

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

9:00 a.m.

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**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

5.1

Minutes

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

Regrets: Councillor David Brown

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 Amirault and seconded by Councillor Hawkes 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 Public Question / Comment Session

David Huskins, 160 Church Street – Mr. Huskins enquired if there was an error pertaining to Council meetings in the latest Municipal Matters showing two meetings each month in the summer. Mayor Norman stated no it is decided and discussed during the year if meetings are not held during the summer months.

Mr. Huskins further enquired if the work being done on Court Street is over budget? Mayor Norman stated that Adam Grant, Director of Engineering and Public Works indicated no it isn't.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

5.1 Regular Council – November 9, 2021

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held November 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 Appointment to Diversity and Inclusion Action Team

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Matthew Adams to the Diversity and Inclusion Action Team.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Replacement Vehicle Purchase

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the purchase of a 2022, 4x4, ¾ Ton Pickup from Mosher Motors at a price of \$58,620.70 + HST, to be funded from the Equipment Reserve.

Adam Grant, Director of Engineering & Public Works, stated there are delays in manufacturers filling orders. Quotations were requested from several local manufacturer representatives of which two couldn't offer. The vehicle will replace a 2006 ¾ ton that requires many repairs and has over 290,000 kms.

MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour and 1 against.

6.3 NSFM Caucus Structure

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality submit a formal request to Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities requesting that Region of Queens Municipality's status within the organization be transferred from the Rural Caucus to the Regional Caucus.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.4 Job Description – Planner

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the Planner Job Description.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.5 Policy 92 – Valuation Allowances

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 92 respecting Valuation Allowances.

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services, provided background on valuation allowances.

At the end of each fiscal year, receivable accounts are reviewed and assessed for collectability, including tax, solid waste and other miscellaneous receivables. This policy provides a methodology for calculation of allowances for all receivable accounts.

This policy falls in line with the new Policy regarding Payment Arrangements and is easier to calculate during budget discussions.

Councillor Amirault enquired how long an invoice can go without being paid before the customer is cut off from using the landfill. Ms. Veinotte stated 90 days, but will confirm this information once she has reviewed the policy.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.6 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality contract the Municipality's Audit services with Grant Thornton LLP for the next year, with an option to renew in each of the subsequent two years.

Ms. Veinotte stated the previous agreement for Audit Services has expired. A Request for Proposals for Audit Services was issued with

one proposal submitted, Grant Thornton LLP. The proposal was reviewed by members of the Audit and Internal Control Committee and staff. They offered concerns and stated that they'd prefer the audit be partially done on site. Members from Grant Thornton indicated that they do plan to be on site for several days in 2022.

The proposal included an increase in the audit from \$19,500 to \$21,500, which was expected, and includes an option to renew in each of the subsequent two years.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.7 Financial Review Quarter Two

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality adopt the Financial Report for Quarter Two of the 2021 fiscal year.

Ms. Veniotte stated the report was reviewed by the Audit and Internal Control Committee at the November 8, 2021 meeting. Some highlights included:

Revenue Analysis:

Deed transfer tax continues to increase by a significant margin as a result of real estate market activity. Three significant contributors in September contributed to 40% of the total; one commercial and two residential.

Tax sale by tender was successful; 11 properties sold with proceeds of \$24,983 in recovered taxes.

Building and planning permits are at 90% of budget. Planning continues to experience an increase in the volume of permits.

Other Transfers: Transfers consist of \$250,000 for Broadband, \$41,810 for sludge removal and \$9,125 for Mill Village Fire Department safety equipment.

Expenditures:

Transportation Services – Wages are running below budget; one retirement which has not been filled. Five staff members were reallocated from Works to Capital in order to complete a project.

Unbudgeted expense of a heat pump replacement in the Works garage in the amount of \$14,500.

Roads and Streets: Unbudgeted expense from Nova Scotia Power for the final stranded asset cost for conversion to LED lights in the amount of \$33,000.

Projects are still underway with paving costs still outstanding, same with wage allocation. Chris McNeill, CAO, asked for the inclusion of the capital financial sheets in the next review.

Environment Services: Liverpool Business Development Centre leasehold improvement of approximately \$72,000 is included and the invoice has been paid in full.

It was discovered there is a malfunctioning meter on our administration building as the last power bill received was for \$59,000. This will be resolved and numbers will be updated in future statements.

The UARB water rate hearing will be held this Monday, November 29, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 Discussions

7.1 Council Implementation Report

No questions were brought forward from this report.

7.2 Naming of Universally Designed Playpark

Dana Henley, Community Development Coordinator, stated PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society has successfully completed their fundraising campaign to construct and install a universal, inclusive playground.

The Playpark Committee, in consultation with Charmaine Stevens, Councillor with Acadia First Nations, who engaged community elders, provided a recommendation to staff that the playground be named "Elli Militamk" Queens Universally Designed Playpark. Elli Militamk is Mikmaq and the pronunciation is (ed a lee Milly Dumk) and translates to English as "we are playing here".

Deputy Mayor Muise suggested to include the pronunciation and meaning on the sign when erected.

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

THAT this issue be referred to the next Council meeting for a recommendation.

MOTION carried unanimously.

8.0 In-Camera Items

There were no In-Camera items brought before this meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

Chris McNeill, CAO

Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: _____

Region of Queens Municipality Special Council 5.2
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 12:00 Noon

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 12:00 Noon.

2.0 Agenda Approval

Mayor Norman stated an In-Camera Item 5.1 Contract Negotiations will be added to the agenda.

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

THAT a Public Comment section be added to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

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

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Public Comment

Joanne Lenethen, 41 Ponhook Lodge, Ponhook – Ms. Lenethen stated she is neither for or against the vaccine and believed that as individuals, people should be able to make informed decisions for themselves and not be mandated go get the vaccine, and is against a person losing their job if not vaccinated.

David Huskins, 160 Church Street, Liverpool – Mr. Huskins stated if this is a government rule, then we should pass it.

Paula Doucet, 89 Waterloo Street, Liverpool – Ms. Doucet stated she was happy to see this Policy before Council. She agreed that people should have their own choice, but in this situation, if you make the choice not to be vaccinated, she feels that people should stay home and not come out and work in a place where what you do is going to effect the health and safety of others.

She further stated, that she is specifically not taking any classes at the Emera Center as she does not want to participate in a class where the instructor is not masked. The epidemiologists are saying that this virus is airborne. Viruses are lethal to some and this issue is serious.

She feels RQM is doing the best they can to protect the community and keeping residents safe and healthy to the best of their ability. Yes people who are double vaccinated can still catch the virus, but do what they can to protect themselves.

She thanked Council for taking the step to try and help with the health of residents.

Celeste Johnston, 120 Edgewater Drive, Hunts Point – Ms. Johnston stated she strongly agrees with Ms. Doucet and stated when interacting with public, the public needs to be protected. The virus is not going away and we know now there is a new variant with several mutations.

She further stated she is happy to live in a place that is protecting its residents.

4.0 Policy 93 – Vaccination Mandates

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve Policy 93 respecting Vaccine Mandates.

Adam Grant, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Co-Chair, and Scott LeBlanc, Solid Waste Clerk/Safety Officer, were welcomed to answer any questions on the policy.

Mr. Grant stated the policy seeks to implement vaccine requirements for staff, contractors, members of the public and guests to Municipal spaces.

The Region's Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Mission statement says that we will not knowingly expose ourselves, contractors or members of the general public to unacceptable health and safety risks during the execution of public services.

The proposed policy was reviewed by the Region's Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee and voted unanimously in favor of recommending the adoption of it.

Councillor Charlton enquired to the timeline for employees to receive their vaccines, citing the optimal time between vaccines is longer and if employees would be able to opt for this. Mr. Grant stated consideration would be taken on a case by case basis.

Councillor Fancy enquired if taking temperatures would be taken into consideration. Mr. Grant stated employees are now using the rapid tests which are more accurate. Mr. LeBlanc stated employees are required to self-monitor and if not feeling well, should stay home.

Councillor Charlton enquired if there would be consideration for RQM to host a vaccine clinic. Mayor Norman stated that everything will be done to assist employees in getting to a vaccine clinic.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5.0 In Camera

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Muise that the proceedings go In-Camera at 12:20 to discuss the following:

5.1 Contract Negotiations

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

Chris McNeill, CAO

Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: _____

Region of Queens Municipality Staff Report

6.1

To: Council

From: Chris McNeill, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: **AD HOC NOISE BYLAW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**


Background

Council on July 21, 1997 adopted a Noise Bylaw and at the time it was the result of a consolidation of the former Municipality of the County of Queens' Anti-Noise Bylaw and Town of Liverpool's Prohibition and Regulation of Certain Noises Bylaw. This bylaw has been in place since that time and is still in effect today.

Council at its regular meeting on February 23, 2021, requested that staff prepare a new noise bylaw with significantly more details and updated language. This was completed and presented to Council on April 27, 2021, for discussion and potential adoption. At this meeting, Council gave first reading to a new Bylaw Respecting Noise. It was then publicly advertised that it would be brought forward for second and final reading on May 25, 2021.

At the May 25, 2021, Council meeting, Council passed the following motion:

"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."



Following this meeting, advertisements were placed that sought representative from each electoral district to sit on this committee. Those appointments took place shortly thereafter.

Details

The Ad Hoc Noise Bylaw Committee met on three occasions over the past four months on September 1, September 27 and November 4, 2021. Participation at the meetings from all members was 97% over the course of the three meetings.


The Committee reviewed its mandate as directed by Council, as well as relevant portions of the *Municipal Government Act*, *Education Act*, *Interpretation Act*, and *Protection of Property Act*. The Committee also reviewed the current Bylaw Prohibiting Certain Noises adopted in 1997, the proposed new Bylaw Prohibiting Certain Noises that was given first reading on April 27, 2021, as well as Policy 49 respecting Enforcement of Summary Offence Tickets. Additionally, the Committee reviewed portions of federal Mischievous, Disturbing the Peace and Explosives regulations and laws, and provincial Protection of Property and Motor Vehicle Act statutes.

Upon completion of this review, the Ad Hoc Committee reviewed 71 pages of public feedback both for and against the proposed new Noise Bylaw.

With this review complete, the Ad Hoc Committee felt that the current bylaw was adequate and simplistic enough to be used going forward with some minor updating along with some supplementary notes concerning the various issues raised by the public. Therefore, they recommended that the current bylaw be amended rather than adopting more comprehensive and all encompassing noise rules and regulations.

The bylaw being presented today is the final version adopted with the full agreement of all ten members of the committee.

If Council adopts this bylaw, it will need to be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia to designate certain sections as enforceable through the issuance of summary offense tickets. This process normally takes 12-15 months, but recently has been



reduced to 3-4 months in some cases. Until that time, any infractions will require immediate court action through long form summons with no ability to simply issue an out of court settlement fine.

Applicable Legislation

172 (1) A council may make by-laws, for municipal purposes, respecting

(a) the health, well being, safety and protection of persons;

(b) the safety and protection of property;

(c) persons, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public;

(d) nuisances, activities and things that, in the opinion of the council, may be or may cause nuisances, including noise, weeds, burning, odours, fumes and vibrations and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, by-laws

(i) prescribing a distance beyond which noise shall not be audible,

(ii) distinguishing between one type of noise and another,

(iii) providing that any noise or sound greater than a specific decibel level or other measurement of noise or sound is prohibited,

(iv) prescribing the hours during which certain noises, or all noise above a certain level, specified in the bylaw is prohibited,

Budget Impacts

The future costs will include the advertising for second reading in a local newspaper, as well as a second newspaper ad after adoption. Following this, increased costs will be incurred to carry out additional investigations by our staff and legal fees for enforcement, but these are unknown until complaints are received, investigations are conducted, and consultations with our legal counsel take place.

Recommendation

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



Communications

Once Council gives first reading to the proposed new bylaw, it will be advertised in a local paper circulating in the community the following week noting that it is open for inspection by the public, including on our website. Any public comments received will be provided to Council prior to, or at the time of second reading.



BYLAW NO. 7

A BYLAW PROHIBITING CERTAIN NOISES

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of Region of Queens Municipality, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998, Chapter 18, as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as Bylaw Number 7 and may be cited as the "Noise Bylaw".

DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw, all words have their normal dictionary meanings, except as follows:

"noise" means any unwanted sound that doesn't happen in a natural environment and can include sounds coming from people, machinery, equipment, residential and commercial properties, as well as industrial places.

PROHIBITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

3. No person or Corporation shall at any time between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. engage in any activity which is likely to generate noise or sound that unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood. For the purpose of this section, evidence that one neighbour is unreasonably disturbed by a noise is prima facie evidence that the neighbourhood is unreasonably disturbed by the noise.

FIXED EXEMPTIONS

4. This bylaw does not apply to:
 - a. emergency response personnel engaged in the execution of their emergency response duties, including operating comfort centers and emergency shelters with generators;
 - b. the emission of sound in connection with any organized traditional, festive or religious activity;
 - c. the emission of sound in connection with calls to worship, ringing of bells at places of religious worship, or services of religious worship;
 - d. noises in connection with organized athletic or recreational activities in municipal, school, or public park areas, arenas or community centres;
 - e. noise caused by the Municipality, Government of Canada, Province of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Power Corporation, and telecommunication companies and their contractors and employees when acting in the reasonable execution of their duties;
 - f. noises resulting from the operation of any refrigeration unit which is attached to a refrigeration truck if the refrigeration truck is parked on the property of its commercial assessed business or on lands designated for industrial uses; and
 - g. any noise emitted from, or associated with, any Industrial operation including any noise emitted by or from any equipment or vehicle associated with such Industrial operation on the condition that such noise is emitted from an activity which is within the reasonable scope of the Industrial operation.

PENALTY

- 5. Any person or Corporation who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 and to imprisonment of not more than 60 days in default of payment thereof.
- 6. Any person or Corporation who contravenes Section 3 of this bylaw and who is given notice of the contravention may pay to the Municipality, at the place specified in the notice, the sum of \$350 within 14 days of the date of the notice and shall thereby avoid prosecution for that contravention.

REPEAL

- 7. Noise Bylaw adopted by the Council of Region of Queens Municipality on the 21st day of July 1997, is hereby repealed.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT this bylaw was passed by the Council of Region of Queens Municipality at a duly constituted meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of January, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk this _____ day of January, 2022.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk

First Reading: December 14, 2021

Date of Publication - Notice of Intention to Adopt:

Second Reading:

Newspaper - Notice of Passing:

Filed with Minister of Municipal Affairs:

SUPPLEMENTARY NOISE BYLAW INFORMATION

Water

This bylaw does not regulate noise coming from waterways as the Municipality can only enforce its bylaws on land. Inland waterways are regulated by the provincial government and the Atlantic Ocean and associated harbours are regulated by the federal government. Noise concerns on water should be discussed with the appropriate provincial or federal government.

Fireworks

Fireworks are regulated by the federal government's Explosives Safety and Security Branch of Natural Resources Canada. Fireworks fall under the federal *Explosives Act* and Regulations. Fireworks are not deemed to be a noise bylaw issue as community concerns most often relate to public safety and the use of fireworks in wooded or residential areas. Therefore, fireworks are not regulated under the noise bylaw. Persons with concerns related to the unsafe use of fireworks should contact Queens RCMP who would enforce the provisions of the federal explosives law and regulations. During times of provincial fire bans put in place by the Fire Marshal, the use of consumer fireworks are also prohibited under the *Nova Scotia Fire Safety Act*.

Motor Vehicles

Motor Vehicles and their use are regulated under the provincial government's *Motor Vehicle Act*. Any noise issues related to motor vehicles are best addressed through the enforcement of the *Motor Vehicle Act* by Queens RCMP and not through a noise bylaw by the Municipality. Things such as loud exhausts, speeding, or loud music from vehicles would all be covered by the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* or other legislation like disturbing the peace.

Off-highway Vehicles (OHV's)

Off-highway vehicles are licensed and regulated by the provincial *Off-highway Vehicles Act*. The use of these vehicles, that are not required to be registered

under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and their use are enforced under the *Off-highway Vehicle Act* by Queens RCMP and conservation officers under the *Forestry Act*. Concerns about the inappropriate use or land access by Off-highway vehicles should be directed to Queens RCMP or NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables.

Prima Facie

Prima Facie is a legal term that suggests that when the Municipality's Bylaw Enforcement Officer or Queens RCMP witness noise that they believe to be contrary to the Noise Bylaw, or receive a sworn statement from a person that they are unreasonably disturbed by such noise, that this evidence is legally sufficient to establish a fact or a case of a noise bylaw violation unless disproved in court. Such evidence must be independently verified by the Bylaw Enforcement Office or RCMP Officer through personal observation, witness statements, physical evidence, et cetera, and therefore a sworn statement does not guarantee that a legal charge or fine based only on a public complaint will suffice.

Dogs

Noise from dogs such as barking is not included within the Noise Bylaw as it is covered under the existing Municipal Bylaw No. 3 Respecting Dogs. This bylaw is enforced by the Municipality's Bylaw Enforcement Officer. In cases where there is a current or imminent threat to public safety from an alleged dangerous dog, Queens RCMP should be immediately called.

BYLAW NO. 7

A BYLAW PROHIBITING CERTAIN NOISES

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality, under the authority of the *Queens Regional Municipality Act*, S.N.S. 1995, Chapter 9, as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as Bylaw Number 7 and may be cited as "The Noise Bylaw".

DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw all words have their normal dictionary meanings, except as follows:

"Public address system" means any system comprised of one or more of the following, including any combination thereof:

loudspeaker, amplifier, microphone, turntable, reproducer, or receiver;

"Sound apparatus" means any device, whether operated electrically, mechanically or in any other way, which reproduces, amplifies, emits or transmits sounds.

PROHIBITIONS

3. No person or Corporation shall at any time between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. use or permit the use of a public address system, phonograph, gramophone, radio or sound apparatus in a manner that results in unreasonable interference with the enjoyment, by any other person, of any street, public place, building, dwelling or portion of a building used as a residence.

EXCEPTIONS

4. This bylaw does not apply to the following:
 - (a) the sounding of any bell, horn, siren or other warning device by an authorized emergency vehicle;
 - (b) the ringing of a church bell or chimes;

- (c) the sounding of motor vehicle horns as part of a wedding procession or a parade authorized by the Region of Queens Municipality;
- (d) noise emanating from any municipally owned property, including athletic or recreational activities in municipal parks or arenas;
- (e) employees, agents or contractors performing work at the request of, or under contract with, the Region - when such persons are acting in the reasonable execution of their duties;
- (f) any noise emitted from, or associated with, any Industrial operation, including any noise emitted by or from equipment or vehicles associated with such Industrial operation on the condition that such noise is emitted from an activity which is within the reasonable scope of the Industrial operation.

PENALTIES

- 5. Any person found to be in violation of this bylaw shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and, in default of payment, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed Sixty (60) days.

REPEAL

- 6. Both the "Anti-Noise Bylaw" of the former Municipality of the County of Queens and the "Bylaw Respecting Prohibition and Regulation of Certain Noises" of the former Town of Liverpool are hereby repealed.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT this By-law was passed by the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality at a duly constituted meeting of said Council held the 21ST day of July, 1997.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Regional Clerk this 21ST day of July, 1997.

MAYOR C. L. A. Coakley
REGIONAL CLERK Chris McNeill

READINGS: First: May 20, 1997
Second: July 21, 1997
Third: July 21, 1997
Date of Publication: July 9, 1997
Newspaper: September 24, 1997

Office of the Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs

Filed / Approved: September 9, 1997

Region of Queens Municipality Staff Report

6.2

To: Council

From: Dana Henley, Community Development Coordinator

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: Naming of Universally-Designed Playpark


Background

Region of Queens Municipality initially entered into an agreement with PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society on April 10, 2019, for the installation of an inclusive playground adjacent to Queens Place Emera Centre. This agreement was amended April 28, 2021, extending the agreement term an additional year to April 9, 2022.

Details

PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society has successfully completed their fundraising campaign raising the funds required to construct and install a universal, inclusive playground at the site adjacent to Queens Place Emera Centre. A project scope has been provided to municipal staff to start the design and tendering process and have the playground constructed.

PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society has provided a recommendation to staff that the playground be named "Etlí Militamk" Queens Universally-Designed Playpark. Etlí Militamk is Mi'kmaq and the pronunciation is (ed a lee Milly Dumk) and translates to English as "we are playing here". This recommendation from the Playpark Committee is a result of ongoing consultation with Charmaine



Stevens, Councillor with Acadia First Nations, who engaged community elders for this recommendation. The name “Etlí Militamk” was felt by the Playpark Committee to most strongly represent the intention of the Park.

Applicable Legislation

Section 47 of the *Municipal Government Act* states that:

(2) The council may exercise any of its powers and duties by resolution unless a policy or a by-law is required by an enactment.

(5) The council may make and carry out a contract, perform an act, do any thing or provide a service for which the municipality or the council is authorized by an Act of the Legislature to spend or borrow money.

Budget Impacts

The cost of initial signage for the facility is included in the capital cost of the project.

Recommendation

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality name the universally designed playpark to be constructed adjacent to Queens Place Emera Centre on Old Cobb's Barn Road “**Etlí Militamk**” Queens Universally-Designed Playpark.

Communications

PAC Autism Nova Scotia Society will be notified of a decision following Council.

REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES REPORT

December 14, 2021

TYPE: Standard Parcel

LOCATION: 536 West Street
Milton, Queens Co., N.S.

PID NUMBER: 70074323

ASSESSED OWNER: David C. Winters (Deceased)

The property located at 536 West Street, Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia bears a derelict vehicle, boat, RV, piles of scrap metal, garbage, plastics, propane tanks, vinyl siding, oil barrels, and rotten lumber. In addition, two outbuildings have collapsed and require a full clean up. This property is dangerous and unsightly and does not meet with neighbourhood standards.

I recommend:

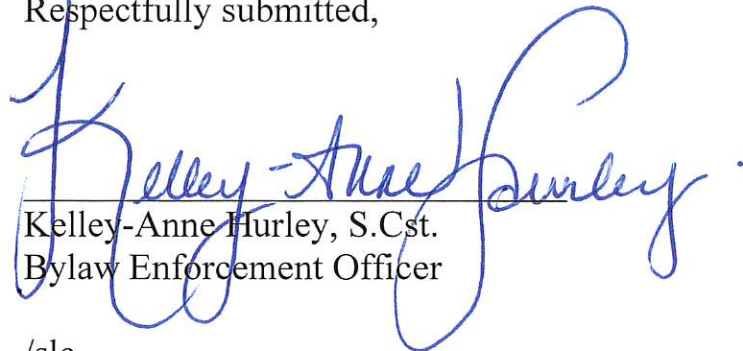
THAT Region of Queens Municipal Council declare the property located at 536 West Street, Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia and identified as PID# 70074323 as dangerous or unsightly as defined in the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*;

AND THAT Region of Queens Municipal Council cause an Order to be served upon the deceased owner and parties of interest of the property located at 536 West Street, Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that, within thirty (30) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- (1) Removal of derelict RV;
- (2) Removal of derelict vehicle;
- (3) Removal of derelict sailboat and trailer;
- (4) Removal of derelict speed boat, trailer and motor;
- (5) Clean-up and removal of construction and demolition debris from two, collapsed outbuildings; and
- (6) Removal of miscellaneous items strewn about such as scrap metals, household garbage, plastics, propane tanks, vinyl siding, oil barrels, piles of lumber, etc.

AND THAT, if the parties of interest fail to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the parties of interest.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley-Anne Hurley, S.Cst.
Bylaw Enforcement Officer

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Region of Queens Municipality Staff Report

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To: Council

From: Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: Solid Waste Post Closure Liability RFP

Background:

Effective April 1, 2022, Public Sector Accounting Standard 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligations is required to be adopted. As part of the Municipality's due diligence and to ensure continued compliance with Public Sector Accounting Standards, the Municipality will complete a new post closure liability calculation to determine both the current and future costs of closing and maintaining its second generation landfill for 30 years after closure.

Details:

The first Request for Proposal was posted on the Nova Scotia Procurement site on October 4 and closed on October 26, 2021. There were no submissions. A subsequent Request for Proposals was posted on the Nova Scotia Procurement site on November 2, closing on November 23, 2021.

One submission from AECOM Canada was submitted and reviewed by the Director of Engineering and Public Works, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Administrative Officer.

References were checked by Director of Engineering and Public Works.



Applicable Legislation:

Section 451(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* states that the Minister may prescribe the system of accounting to be used by the municipalities and the form in which records shall be kept and funds accounted for.

Budget Considerations:

The cost of this report is quoted as \$149,102. This will be funded out of the reserve fund for the Landfill Liability.

Recommendation:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the appointment of AECOM Canada to complete a Solid Waste Post Closure Liability report, with the cost to be funded from the Post Closure Reserve fund.