

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

Minutes

Present: Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair
Deputy Mayor Kevin Muise
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Ralph Gidney
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Jack Fancy
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

Add: Item 7.3 Ukrainian Flag Request

Add: Item 9.1 Acquisition of Municipal Property

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Brown that the Agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Presentations

3.1 RCMP Report

Mayor Norman welcomed S/Sgt. Dan Archibald to Council.

Some highlights included:

Personnel: Addition of Corporal Buckland to detachment. Constable Murphy is retiring and his position will be filled. Actively looking to fill vacant Assistant position.

Annual Performance Planning: Objectives remain the same this year as last (Road Safety, Crime Prevention and Reduction, Cybercrime, and Increase Connections with First Nations).

Information of Interest: Number of impaired drivers for the year is 15 which is in line with last year. Partnered with the South Shore Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit on search warrant for drug trafficking instances. Assisted by RCMP Police Dog Services involving a firearms offence in North Queens.

Yearly Statistics: A member of the detachment is training to be a Drug Recognition Expert or DRE and will be capable of testing drivers for impairments by drugs.

Crime Reduction: There is a decrease in court conditioned offenders residing in our area. Continue to have media releases which include proactive public service announcements as well as investigations of significance.

Calls for Service Breakdown: Increase in the number of calls under the Mental Health Act that are very time consuming. Low number of prisoners held at the Detachment cells.

Community Policing Report: Constable Winsor will assume the Community Policing position, replacing Constable Duffney.

Councillor Brown enquired with the growth in Queens, if there are any plans to increase policing, especially in North Queens which has seen a substantial growth. S/Sgt. Archibald stated policing would increase based on the number of calls to the areas.

Councillor Brown further enquired about the issue at the intersection at Tim Hortons. S/Sgt. Archibald stated the issue is largely due to the lay out and is hard to enforce for infractions.

Councillor Fancy enquired if there was an increase in drug use/trafficking with schools being closed during Covid. S/Sgt. Archibald stated no difference but normally tends to be a particular group. He reiterated that the largest increase seen was due to mental health calls.

4.0 Tabling of Petitions

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 Public Question / Comment Session

Deborah Herman-Spartinelli, 7438 Highway 3, Summerville Center – Ms. Spartinelli stated she is part of the Queens Community Aquatic Society and understands that a decision has been made for South Queens to have an outdoor pool. She stated a donation of \$3 Million has been received and the Society has investigated the costs for heating panels which will enable the use of the pool longer. She asked to make a presentation to Council. Mayor Norman instructed her to contact Christine Watson for inclusion on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

David Huskins, 162 Church Street, Liverpool – Mr. Huskins commented that it is very hard to hear and enquired what was wrong with the sound system.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – February 22, 2022

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

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 22, 2022, Section 8.7, paragraph 1 be amended by removing “but didn’t know what a traffic study was” and inserting “and asked for the history and cost of a traffic study”.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 22, 2022 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Autism Nova Scotia – South Shore Chapter Flag Request

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the application made by Autism Nova Scotia – South Shore Chapter to have the Autism flag flown on the Special Purpose flagpole located in front of the Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre, Liverpool for a one week period, from April 1 through to April 7 (inclusive), 2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Astor Theatre Society – Request for Decreased Rent

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality waive Astor Theatre Society's outstanding rent of \$1,000 for January 2022 and February 2022.

Deputy Mayor Muise enquired if the provincial COVID monies received from the province could be used to cover this cost. Chris McNeill, CAO, stated he will have to investigate the reasoning for the request.

Councillor Fancy stated they were shut down to due Covid restrictions, therefore, no income for the two months. Dana Henley, Community Development Coordinator, concurred this was the reasoning provided in the Society's correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Ukrainian Flag Request

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

THAT Region of Queens Municipality purchase a Ukrainian flag to fly on the Special Purpose Flag Pole to show moral support from the time periods March 22 – March 31 and April 8 – April 23, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Discussions

8.1 Council Implementation Report

There were no items to come forward from this report.

9.0 In-Camera Items

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Brown that the proceedings go In-Camera at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the following:

9.1 Acquisition of Municipal Property

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

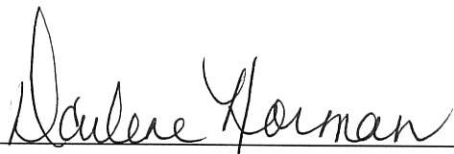
Mayor Norman announced a 10 minute break at 9:30 a.m.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 9:55 a.m.

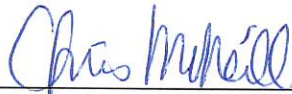
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 Adjournment

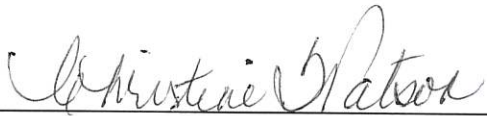
The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved:

March 22, 2022