

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Minutes

Present: Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair
Deputy Mayor Kevin Muise
Councillor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Carl Hawkes
Councillor Ralph Gidney
Chris McNeill, CAO
Christine Watson, Admin. Assistant – Planning & Development

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Hawkes that the Agenda be approved as presented.

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 offered his opinion under Item 8.1 Re-naming of Property of the old Call Center to Liverpool Business Development Centre as appropriate.

Mr. Robertson further commented under Item 9.1 proposed Noise Bylaw that it may be 15 months before tickets could be issued and enquired what the amount of revenue would be that would be generated. Mayor Norman stated the Bylaw would be discussed later on the agenda.

He further commented on Item 11.1 Investment Policy of the potential for investments to provide increased money for RQM.

Randi Dickie, 134 Hillside Road, Brooklyn – Ms. Dickie introduced herself as Chair, Board of Directors, Victoria Order of Nurses (VON). This week is National VON week.

There are many community programs which the VON are involved with, some of which are:

- Meals on Wheels
- VON frozen food delivery
- Accessible transit program
- Foot care clinics

There are presently seven directors on the Board but would like to have 10. There are 10 VON organizations within the province that report to a provincial body. The office consists of a part-time administrative assistant and a community support coordinator and they are located on Carten Street. Information on their programs can be found on their VON Facebook page.

Mayor Norman thanked Ms. Dickie and stated the VON flag will be flown on the Special Purpose Pole this week.

Judy Frail, 9564 Highway 8, Caledonia – Ms. Frail offered her opinion that there should be more community input into the proposed Noise Bylaw before it is passed. She stated she lives in a farming community and that can create a lot of noise. Mayor Norman stated all of Council have heard from a number of residents and their concerns will be taken into consideration.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – May 11, 2021

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 11, 2021 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 Re-naming of Property at 54 Harley Umphrey Drive, Liverpool

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality name the building and property at 54 Harley Umphrey Drive, Liverpool as "Liverpool Business Development Centre".

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 Corporate Services

9.1 Bylaw No. 7 a Bylaw Prohibiting Certain Noises

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Brown:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality give second reading to a Bylaw Respecting Noise.

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

THAT the motion be referred to an Ad Hoc Committee comprising of Councillor Amirault, Councillor Brown, Councillor Charlton, two Queens County residents from the public, the Bylaw Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and input from RCMP to review all public feedback and that the Committee bring back recommendations to the Noise Bylaw.

Councillor Charlton stated she feels this is critical for this proposed Bylaw. Concerns were received from residents that the proposed Bylaw is not easy to understand, is too restrictive with daytime control, farming concerns, enforcement issues, and fireworks being too strict and does not feel it is ready to move forward.

Councillor Fancy enquired if there should be residents from every district rather than two as they may not be aware of all the unique issues in each of the districts.

Councillor Hawkes stated he would like to have someone from his district involved. Councillor Amirault concurred that there should be residents from each district on the committee and feels that this should have been done prior to bringing it to Council as there have been many complaints from residents whom are not happy with what is being proposed.

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

THAT the following amendment be made to the motion:

Change the number of Queens County residents to seven, one from each district.

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously and reads as follows:

THAT the motion be referred to an Ad Hoc Committee comprising of Councillor Amirault, Councillor Brown, Councillor Charlton, seven Queens County residents - one from each district, the Bylaw Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and input from RCMP to review all public feedback and that the Committee bring back recommendations to the Noise Bylaw.

10.0 Engineering & Public Works

10.1 Request for Memorial Bench at Beach Meadows Beach

It was moved by Councillor Amirault and seconded by Councillor Gidney:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality agree to accept a donation from Gwen Oickle of a granite memorial bench;

AND THAT the bench be placed in a mutually agreeable location at Beach Meadows Beach with the future maintenance being the responsibility of the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 Finance

11.1 Policy 18 – Investments

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 18 respecting Investments and authorize staff to forward the policy to Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services, stated RQM has an investment policy from 2004 that is out of date and we really did not take the opportunity to look at how best to invest our funds. We have some funds that have a long-range commitment so there is the potential to generate revenue from these funds. Anytime RQM can become more effective with managing our money to create revenue is a good thing.

RQM is on a tier interest rate; prime rate is 2.45, so the rate we get is .5, .55 and .6%, which is very low. The interest rate has gone down in the last 18 months and we have seen our budgeted interest decrease significantly. This is a way for RQM to take back control. Any investments we choose to make will be at the direction of Council and Audit and Internal Control Committee. It is very specific under the Municipal Government Act what we can or cannot do. There will be zero risk in terms of capital. Having this investment policy will allow us to take advantage of opportunities that we have not been doing in the past.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 Recreation & Healthy Communities

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 Planning

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.0 Reports

14.1 Council Implementation Report

There were no items to come before this meeting.

14.2 Victorian Order of Nurses Week Flag Request

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Brown:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the application made by Victorian Order of Nurses Canada to have the VON Canada flag flown on the Special Purpose flagpole located on Henry Hensey Drive, Liverpool for a one week period, from May 25 through June 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

15.0 In-Camera Items

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings go In-Camera at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the following:

15.1 Lease of Municipal Property

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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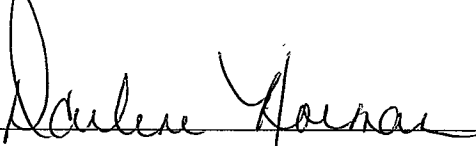
It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Brown:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality enter into a lease agreement with Belliveau Veinotte Inc. for space at 54 Harley Umphrey Drive, Liverpool.

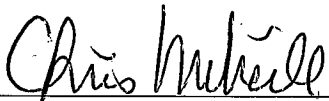
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: 