

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020, 9:48 A.M.
ZOOM VIRTUAL

MINUTES

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, Admin Assistant – Planning & Development

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the Agenda be approved as amended:

Remove In-Camera Item 15.1 – Contract Negotiations

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 enquired from the June 23, 2020 Minutes if the projected \$900,000 QPEC deficit includes the principal and interest paid on long term debt or is this an additional cost. Mayor Dagley stated it was mostly operating but would need to seek advice from the CAO.

Mr. Robertson further enquired if there would be any savings under 9.1 – Appointment of Traffic Authority, whereas the RCMP are relinquishing that duty. Mayor Dagley stated none were anticipated as their duties were very limited.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council – June 23, 2020

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTY 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

9.1 Appointment of Traffic Authority

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

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING & WORKS

10.1 Landfill Community Monitoring Committee Member Appointment

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the appointment of Charlie Greer to the Landfill Community Monitoring Committee. This is effective immediately with a term ending April 1, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.2 Engineering & Public Works Update

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works, provided an update for the Engineering & Public Works Department.

Capital

Jubilee Street – The water and sewer upgrades started the first week of May. All the underground sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main and service laterals are installed and in use. All the utility poles and wires on the entire length of the street have been relocated which was necessary to allow for sidewalk and retaining walls. Approximately 20% of the concrete curb and gutter is formed and cast. There will be new sidewalk along the entire length of the 3-way stop (post office side) and there will be a new sidewalk where none existed before in front of the Royal Bank and up as far as the Royal Bank parking lot. On both sides of the street there will be curb and gutter. The first poured sidewalk was yesterday down on the Main Street end and will continue. The construction of the retaining walls will begin late this week/early next week and will improve site lines. The paving will be in late August/early September.

Brooklyn Sewer and Water Project – from Marina to Brooklyn Wharf Road. Construction started last week. Approximately 10% of underground pipe installed. Have been breaking rock the last few days, but no unexpected occurrences. Ready for pavement in mid-to-late fall (October – November).

Maintenance

Concrete sidewalk curb and gutter repair is partially done. The crew is now working on the concrete work on Jubilee Street. Once the work on Jubilee Street is complete, the crew will go back to sidewalk and curb repairs.

Paving / Paving Repairs Liverpool – Arranging schedule of the asphalt milling, which is contingent on contractor availability. The majority will be done in August, early September. A second round will be done in mid fall.

Building Maintenance – Various structures are ongoing. Regulatory maintenance of the South Queens Ground Search was recently completed and was fairly time consuming. Work consisted of new dividing walls, a stairway for mezzanine and all interior lighting was replaced.

Port Medway lighthouse and warehouse work will be done in the fall.

South Queens VIC – Heat pump and protector screen installed, and was budgeted for this year. Numerous other sites have been tended to and additional work will be done in the fall. Approximately two more weeks of miscellaneous work to complete.

Starting in late July, Old Town Hall and Astor Theatre Building regular maintenance will begin and will be there approximately a month and a half.

Utility

Landfill, sewer and water utility – All operating as normal, no issues.

Veterans Memorial Park, Dean's Park by town bridge – renewed landscaping, removed over mature plants and planted low growth plants and grass to eliminate visual obstruction and open up site lines off Bristol and make a mini park with an accessible concrete walkway.

Councillor MacLeod asked for an update on maintenance at Queens Place Emera Centre.

Mr. Rowter stated when the plant was shut in late March because of Covid, it was discovered that some plant equipment that was scheduled for repairs in a few years needed attention now; i.e. regasketing heat pumps around plate chiller, replaced a few pumps and replaced an electric motor that drove one of the compressors. The plant is up and running now.

11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

12.0 RECREATION AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

12.1 Community Investment Fund

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to Queens County Day Care Association in the amount of \$24,250.00 from 2020-2021 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING

13.1 Lease Agreement – 3333310 Nova Scotia Limited

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

THAT Region of Queens Municipality enter into a lease agreement with 3333310 Nova Scotia Limited for a portion of property identified as PID #70027917 and located on Bristol Avenue in Liverpool.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 Variance Appeal

Wendy Connors, Development Officer, reviewed the Variance Application. A variance was issued on May 13, 2020, with the subject property being at 1046 Central Port Mouton Road, South West Port Mouton. This property is zoned Mixed Use Coastal Residential. The minimum side yard setback for this zone is 15 feet. The property owner had applied to reduce those setbacks by 50%, which is the maximum you can request under the Land Use Bylaw, so is requesting a setback of 7.5 feet.

Once the variance was granted, all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property are notified. Those notified have 14 days to appeal the variance. In this case, there were 13 property owners notified with one person owning two properties. The property owner directly to the north of the subject property appealed the variance approval.

The appellant property owner is represented by Diane Simons and the applicant, Brian Greening, were present for the Variance Appeal Hearing this morning.

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality uphold the decision of the Development Officer to issue a variance for a reduced side yard of property located at 1046 Central Port Mouton Road in South West Port Mouton.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

14.1 Council Implementation Report

Councillor Fralic enquired what RQM is doing to wrap up the adoption of the Hurricane Dorian Report discussed on January 14, 2020. Chris McNeill, CAO, stated EMO representatives haven't received a response from the five fire departments and are still looking for a resolution while RQM continues working on the other EMO preparation and plans.

15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings go In-Camera at 10:40 a.m. to discuss the following:

15.1 Personnel

15.2 Sale of Municipal Land

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Dagley announced the In-Camera session would begin at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference.


It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

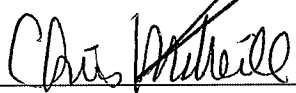
16.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Muise that the meeting be adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: 
