

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
9:16 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
Chris McNeill, CAO
Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

REGRETS: Councillor Gilbert Johnson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 9:16 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 circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.1 Council Minutes – March 10, 2020

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 10, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

7.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

7.1 Fire Department and Medical First Responder Annual Registration

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the 2020-2021 fire department and medical first responder registrations effective April 1, 2020, for Greenfield and District Fire Department, Liverpool Fire Fighters Association, Mill Village and District Fire Department, North Queens Fire Association, Port Medway Fire Department, and West Queens Medical First Responder Society, according to the service levels for each department included on their 2020-2021 Application for Registration.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Policy 66 - Appointment of Traffic Authority

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve revised Policy 66 Respecting the Appointment of Traffic Authority.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Appointment to Queens Place Emera Centre Board of Directors

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality re-appoint Councillor Gil Johnson to Queens Place Emera Centre's Board of Directors for a term from July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

8.1 Community Monitoring Committee – Membership Reappointments

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the reappointments to the Community Monitoring Committee of Kenneth Minard of Milton and Norman Wentzell of Mill Village. These reappointments are effective immediately with a term ending April 1, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Kelly enquired, as per Policy, about the third community member required to sit on the Committee. Scott LeBlanc, Solid Waste Clerk/Safety Officer, stated that attempts are being made to fill this position without success and will follow-up with Department of Environment and advise Councillors if filling the position can be with members of the community that do not reside in the area of the landfill.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Organic Materials Transfer Agreements

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve Organic Materials for Transfer Agreements with the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clarks Harbour, which will become effective on April 1, 2020 and expire on March 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Appointment of Building Official

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality appoint Tim Clattenburg to the position of Building Official for the Region of Queens Municipality to administer and enforce provisions of the Nova Scotia Building Code Act.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Solid Waste Summary Offence Ticket Approval

Mayor Dagley stated RQM received notification from the province that the increase for the fine level for illegal dumping for the first office has been increased to \$697.50.

10.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

10.1 Community Investment Fund

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Community Food Resource Network in the amount of \$5,000 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Fiske declared a Conflict of Interest prior to recommendation for Friends of Hank Snow Society being discussed.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Friends of Hank Snow Society in the amount of \$10,000 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Fiske returned to the table.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Mersey Band Society in the amount of \$5,000 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Mersey Tobaccic Research Institute in the amount of \$2,347.83 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to North Queens Board of Trade in the amount of \$7,034.78 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Blades in the amount of up to \$5,000 for Winter CanSkate Learn to Skate Program from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund budget; such funding shall be available in increments of \$125 for each new skater registered in the CanSkate program from October 2020 to March 2021 who has not previously been subsidized by this grant funding in 2019-2020.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Fair Association in the amount of \$10,000 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Museum in the amount of \$5,000 from the 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Dagley announced a 5 minute recess at 9:55 a.m.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 2020-2021 Budget

11.1 (1) Brooklyn Recreation Committee

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a four and one-half cent (\$.045) area rate for the Brooklyn Recreation Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (2) Brooklyn Cemetery Committee

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a one and one-half cent (\$.015) area rate for the Brooklyn Cemetery Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (3) Area Rates

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves that area rates be charged to residential, commercial, and resource assessments;

AND THAT the rates are applied as follows:

Assessment Districts 1-12

**Except Assessment Account Numbers 10148820, 10462223 and 00132837:
Road Levy 75%**

Assessment District 13

And Assessment Account Numbers 10148820, 10462223 and 00132837 :

Debt Charges District 13	- 100%
Roads, Streets & Sidewalks	- 75%
Equipment Costs	- 75%
Hydrant Charges-Central Water System	- 100%
General Paving Out of Operations	- 100%

Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, 6: Hydrant Charges – Properties connected to the Liverpool Central Water System or that have the ability to connect to the system.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (4) Operating Budget and Tax Rates

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2020 – 2021 Operating Budget reflecting an operating surplus of \$4,870 and expenditures in the amount of \$21,101,080 which represents the tax rates for Assessment District 13 and assessment accounts 10148820, 10462223 and 00132837 as follows:

- **Residential Base rate of \$1.03 per \$100.00 of assessment; plus an Area Rate of \$0.90 per \$100.00 of assessment or \$0.78 per \$100.00 of assessment not connectable to the Liverpool Water Utility;**
- **Resource Base rate of \$1.03 per \$100.00 of assessment; and an Area Rate of \$0.90 per \$100.00 of assessment or \$0.78 per \$100.00 of assessment not connectable to the Liverpool Water Utility;**
- **Commercial Base rate of \$2.13 per \$100.00 of assessment; and an Area Rate of \$0.90 per \$100.00 of assessment or \$0.78 per \$100.00 of assessment not connectable to the Liverpool Water Utility;**

AND THAT the following represents the tax rates for Assessment Districts 1-12 with the exception of assessment accounts 10148820, 10462223 and 00132837 as follows:

- **Residential Base rate of \$1.03 per \$100.00 of assessment and an Area Rate of \$0.03 per \$100.00 of assessment;**
- **Resource Base rate of \$1.03 per \$100.00 of assessment and an Area Rate of \$0.03 per \$100.00 of assessment;**
- **Commercial Base rate of \$2.13 per \$100.00 of assessment and an Area Rate of \$0.03 per \$100.00 of assessment;**
- **Commercial Seasonal Base Rate of \$1.60 per \$100.00 of assessment and an Area Rate of \$0.02 per \$100.00 of assessment.**

AND THAT an area rate of \$0.120 per \$100.00 of residential, commercial, and resource assessment in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6 that have the ability to connect to the Liverpool Water Utility.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (5) Water Utility Operating Budget

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2020 – 2021 Water Utility Operating Budget reflecting revenue of \$740,135 and expenditures of \$720,458 and a surplus of \$19,677;

AND THAT Council approves the submission of the three year Water Utility Operating Budget for the fiscal years 2020 – 2021, 2021 - 2022 and 2022 – 2023 to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (6) Capital Budget

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2020/2021 Capital Budget for Jubilee St – Sewer/Water/Street Upgrades Project (\$650,000); Brooklyn-Sewer/Water to Wharf project (\$643,000); Trestle Trail Bridge (\$1,246,000); Broadband Investments (\$1,908,442); Water Transmission Line (\$135,000); Landfill Loader (\$310,000), and Public Works Truck (\$52,000) reflecting expenditures of \$4,944,442 to be funded as follows:

Long Term Borrowing	\$	643,000
Provincial/Federal/Other Funding	\$	2,120,942
<u>Transfer from Reserves</u>		
➤ Capital Reserve		497,000
➤ Gas Tax Reserve		<u>1,683,500</u>
	\$	<u>4,944,442</u>

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.1 (7) Due Date on Taxes

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the due date for taxes for the Region's Assessment Districts 1 – 13 for the 2020 - 2021 taxation year of June 30, 2020;

AND THAT one month's interest is to be forgiven if the taxes are paid on or before July 31, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Municipal Billing Date Changes

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the revised billing and taxation due dates as presented to Council on April 14, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 REPORTS

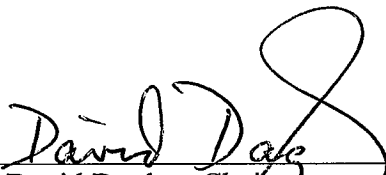
12.1 Covid-19

Report circulated to Councillors for information purposes.

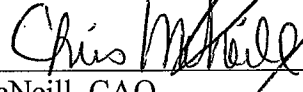
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

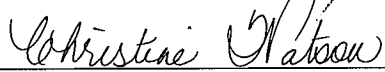
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: May 12, 2020