

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

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

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**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 noted that the renovations to Council Chambers are well underway and hoped for upgrading to the sound system. Under Item 9.1, Mr. Robertson asked if consideration would be given for a gazebo in the park that would allow more residents to attend the services. He further stated it would be good to get updates under Items 3.1 and 3.2.

Debra Lalonde-MacDonald, Town Lake Road, Liverpool – Ms. Lalonde-MacDonald commented on the lack of employment opportunities in the county. She stated she is qualified with many letters of recommendation, and that is unable after 18 months of living in the area to find employment. She further stated, following an attempt at seeking employment with the RQM, she received a letter from Chris McNeill, CAO, making defamation statements about her lack of employment and skills.

She further stated she submitted a letter dated to June 20, 2021 to Mayor Norman and Councillors re: Defamation Statements and Unfair Hiring Practices enquiring why Mr. McNeill disqualified her for the position she applied for, stating that her resume did not include any work experience in the health care industry and lacked the physical strength for the positions. She questioned if Mr. McNeill has the skills to effectively and ethically perform the position of HR at RQM, and sent copies of her letter to Honorable Bernadette Jordan and Kim Masland, Queens MLA to bring transparency to this matter.

Ms. Lalonde-MacDonald provided information on her response to Mr. McNeill's letter disqualifying her for the position of cleaning staff at Hillview Acres outlining her work history as well as letters of reference, and questioned why she has not yet received an answer.

Arthur Roy, Birch Avenue, Liverpool – Mr. Roy provided background on an agreement his father had with the former Town of Liverpool dated 1947. As part of the agreement, after digging a trench through a portion of the property, 115 feet of flagstone would cover over the culvert and be kept in a good and safe condition. The land was left in a mess with a ditch 10 feet in places.

A proposed new agreement was drafted for replacement of the culvert, but Mr. Roy did not agree with the conditions and therefore did not sign, and will not sign the new agreement and expects RQM to fulfill the conditions of the original agreement.

## **6.0 Approval of Minutes**

### 6.1 Regular Council – June 22, 2021

**It was moved by Councillor Hawkes and seconded by Councillor Charlton:**

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 22, 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**

There were on items to come before this meeting.

## **9.0 Corporate Services**

### 9.1 Request for Use of Liverpool Waterfront Parking Lot

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

**THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality grant permission for Highway Pentecostal Assembly and Salvation Army to use the Liverpool Waterfront Parking Lot for outdoor church services on every Sunday evening in July and August and on September 5, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**AND THAT such use be in accordance with the Parking Lots Bylaw which requires all cars to be parked within the designed parking stalls;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the services comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal regulations and protocols in place during each weekly service.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## **10.0 Engineering & Public Works**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## **11.0 Finance**

### **11.1 Hillsview Acres Write-off Report**

**It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Muise:**

**THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the write-off of accounts 2734, 2433, 2219, 2611, 2610, 2478, 2341, 2523, 2573, 2530, 2776, 3004, 2909 including interest.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.**

### **11.2 Approval of Valuation Allowance for Fiscal 2020**

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

**THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize a Valuation Allowance for Taxes Receivable of \$260,018.78, and an Allowance for Other Accounts Receivable of \$143,838.83 for the fiscal year 2020-2021.**

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services, stated the Valuation Allowance is an account set up to consider that not all accounts receivables will be collected for various reasons. Every year a Valuation Allowance is set up for taxes deemed to be uncollectable for various reasons such as surveys, mapping, estates, etc. so we cannot sell at tax sales until those things have been considered. The valuation allowance this year includes over \$100,000 in properties.

We also have a Valuation Allowance for other accounts receivable, i.e. Landfill, sewer, etc. and have to take into consideration that a percentage will not be received. These are reviewed every year.

A policy will be brought forward to the Audit & Internal Control Committee specifying how this mechanism works.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### 11.3 Temporary Borrowing Resolution - Brooklyn

**It was moved by Councillor Amirault and seconded by Councillor Charlton:**

**THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approves Temporary Borrowing Resolution – File 21/22-01 in the amount of \$507,757 for the Brooklyn Sewer/Water project.**

Ms. Veinotte stated the amount was in the budget last year to borrow for this project. Debentures are issued by the Municipal Finance Corporation in the spring and due to a changeover in staff, the deadline was missed. The project was funded on a temporary basis out of the sewer reserve for this fiscal year and will be repaid out of the debenture when approved.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### 11.4 Policy 4 – Payment of Taxes

**It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Hawkes:**

**THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 4 respecting Payment of Taxes.**

Ms. Veinotte stated the policy is a combination of older policies that makes it clear to the residents on the payment of taxes. In addition, the time has been shortened by a year before unpaid taxes can go to tax sale. The older policies will be repealed.

Councillor Brown pointed out also that the policy has been amended to include the change to the threshold; any outstanding taxes under \$300 can also be included for tax sales.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## **12.0 Recreation & Healthy Communities**

- 12.1 Medway Head Lighthouse Society for Waiver of Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality agree to waive Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipally Owned Properties at the request of Medway Head Lighthouse Society at Port Medway Warehouse on August 13, 2021.**

**AND THAT the applicant be required to submit proof of insurance in no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence with the Region of Queens Municipality as additional insured, and copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia to the Region, and that all municipal, provincial, and federal laws be strictly adhered to.**

Dana Henley, Community Development Coordinator, stated the Medway Head Lighthouse Society make this request annually, except last year due to Covid, and hope to hold events now that restrictions have lifted.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## **13.0 Planning**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

## **14.0 Reports**

- 14.1 Committee of the Whole Discussion – Councillor Charlton

Councillor Charlton stated she felt that holding Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings would be a good move going forward. This would allow discussions to be held and then would have two weeks before going to Council. The two weeks would give enough time to gather additional facts, if required, before making a decision. This

would allow enough time for the public to reach out if they had any concerns.

Councillor Fancy concurred with Councillor Charlton and further stated if anything important should arise, a Special Council meeting could be called to deal with anything urgent.

Councillor Amirault concurred.

Mayor Norman stated following research on holding COW meetings and Bourinot's Rules of Order, which are our rules, while being a member of Council previously had not correctly followed the Rules. She explained how the meetings were to be held, stating that all debates happen during the meeting with any recommendations going to Council. During the Council meetings, there is no further debate on the issues because they have already been discussed. It would be permissible to state your reasons why you support or do not support the recommendation, or the recommendations can be referred back to the COW for further debate. Decision would need to be made if the COW meeting were to be recorded and to understand that this is only the debate and not when decisions are made. Mr. McNeill could bring forward a report at next Council meeting outlining the procedures for these meetings.

Councillor Charlton enquired if other municipalities follow this and commented that during training on COW meetings with Pam Mood that debates were allowed at their Council meetings and is that because they follow Robert's Rules; and suggested investigating the use of Robert's Rules at RQM in the report being brought forward at next Council meeting.

#### 14.2 Ad Hoc Noise Bylaw Committee Applications

District 1 – Currently vacant. No application received.

District 2 – One application received; Darlene Gaskell-Chandler. Council concurred on accepting her to the Committee.

District 3 – Two applications received; Kathryn Killam and Shawna McDougall. Following discussions and recommendations of Councillors, Shawna McDougall was chosen to be the representative on the Committee.

District 4 – Two applications received; Allan Laws and Mary White. Following discussions and recommendations of Councillors, Mary White was chosen to be the representative on the Committee.

District 5 – Three applications received; Craig Doggett, Avis Johnson, and Robert Roulston. Following discussions and recommendations of Councillors, Avis Johnson was chosen to be the representative on the Committee.

District 6 - Three applications received; Melvin MacKenzie, Jessica Van Dyne-Evans and Albert White. Following discussions and recommendations of Councillors, Melvin MacKenzie was chosen to be the representative on the Committee.

District 7 – One application received; Judy Frail. Council concurred on accepting her to the Committee.

Consensus given to advertise for a candidate for District 1.

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality appoint the following residents to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for a Noise Bylaw:**

**District 2 – Darlene Gaskell-Chandler**

**District 3 – Shawna McDougall**

**District 4 – Mary White**

**District 5 – Avis Johnson**

**District 6 – Melvin MacKenzie**

**District 7 – Judy Frail**

**MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.**

Mayor Norman announced a 15-minute recess at 10:05 a.m.

### **3.0 Presentations**

#### **3.1 Rails to Trails – Brian Hatt (10:20 a.m.)**

Mayor Norman welcomed Brian Hatt, Rails to Trails, to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

Progress & Constraints:

- Agreement signed with Brooklyn Energy to upgrade existing ATV trail to multi-use standard, work not yet started.
- Awaiting for approval - Agreement with Nova Scotia Lands to upgrade existing ATV trail on Pipeline Road to multi-use standard from Brooklyn Energy to the Nickerson Pond Road.
- Awaiting on approval - Agreement with Transportation and Active Transit to construct a multi-use trail across Nickerson Pond Road to their property along Highway 103 on the north side of the 103 highway (they own 200'). Meetings were held with them and they are investigating.
- ATV's can cross Highway 8 south of the car pool parking and along the north side of Highway 103 until the junction of the existing trail leading to the Pine Grove Park. The trail goes under Highway 103 bridge and joins with the Trestle Trail. The trail width may need to be widened to allow for barrier installation and at least 66" wide for better visibility.
- Central Avenue and Main Street intersection crossing must be approximately 90 degrees. Can be crossed legally as long as drivers have a license and are insured.
- The north side of Lawrence Street and Trail intersection will need to be filled in as the street approach is steep.
- Trail divides property and runs between house and garage on property on south side of Lawrence Street.
- Department of Environment to be contacted to confirm if there is enough room along south side of Harley Umphrey Drive prior to construction.
- The Trestle Trail Bridge has been refurbished and everything is now in place. The intent is to have the bridge as single use; keep the ATV's off until it is clear to cross.

RQM Assistance:

- Letter of support from RQM to TAT.
- Approval for usage of RQM owned portions of the proposed route. Director of Engineering & Public Works is reviewing.
- Letter of support to Department of Lands and Forests may assist in the removal of the Trails Act designation from Liverpool to Summerville Centre.

Hunts Point to Port Mouton

- Final hookup that connects to Shelburne County. Use existing Pit Road from Highway 3 to Highway 103. RQM owns some property in the area that may be used to avoid private property.

Around Summerville Center

- Portion of Highway 103 to Highway 3 bridge at Broad River. Meeting held with TAT. Possibilities include:
  - Use part of the travel portion of the existing Broad River bridge on Highway 3.

Highway 3 Broad River Bridge

- Most cost effective reasonable route is the use of the existing bridge.
- Another option would be to build another bridge beside the existing bridge.

Broad River to Port Mouton

- Requires approval of TAT to use trail from under Highway 103 which joins up with an existing AT service road. This will complete the connection for Lunenburg County to Shelburne County through Queens.

Mayor Norman thanked Mr. Hatt for his presentation.

## 15.0 In-Camera Items

**It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Brown that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:15 a.m. to discuss the following:**

### 15.1 Contract Negotiations

- 15.2 Setting a Minimum Price at a Tax Sale
- 15.3 Sale of Municipal Property
- 15.4 Contract Negotiations
- 15.5 Contract Negotiations
- 15.6 Personnel
- 15.7 Personnel

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Brown that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 1:30 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### **3.0 Presentations (continued)**

- 3.2 Queens Emergency Management Organization (EMO) – Brian Hatt, Louis Landry, Heather Cook, Rhonda Matthews

Mayor Norman welcomed Brian Hatt, Louis Landry, Heather Cook and Rhonda Matthews, members of EMO, to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

Members introduced themselves and described their role in the EMO.

Queens Emergency Management Program

- The Plan is a living document and is updated regularly; Section 19.1 shows the most recent updates. Shelley Connolly, Deputy Clerk, manages the manual documents and anyone requiring documentation can contact her for copies.
- New to the Plan - Performed Hazardous Risk Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) on 26 possible events and their outcomes.
- Self-Assessment on the Plan is done on a yearly basis with assistance from provincial rep. Any changes are taken to the Planning Committee for review. The next scheduled assessment is for August, with Rhonda Matthews assisting.

- State of Local Emergency (SOLE) – Program available that can be accessed in the event of an emergency locally, and can be in addition to a provincial state of emergency.
- Agreements – Two new agreements now in place. 1. Comfort Centers and Emergency Shelters and 2. Shower Facilities, in case of water shortage (5 tentative areas).

#### Planning Committee – Louis Landry

- Meetings are Chaired by Chris McNeill, CAO, and hosted by Brian Hatt and Louis Landry. Meet quarterly with members from Transportation and Active Transit, Natural Resources, RCMP, Health Services, Fire Services, Municipal Services, Communication and Radio Operator.
- Challenges – Not well supported by members. Not represented by some groups.

#### Emergency Operating Center (EOC)

- Purpose – Responsible for policy and strategic direction. A Municipal level operating emergency center for site support and consequence management, info collection, evaluation and display, coordination of agencies and operations, resource management and internal and external communications.
- Reviewed EOC triggers

#### Training and Exercise – Rhonda Matthews

- Provide staff with training courses to gain knowledge and be better prepared during emergencies.
- ICS Level 100 is available on line to anyone interested.
- ICS Level 200 is a prerequisite at the Operation Center level.
- Information Officer Course; will be available in the fall.
- Communication system at the provincial level called WEB EOC will be made available for free; users can log on and see what is happening during an emergency. It can also be used during training exercises.
- Important to exercise plans – have groups come together and assess situations, practice different scenarios so that all departments are aware of what is available; something as simple as a table top exercise or a full exercise with people on the ground.

- A training session is planned for the fall with two exercises taking place.

#### Communications

- Heather Cook - Involved with public engagement and regularly posts information of any occurrence on RQM's website and social media Facebook.
- Discussions were held at the Planning Committee meetings on the need for the creation of a flyer that would provide residents with critical information, i.e. emergency kit preparation, emergency phone numbers, etc.
- Investigating the use of an Emergency Alert System that can notify all residents of any events or issues; i.e. fire evacuation, etc.

#### Alert Ready Program ([www.alertready.ca](http://www.alertready.ca)) – Rhonda Matthews

- This program is available to Municipal units and can be used for boil water alerts, etc. through contacting Brian Hatt once the form has been completed and passed through CAO.
- The Alert Ready system does not need to be subscribed to, alerts go out over the phones so long as you have a newer model, and messages also go out through the radio and TV.
- Presently working through the process of formalizing how the alerts are requested.

#### Exercise Handshake – Louis Landry

- Exercise held monthly to do radio checks and check equipment. New Brunswick and PEI have joined the exercise as they use the same system.

#### CBC Tower – Brian Hatt

- The CBC tower has no standby power when the power goes out. This is rated by population in which Liverpool is rated 4, which means no standby.

Mayor Norman thanked the group for their presentation.

### 15.0 In-Camera Items (continued)

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings go In-Camera at 2:25 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 15.1 Contract Negotiations
- 15.2 Setting a Minimum Price at a Tax Sale
- 15.3 Sale of Municipal Property
- 15.4 Contract Negotiations
- 15.5 Contract Negotiations
- 15.6 Personnel
- 15.7 Personnel

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

It was moved by Councillor Hawkes and seconded by Councillor Gidney that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 4:18 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 15.1 Contract Negotiations

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

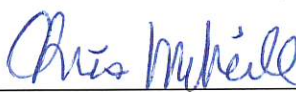
**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality reject all tenders for Hillview Acres Project #21011 Hillview Acres Renovations.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 16.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

  
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Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

  
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Chris McNeill, CAO

  
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Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

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# Multi-use Trail Queens County

Part 1

Brooklyn to Liverpool

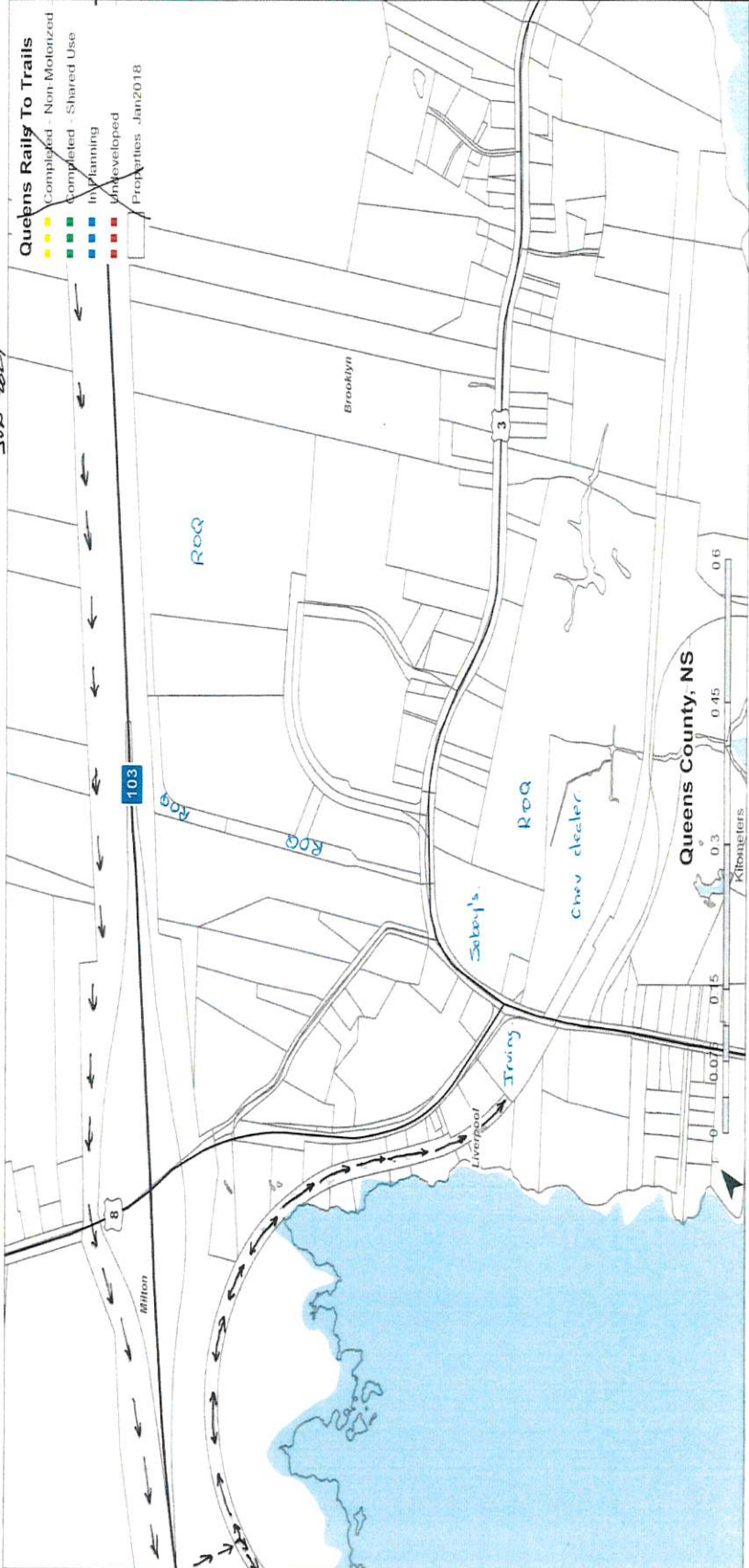
- 1. Seek L.O.A. with Brooklyn Energy to upgrade existing ATV trail to multi-use standard. Agreement signed in favour of Q.R.T.A.. Work has not started as yet.
- 2. Seek L.O.A. with N.S. Lands to upgrade existing ATV trail on Pipeline Rd. to multi-use standard from Brooklyn Energy to the Nickerson Pond Rd.
- 3. Seek L.O.A. with T.I.R. to construct a multi-use trail across Nickerson Pond Rd. to T.I.R. property along Hwy. 103 on the north side of the #103 highway. Several have been held and discussions held with various supervisory personnel. Example of this usage being permitted recently in the Bridgewater area raised during discussions.



## Hwy # 8 & Liverpool

- 4. Cross Hwy. # 8 south of the car pool parking and along the north side of Hwy. # 103 until the junction of the existing trail leading to the Pine Grove park. Barriers & signage erected to deter motorized vehicles from entering the park. The trail then goes under the Hwy. # 103 bridge and joins up with the Trestle Trail which allows traffic to continue to the Irving station or to the trestle trail bridge where the Mersey River will be crossed.

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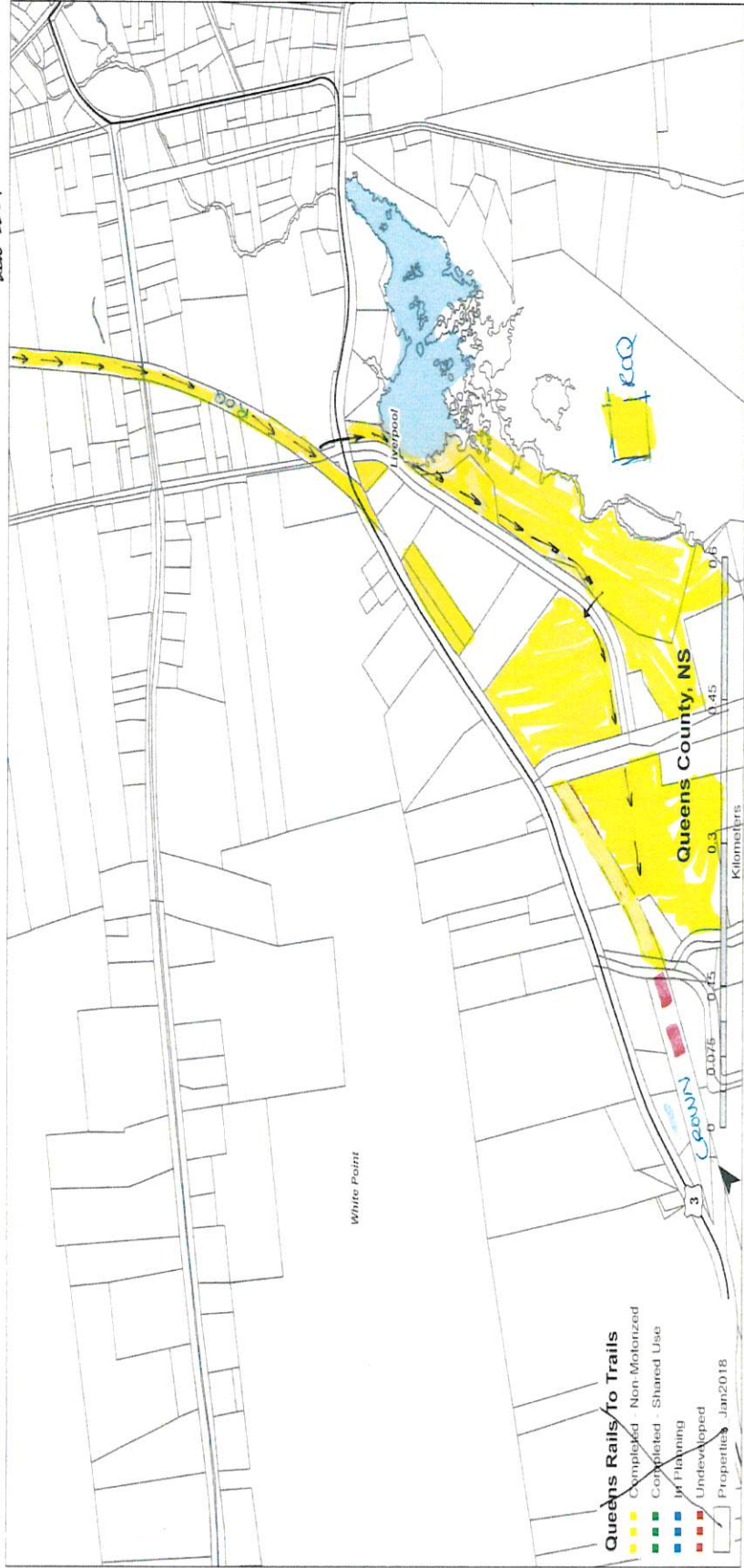








PLAN 2021



**Queens RAILS/To Trails**

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- Completed - Shared Use
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# Constraints

- There are several challenges along this route.
- T.A.T. approval to use provincial property along the north side of the Hwy. # 103. They own 200' on the north side purchased for possible future use.
- Trail width under the Hwy # 103 bridge at the Mersey River. May need to be widened to allow for barrier installation so each travel lane is labeled and at least 66" wide as there is limited visibility under the bridge where vehicles will meet.

## Constraints Cont.

- Central Ave. & Main St. intersection as street crossing must be approximately 90 degrees.
- Lawrence St. & Trail intersection, north side will have to be filled in as the street approach is too steep. Will require a level area on approach to stop, check and yield to oncoming traffic.

## Constraints Cont.

- Property on south side of Lawrence St., requires consideration as trail divides property, and runs between the house and garage.
- It appears there is enough room along south side of Harley Umphrey Blvd. but Dept. of Environment may need to be contacted to confirm prior to construction.

## RQM ASSISTANCE

- QRTA will be submitting an application for funding assistance. We have some funds committed from the OHV Infrastructure fund. We require a commitment from T.A.T. prior to accessing these funds.
- A letter of support from the RQM to T.A.T. may assist in this regard.

## RQM Assistance

- RQM approval for usage of the RQM owned portions of the proposed route.

## RQM Assistance

- D.L.F. advised they would provide an L.O.A. to build a shared-use trail from Liverpool to Summerville Center and remove the Trails Act designation on this trail.
- A letter of support to D.L.F. may help this get through the system.

## Hunts Point to Port Mouton

- This portion of the trail is the final hookup to the Port Mouton Trail which connects to Shelburne County.
- We have some options in Hunts Point but it appears the best option is to use an existing public road know as the Pit Rd. from Hwy. # 3 to Hwy. # 103. There is also some RQM property in this area that we may be able to use to avoid private property.

## Around Summerville Center

- Along service portion of Hwy. # 103 to Hwy. # 3 bridge at Broad River.
- Again we have met with T.I.R. and discussed the possibilities here and several options emerged.
  - Use part of the travel portion of the existing Broad River bridge on Hwy. # 3 since the new Hwy.# 103 has reduced the volume of traffic on the old Broad River bridge.

## Hwy. # 3 Broad River Bridge

- Use of the existing bridge appears to be the most cost effective reasonable route.
- An option would be to build another bridge beside the existing Broad River bridge, possibly using the existing old bridge abutments if they are deemed suitable.

## Broad River to Port Mouton

- After crossing Broad River the trail will turn north and cross under the Hwy. # 103 and join up with an existing T.A.T. service road which connects to an existing trail to Shelburne County.
- Again this requires the approval of T.A.T. and will complete the connection for Lunenburg County To Shelburne County through Queens.

# THE GREAT TRAIL

- This will complete the Queens portion of the **WESTERN LOOP of THE GREAT TRAIL.**
- This shared-use trail will provide a continuous route from Halifax along the South Shore through to Yarmouth, Clare, Digby, the valley and back to Halifax.





Native Landscape

4.0m (13 ft.) Multi-Use Trail

Native Landscape



**Q. & A.**  
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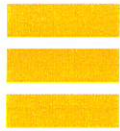
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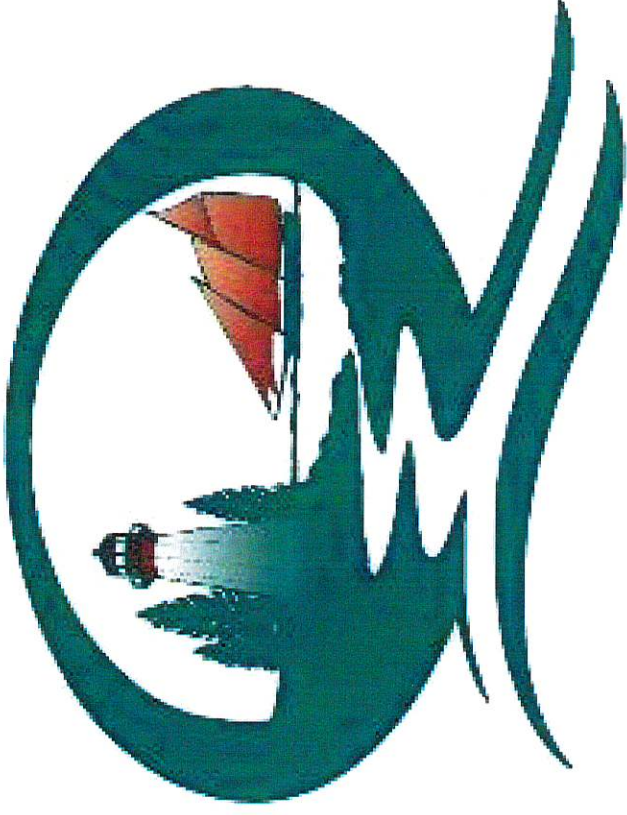
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# Queens Emergency Management Program



**Region of Queens Municipality**



# Queens Emergency Management Program

- Plan
  - Self Assessment
  - State of Local Emergency (SOLE)
  - Agreements
- Planning Committee
- EOC
- Training and Exercise
- Communications
  - Public Engagement
  - CBC Tower

# EM Plan

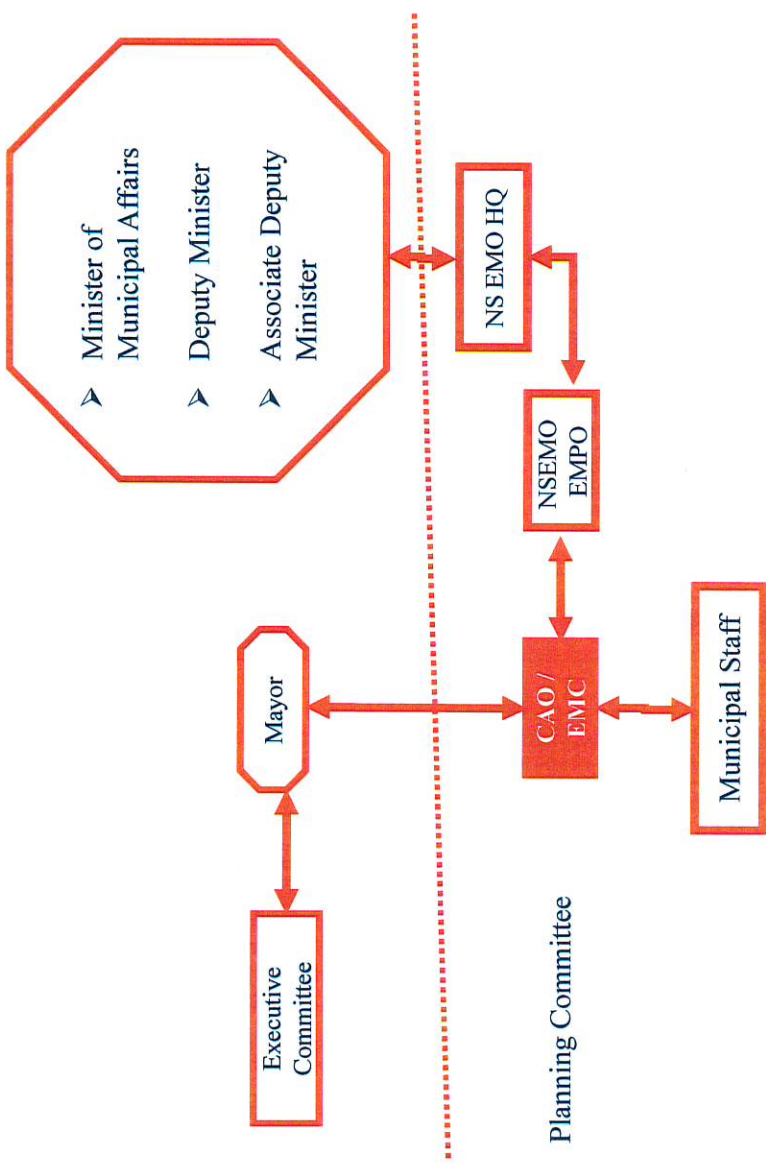
- Plan
  - Hazard Risk Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA)
  - Contingency Plans
  - Review cycle
- Program Self Assessment
- State of Local Emergency
- Agreements
  - Comfort Centre / Shelter
  - Shower
  - Challenges

# Planning Committee

- Purpose
- Organization
  - Chair
  - EMCs
  - Membership
- Meeting schedule
- Challenges

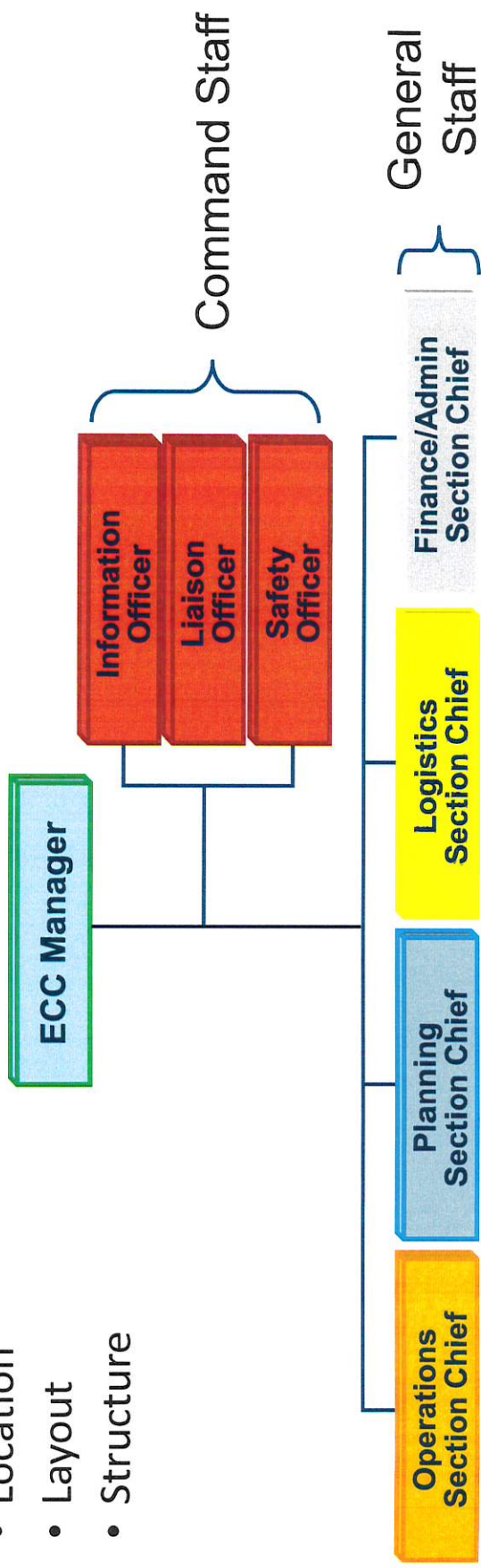
# EOC

- Purpose
- Roles and Responsibilities
  - Council
  - EM Planning committee
  - Municipal staff



# EOC

- Organization
  - Location
  - Layout
  - Structure



# EOC

- Triggers
- NSEMO updates – weather etc

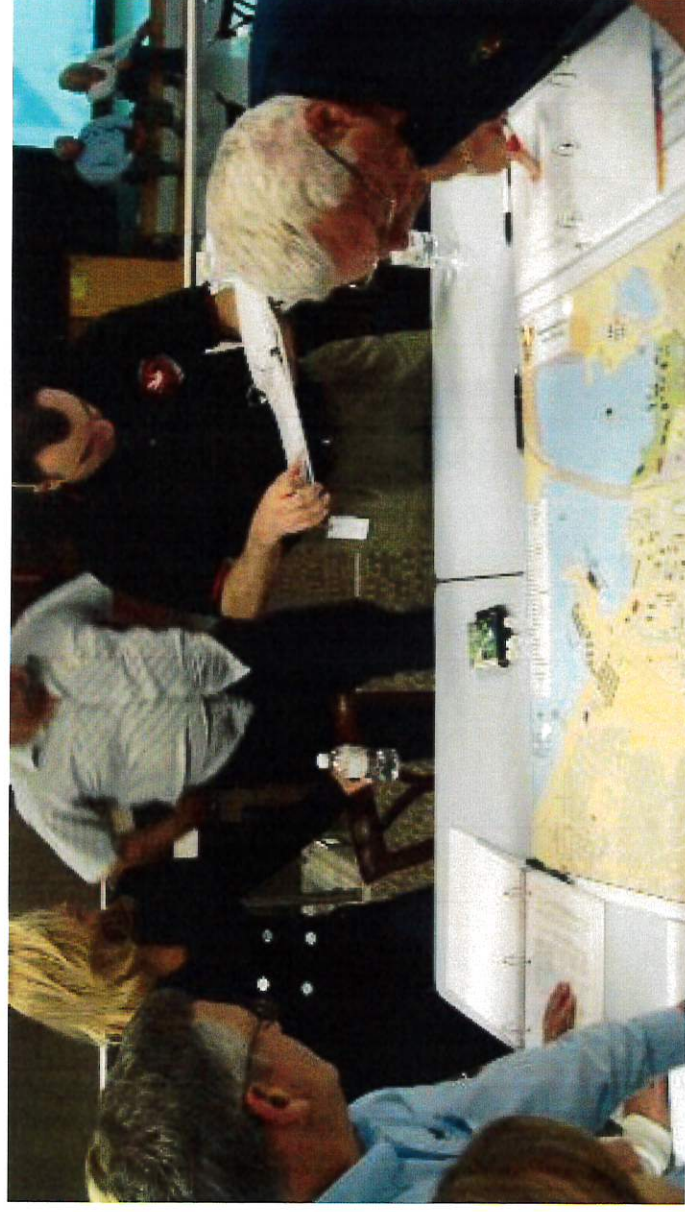
HAZARD/RISK CATEGORY		THRESHOLD	TRIGGER	CONSULTING AGENCY
<b>1. EMERGENCY INCIDENT / MAINTAIN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE</b>				
a	CAO direction	- The EOC has been directed to activate.		Municipality
b	Similar Past Incident/Event	- A similar incident/event has occurred in the past and required activation. - There is/may be significant media/information management issues present.		Municipality, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Critical Infrastructure partner
c	Cascading Event	- Any event that has the potential to rapidly expand/cascade and threatens the life/safety of individuals and/or interrupt/damage critical infrastructure. - There is/may be significant media/information management issues present.	Requires CAO direction and one threshold from this sub-category be met to activate the EOC.	Municipality, ECCC, Critical Infrastructure partner
d	Scheduled Event	- Significant public gathering requiring coordination between >3 agencies / dept - High profile gathering requiring a significant security detail. (e.g. Chase the Ace) - There is/may be significant media/information management issues present.		Partner Agency/Department
e	Deliberate Threat	If a Terrorist, Extremist Act or Mass shooting has a direct impact to Public safety or community critical infrastructure and requires coordination between ≥ 3 response agencies / departments - There is/may be significant media/information management issues present.		AHJ (RCMP, CBSA), Municipality
<b>2. ADVERSE WEATHER</b>				
a	Winter Storm	≥ 2 criteria are expected to be met within a 24 hrs period: <b>Blowing Snow:</b> visibility ≤ 200m with winds ≥ 30 km/hr and is expected to last for ≥ 3 hours; <b>Freezing Rain:</b> persist ≥ 4 hrs; <b>Wind:</b> winds are expected to be sustained ≥ 70km/hr and/or gusts ≥ 90km/hr or <b>Windchill:</b> ≤ -25 or <b>Snow:</b> when ≥ 15 cm of snow is expected to fall within 12 hrs.		Municipality, NS EMO, ECCC, Critical Infrastructure partner
b	Blizzard	All conditions are expected to be met ≥ 4 hrs duration: <b>winds</b> ≥ 40 km/hr and <b>visibilities</b> ≤ 100m from snow and blowing snow.	Requires a threshold from this sub-category combined with another sub-category to trigger an activation of the EOC.	Municipality, NS EMO, ECCC, Critical Infrastructure partner
c	Severe Thunder Storm	All conditions are expected to be met within a 24 hrs period: <b>wind gusts</b> ≥ 90km/hr; <b>Hail</b> ≥ 15mm; <b>Rain</b> ≥ 25mm/hr.		Municipality, NS EMO, ECCC, Critical Infrastructure partner
d	Flooding	- Elevated threat levels. - Activation of NSP Dam Flood Plan.		Municipality, NS EMO, ECCC, Critical Infrastructure partner NS Power

# Training and Exercise

- Training
  - Courses
  - Sessions
- Exercises
  - Types
    - Municipal
    - Provincial



# ICS



# Communications

- Public engagement
  - Flyers
  - Critical Customer Communication Program – NSP [www.nspower.ca/outages/critical-customer-communication-program](http://www.nspower.ca/outages/critical-customer-communication-program)
  - [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)
  - Website [www.regionofqueens.com/emergency-measures](http://www.regionofqueens.com/emergency-measures)
  - COVID Health Protocols
  - Social Media Facebook
- Emergency Alert Systems
  - Other Systems
  - Alert Ready [www.alertready.ca](http://www.alertready.ca)
- Exercise Handshake
- CBC Tower

Questions?