

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske 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. Roberson enquired when the RQM offices would be open to the public. Mayor Dagley stated at this time it is unknown. Under Item 9.1 Three-Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Roads, Mr. Roberson enquired to what roads would be involved. Mayor Dagley explained there would not be a discussion on specific roads as today's item is a procedural issue.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – April 14, 2020

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 14, 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 Astor Theatre Lease

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality enter into a new five-year lease agreement with the Astor Theatre Society.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES**

9.1 Three-Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Roads

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize entering into the 2021-2024 Three-Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets – Agreement No. 2020-017 – with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on Council's behalf.**

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated municipalities are asked to sign an agreement to cost share J Class roads every three years, but doesn't bind RQM unless we agree to the cost share. This agreement gives RQM the authority in 2021, 2022 and 2023, if council wishes to cost-share on specific J Class roads, it can be brought forward to the province. The province decides if they want to cost share or not. The agreement states that any cost overruns are not cost shared either.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**10.0 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS**

10.1 2020, 4x4, ¾ Ton Pick-up Truck

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the purchase of a 2020, 4x4, ¾ Ton Pick-up Truck from G.W. Mosher Motors at a price of \$48,159.00 + HST.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 11.0 FINANCE

### 11.1 Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture

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

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the Borrowing Resolution for Brooklyn Sewer/Water – Waterfront Park to Marina, for Pre-Approval to participate in the Spring 2020 Debenture Issuance.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### 12.1 Facility Membership and Fee Sponsorship Program

Councillor Johnston asked for clarification and where this document fits into the process with the Recreation for All policy. Mr. McNeill stated this is the next phase in the project to seek private sector investments. These will be the parameters and guidelines used to sponsor local residents to use the facilities in question. The next process will be once we have established private sector investments to look at criteria, i.e. eligibility for funding.

## 13.0 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## 14.0 REPORTS

### 14.1 Council Implementation Report

Councillor Fralic asked for an update to the January 14, 2020 recommendation – Adopt the Hurricane Dorian report and recommendations, and if RQM will be able to move forward prior to hurricane season. Mr. McNeill stated there have been no in person meetings. At the last meeting there were discussions with the fire chiefs and EMO in that the fire chiefs not wanting to meet any more as they thought they had exhausted all their ideas and thoughts. EMO had discussions around revising the agreement, which was provided to all fire chiefs approximately two months ago and not all responses were received from them yet and is an ongoing process.

Once the pandemic is over we will revisit the issues. A couple of the fire departments were agreeable to the agreement and RQM will enter into an agreement with them and bring back to Council. Departments not in agreement may not sign an agreement which is not dissimilar from before.

Councillor Fralic enquired under April 14, 2020, Scott LeBlanc to follow-up with Department of Environment regarding the Community Monitoring Committee position to be members that do not reside in the area of the landfill. Mayor Dagley stated Mr. LeBlanc is investigating.

Councillor Johnson enquired to the status of discussions held in March surrounding loads entering the landfill untarped and what processes RQM could have in place to stop this as the highway is riddled with garbage and stated RQM needs to be proactive in finding solutions and was of the understanding that Scott LeBlanc, Solid Waste Clerk, was investigating what could be done.

#### 14.2 Old Falls Road – Traffic Authority Report

Councillor Fancy stated he tried to contact as many residents on Old Falls Road as possible prior to council on this topic as it should be the residents to decide which recommendation they wanted to proceed with. From the residents that he spoke to, either recommendation 1 or 2 would be their choice. Mayor Dagley enquired if choosing recommendation 2, if he would be requesting two signs, one indicating no thru traffic, and one indicating no access to Highway 8. Councillor Fancy stated yes that the two signs would be required.

Councillor Fralic enquired if there are any financial implications for Item 1 installation of a cul du sac. Mr. McNeill stated he believed a former report noted approximately \$125,000, and either the purchase of property or land expropriation. Councillor Fancy stated the cost was only \$25,000.

Mr. McNeill stated the requested recommendation will be brought back to council as recommendation 2 including costs associated.

#### 14.3 Councillor Update

Councillors provided updates in their districts, some of which included:

Councillor Kevin Muise, District 1

- Seaside Takeout will be opening, and will be serving ice cream.
- Receiving calls from residents because Air BnB's have people coming from away and walking the beach. Residents are reporting to RCMP, who have been to the area a few times, and have stated people are considered isolated in the Air BnB.
- Seascape is opening in June.
- Hunts Point Café will be opening.
- Landlords reporting that some occupants have stopped paying their rent.
- Seniors advising that they do not have transportation for groceries and have had other people take them, which are not residing in their residence, which is not allowed.

Deputy Mayor Heather Kelly, District 2

- Receiving calls on the work on Main Street/Jubilee Street, advised callers to contact Steven Parnell.
- Work continues on building at the corner of Carten Street/Main Street – new business opening in July.
- Concern for distancing at Skate Park.
- Farmers Market providing on line service from Vendors as they are unsure when opening.
- Senior Safety Coordinator located in Home Support Office and people can call 902-350-0231 if assistance is needed.
- Astor Theatre is closed until September 1 and all shows have been rebooked. They are preparing for an on line art show.
- Queens County Museum is closed. Can be contacted or visit website for any genealogy information.
- Privateer Days cancelled this year.
- Signage installed at public well and can only service one person at a time.
- VON office is open and during the month of May are offering frozen favourites for \$5/each. Delivery is free.

Councillor Brian Fralic, District 3

- Praised the workers at Queens General Hospital and Queens Manor for all their work.
- Library is providing curb side pickup.
- Providing tax information to residents since the program offering free taxes was cancelled.
- Senior Safety Coordinator assisting with calls for groceries to seniors.

Councillor Susan MacLeod, District 4

- Contacted all businesses in her District.
- QPEC deferred monthly payments, offering Zoom classes on line.
- Cosby's Garden Centre is open.
- Parlee Adventure Outfitters is closed until further notice.
- Parlee Manufacturing is closed to the public but can be contacted for appointments.
- Veinot's Print is open by appointment.
- Brady's are very busy, busier than before.
- Fishing at Brooklyn Wharf is good.
- Brooklyn Marina not opening at their regular time, but are doing maintenance to wharfs.
- Aqualitas is still open and some shifts were created for social distancing rules.
- Received complaints/concerns over debris left from house fire in Brooklyn – awaiting investigation with insurance company.

Councillor Fralic enquired if the community garden by the Day Care would be opening. She stated it was unclear how much area will be affected by the expansion to their facility at this time.

Councillor Jack Fancy, District 5

- Food Bank is not open to public but deliveries are being made to residents.
- Milton Hall will be having a pickup/delivery supper on May 30 to help raise money for the facility.
- No issues at fish plant, boats are going out as usual.
- Lane's are providing takeout orders.
- Garbage is an ongoing issue.
- Commended James Grant on initiative in the creation of NS flowers and have received orders all across Canada and beyond.
- Work on apartment buildings continue.

Councillor Raymond Fiske, District 6

- Hillview Acres is doing well and praised staff for their endeavors.
- He is delivering care bags to senior residents in his area, 25 to date and an additional 15 are being planned.
- Concerns were raised over the main grey boxes on the Labelle Road.

Councillor Gil Johnson, District 7

- Businesses in North Queens/Caledonia are all open and considered essential.
- Food Network Resource working with Senior Safety Coordinator and are very busy.
- Project at Keji is going ahead.
- New campground opening in South Brookfield.
- Medical Centre paving project is going ahead.
- Gateway Project awarded to ATN Consulting Group and should be completed by August.
- Queens County Fair is paused until fall.
- Recycle facility starting up this weekend.
- Brookfield trail remains open.

**15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:08 a.m. to discuss the following:**

**15.1 Personnel**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Dagley announced the In-Camera session would begin at 11:30 a.m. via Teleconference.

Councillor Fancy was not in attendance for the meeting.

Councillor Muise left the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

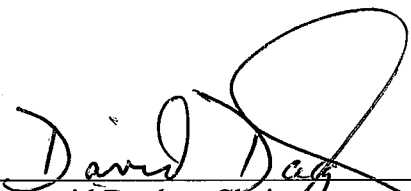
**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:50 p.m.**

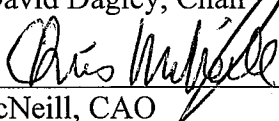
**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

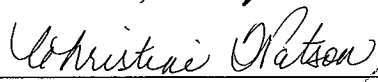
**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be adjourned at 12:51 p.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: May 26, 2020