze, the participant must be 15 years of age to start and complete a major of 52 weeks for one section, otherwise 26 weeks for activities. Ceremonies are held at Province House with the award being presented by the Lieutenant Governor.
- Gold Award – Participant must be 16 years of age. Without a Silver, need to complete a major of 78 weeks for one section, otherwise 52 weeks for activities. Ceremonies are held in Halifax with the award being presented by a member of the Royal Party (based on their travel plans to the province or if visiting another Atlantic Province, the youth would be sent to where they will be) or designate.
- Award Recognition – Bronze – Local Ceremony, Silver – Provincial Ceremony, and Gold – National/Royal Ceremony.

Mr. Smith's ask from RQM:

- Promotion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program as a RQM program through social media and website.
- Attach the program to RQM so any youth can have contact with local person
- Commit \$300 annually for the Bronze level celebration ceremony, and any amount that is not used can be used to upgrade camping equipment.
- Offer congratulations to Ella Stevens on her recent trip to Nunavut as well as the youth on attaining their level of accomplishments.

Mayor Dagley thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation and suggested he connect with staff to begin preliminary discussions and bring findings back to Council.

For more information see www.dukeofed.org/ns.

To sign up online see www.onlinerecordbook.org.

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minute break at 10:25 a.m.

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 enquired when the budget would be brought to Council for approval. Mayor Dagley advised at the next Council meeting.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – February 25, 2020

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 25, 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:

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 & PUBLIC WORKS

10.1 2020, 4x4, ¾ Ton Pick-up Truck

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the purchase of a 2020, 4x4, ¾ Pick-up Truck from G.W. Mosher Motors at a price of \$44,807.00 + HST.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Tax Exemption Bylaw second reading

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Muise:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives final reading and approval to Bylaw 14 respecting Tax Exemptions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Write Off Uncollectible Property Taxes

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives approval to the Director of Finance to write off property taxes owing for Assessment Account Number 4990587, AAN 4923502, AAN 2144956, AAN 6096573, AAN 4838092, AAN 6045715, AAN 10021375 and AAN 2310562.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated RQM has been successful in removing a number of account balances in our outstanding property taxes and receivables. We worked with Land Registry Mapping and PVFC to clarify some of our issues and to deactivate a number of accounts. In the case of these particular properties, there are no alternatives for us as we have been told by the solicitor that we cannot take them to tax sales as there is no clear chain of title, and the property description and land associated to the assessment account numbers does not exist or cannot be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

12.1 Administrative Policy 87 – Recreation for All

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Administrative Policy 87 – Recreation for All.

Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation and Healthy Communities, stated the Policy was recommended as part of the Physical Activity Strategy. The strategic purpose states the policy is to provide clear direction for the future developments, improvement and maintenance and support for all residents to be able to access recreation opportunities with limited barriers to participation or access.

The Policy applies to all aspects of the RQM's operations including all infrastructure used for recreational purposes, programs and services.

Councillors offered suggestions on the proposed policy, some of which included:

- Partnership with organizations be taken into consideration, i.e. United Way
- Same language as in this policy to be included throughout all documents / departments going forward
- Policy can be amended if / when new issues or options arise
- Communication to residents is key
- Documentation and application with parameters / criteria to be prepared next
- Ensure follow-up on Council Implementation Report to keep Council apprised of progress

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.0 REPORTS

14.1 Council Implementation Report

Council Implementation Report included for information purposes.

15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:37 a.m. to discuss the following:

15.1 Contract Negotiations

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minute recess at 11:37 a.m.

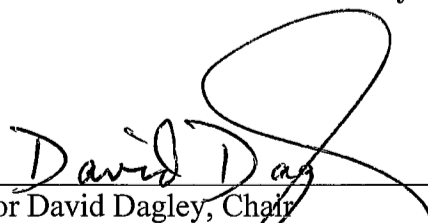
It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

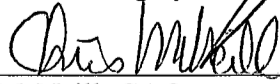
16.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Muise that the meeting be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: April 14, 2020



COUNCIL REPORT

Region of Queens

ABSTRACT

Report on policing activity in Queens County
March 10th, 2020

Queens Detachment

902-354-5721

QUEENS DETACHMENT COUNCIL REPORT



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PERSONNEL

Current Personnel Capacity:

Current Compliment:	District Commander	S/Sgt. Dan Archibald
	Team Leader	Cpl. John Harris – Operations NCO
	Team Leader	Cpl. Rob Frizzell – Operations NCO
	Members	Cst. Ron Duffney Community Policing Officer Cst. Dave Cowan Caledonia Community Officer Cst. Christa Pye Cst. George Walsh Cst. Chad Burridge Cst. Rick Ellens Cst. Tara Davis Cst. Vladimir Dounin Cst. Steve Murphy
	Assistants	Ms. Elise MacLennan Ms. Lydia Goodick
	Senior Safety	Ms. Shelly Walker





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INFORMATION OF INTEREST

- High Risk Offender - On January 8th, 2020, Queens County RCMP received information that a high risk offender was recently released from Federal prison after serving a 20 year sentence for an aggravated sexual assault. The offender was released on a two year Recognizance and was to reside in South Brookfield in North Queens with a curfew. RCMP requested a High Risk Offender Bulletin be sent to the public and approval was granted from our Headquarters in Ottawa. On January 11th, 2020, a surveillance plan was put into place by the Queens District RCMP which entailed 15 hours of surveillance until the curfew hours were in effect on the offender. The surveillance plan continued with phased enforcement for one month and nightly checks have been completed and will continue into the future. Randomized surveillance continues on the subject given the high profile of this individual residing in the County.
- Fatal MVC - On February 12th, at approximately 3:22 pm, Queens District RCMP members were dispatched to a two vehicle MVC on Highway 103 near the #19 Exit at Liverpool. The incident involved a pickup truck vs semi and upon arrival the driver of the pickup was deceased. The driver of the semi was treated for minor injuries. A traffic analysis attended the scene and preliminary findings indicated the pickup truck swerved into the oncoming traffic lane, leading to the head on collision. The highway was closed for several hours for investigation and clean up of the highway as a large amount of diesel fuel was spilt and Nova Scotia Environment was engaged. Emergency responders including EHS and Local Fire Departments attended the incident. Impairment by alcohol did not appear to have contributed to the collision.
- Flight from Police/High Risk domestic - Queens RCMP were called to an apartment building to investigate a report of domestic violence. Upon arriving a suspect lead police on a brief foot chase. The suspect was eventually located and a short struggle ensued before police got him into custody. The suspect was released on strict conditions the next day but police got a 2nd call just 2 hours after releasing the suspect that he was breaching his conditions and he was arrested again. The suspect was then held in custody and is awaiting a trial date
- Queens RCMP partnered with SCEU and NSCIS in a joint investigation regarding a suspect possibly transporting large amounts of cash in connection with the drug trade. Police conducted a traffic stop in Queens County and arrested a female who had in excess of \$20,000 CAD in her possession. Investigation is ongoing.
- Queens RCMP responded to a business in Greenfield following a report that one employee had given butter laced with cannabis oil to an unsuspecting employee. Initial reports indicate the suspect employee told other employees the butter was just flavoured butter and not laced with cannabis oil. After consuming the butter the employee started to feel unwell and contacted the police. The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been laid at this time.





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YEARLY STATISTICS (April 1st onward)

TRAFFIC

- Number of Impaired Drivers – 16 charges laid + 5 Additional Suspensions + 5 Prohibited
- Number of Check-stops – 54
- Number of Tickets Issued – 313
 - 80 - Speeding
 - 53 - Traffic Control Device (stop signs, street lights, traffic signs etc)
 - 40 – Insurance Violations
 - 20 - Unregistered
 - 18 - Unlicensed
 - 6 – Distracted Driving (cell phone)
 - 5 – Seatbelt
 - 112 (2 Fatal) – Collisions
- Number of warnings issued – 179
- Inspection (Defect) issued - 17

CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAK DOWN

In total 2547 incidents were reported to police. A break down of some of those calls for service are as followed;

- Crimes Against Person (assaults excluding sexual) – 117
- Harassment/Treats – 135
- Sexual Offences – 10
- Drug Possession/Trafficking - 13
- Thefts/PSP – 102
- Mischief – 104
- Break and Enter - 57
- Fraud – 29
- Mental Health Act – 77
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle - 61
- False Alarms – 88
- Well Being Check - 44

In 2019, 82 prisoners have been held at the Detachment cells. Overall, total criminal code occurrences have decreased in Queens County by 15% from the previous year.





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COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

The following report is from Cst. Duffney, Community Policing Officer, detailing his highlights for the months of December 2019 to February 2020:

December - Human Trafficking presentation completed December 6th at Zion United Church for the 30th anniversary of the Ecole Polytechnique massacre on the national day of remembrance and action of violence against women with 30 people in attendance. Attended a senior safety meeting as well as an interagency enforcement meeting throughout the month. Met with Queens Place to discuss and develop a safe plan. Attended Wellness Day activities at Liverpool Regional High School. School visits also completed at North Queens Community School, Dr. JC Wickwire and LRHS.

Presentation to Liverpool Regional High School Law Class on topic of policing/crime scenes and law. Open forum conversation included recruiting, recruiting and distribution of intimate images.

Participated on Community Food Cruise in partnership with MLA Kim Masland took donations for the local Queens County Food Bank. Two cruisers filled as well as over \$1000 in donations.

January – Held a Drug Impairment Presentation to grade 11 and 12 students at North Queens High School with approximately 25 students in attendance. Attended North Queens Housing Authority and held a CyberCrime/Fraud presentation completed to 5 residents

Presentations completed on Human Trafficking at South Queens Middle School to all grade 7 and 8 students. Five presentations completed to 7 classes throughout the whole day. Approximately 100+ students as well as teachers present.

Attended a SAC (School Advisory Committee) meeting at Liverpool Regional High School. Attended a Queens GSAR monthly meeting

School visits completed at North Queens Community School, Liverpool Regional High School and South Queens Middle School. Staff and students spoken with throughout the month.

February - Attended a SAC (School Advisory Committee) meeting at South Queens Middle School. School visits completed throughout the month at Dr. JC Wickwire School, Liverpool Regional High School and South Queens Middle School and Staff and students spoken with.

Cst. Duffney arranged presenters from the Underwater Recovery Team, Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Services and Fitness and Health to participate in a Law Co op Day at Liverpool Regional High School. The students had the chance to hear from all presenters, ask questions and complete several



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laps of the PARE test (RCMP fitness test). The day was a huge success and all the students enjoyed themselves.

Cst. DUFFNEY travelled with 4 youth from Liverpool Regional High School to H Div headquarters as part of a Youth Cyber Crime Advisory Committee.

Cst. DUFFNEY completed a presentation to 50 grade 5 students of Dr. JC Wickwire on the topic of Cyber Safety and Consent.

Community Policing Officer Cst. DUFFNEY along with Queens RCMP Senior Safety Coordinator, Shelly WALKER were dealing with a 71 year old senior that was deemed incompetent by adult protection and medical professionals. The senior was currently in hospital until they can be placed in full time care. A concerned neighbour who was asked to look after the residence located a substantial amount of money (>\$50,000) and contacted the police. The Public Trustee office was contacted and the money was seized.

S/Sgt. Dan Archibald
District Commander
RCMP Queens District





Queens County Seniors' Safety Program

Data: Between May 1st 2019 - March 1st 2020
21 Active Clients up to **69** Active Clients and growing daily

Many files remain active until the client is placed into Long Term Care or passes away. Even after clients are placed in Long Term Care, many of their files remain open due to on-going family dynamics.

Senior Safety Coordinator:

- Works 3 – 8 hour days per week
- In the 12 days / month, averages between **10-15 Home Visits/month**
- Many more Home Visits could be accomplished however with the SSC restraints with part time hours as well as the demographical area including 49 individual communities required to cover, it is not possible.
- Travelled **over 4000 kms** to date
- Typically, 1-2 Presentations per month in the community on such topics as:
 - Frauds and Scams which is extremely popular at present
 - Senior Abuse
 - Seniors and Safe Driving
 - Vial of Life
 - Medication Safety

Currently with the number of active files (**69 and growing**) many clients are having to wait for service and these numbers are continuously increasing as the program gains recognition.

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD
CANADA – NOVA SCOTIA**

“Not all learning happens in the classroom.”

What is The Duke Award?



- International award program for youth
- Started by HRH, Prince Philip in 1956
- In over 130 countries
- Over 10 million participants around the world.



The Award Program



- Non-competitive
- Self-directed
- Earned, not won
- Challenges based on ability
- Enjoyable!



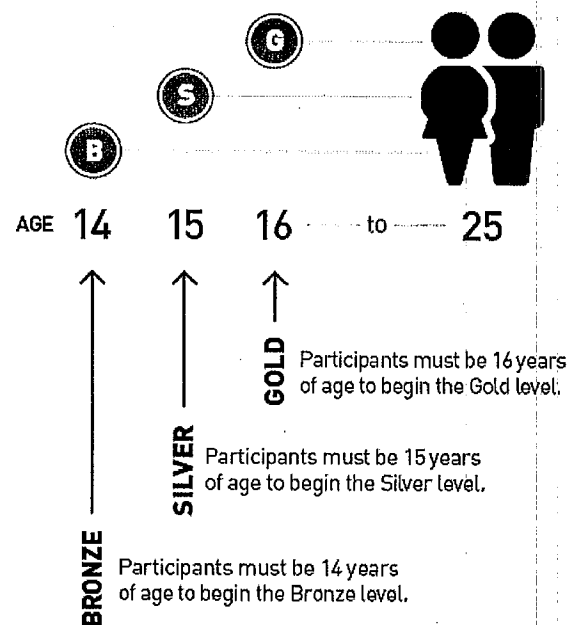
Award Requirements



- Meet the age requirement
- Volunteer
- Be active
- Learn a skill
- Go on an adventure
- Keep a record of it

The Levels

The Award must be completed by the age of 25.



The Sections



Each Award Level has four sections:

- Service
- Physical Recreation
- Skills
- Adventurous Journey

Gold Level has an additional section:

- Gold Project
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Assessors

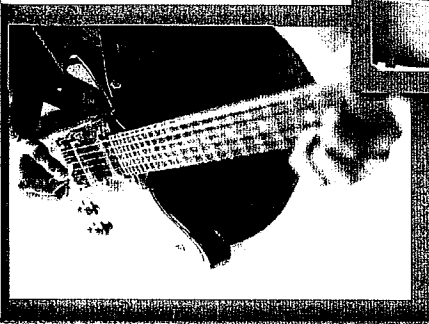


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- Adult (not a parent)
 - An “expert” in that area
 - Helps create your goal.
 - Monitors your progress
 - Can speak to your Improvement, Challenge, and Effort.
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Skill



Learn something new or Enhance an existing skill!



Service



Keep in touch with the community through service

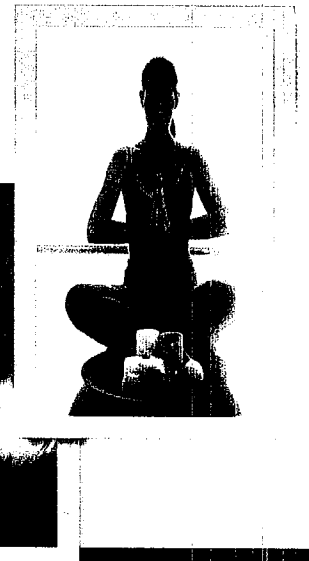
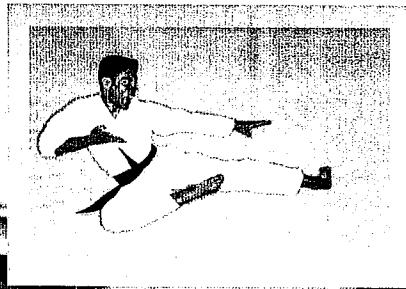


Physical Recreation



Individual or team sports

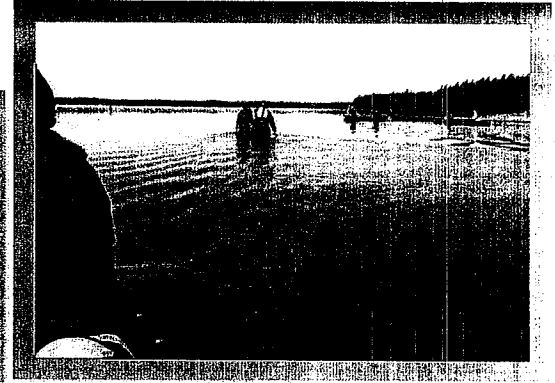
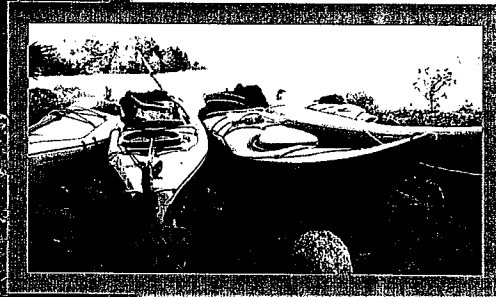
—Dance, sailing, scuba diving, golf fall under the physical recreation section



Adventurous Journey



Experience the outdoors through fun,
adventure, and exploration!



Bronze Award

- Be *at least* 14 years old
 - Choose a major = 26 weeks minimum, other activities are 13 weeks
 - Skill, Service, Physical Recreation
 - Minimum average 1 hour/week
 - Adventurous Journey = 2 days, 1 night
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Silver Award



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- Can start right after finishing Bronze.
 - Without a Bronze, have to be over 15 years old to start, and complete a major of 52 weeks for one section.
 - Otherwise 26 weeks for activities
 - Skill, Service, Physical Recreation
 - Minimum average 1 hour/week
 - Qualifying Journey = 3 days, 2 nights
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Gold Award



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- Be *at least* 16 years old
 - Without a **Silver**, need to complete a major of 78 weeks for one section.
 - Otherwise 52 weeks for activities:
 - Skill, Service, Physical Recreation
 - Minimum average 1 hour/week
 - Qualifying Journey = 4 days, 3 nights
 - Gold Project
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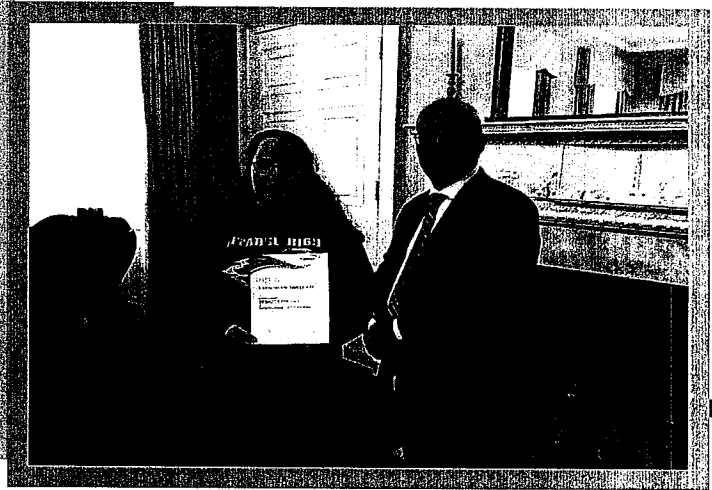
Award Recognition



Bronze – Local Ceremony

Silver – Provincial Ceremony

Gold – National/Royal Ceremony



How do you get started?



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- Learn more – dukeofed.org/ns
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 - Pay \$50 fee
 - Download the app!
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Questions?

