

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 11:25 a.m.**

Minutes

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

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

Mayor Norman stated that In-Camera Item 9.3 – Contract Negotiations is at 3:30, the time was omitted on agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Charlton to move Item 7.9 Sale of South Shore Region Airport up on the agenda at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Gidney to add Item 8.6 Local Paper to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Anchors Up Ventures Ltd.

Mayor Norman welcomed Chad Clothier, Partner and Graham van der Pas, Partner, to present to Council.

Mr. Clothier showed the video Live on the Point.

The Team – RUMCLO Developments Ltd. includes Chad Clothier, Project Foreman/Partner, Nicholas Strum, Managing Director/Partner, Graham van der Pas, Marketing Director/Partner, Douglas van de Pas, Creative Director/Partner and Jason Smith, Designer/Partner.

Where is the Point? – The Point sits on a 23 acre, waterfront parcel at 133 Shore Road, Mersey Point. The Point is close to town, restaurants, beaches, etc.

Why Queens County? – Queens County is a lifestyle, surrounded by nature to enjoy many outdoor activities, something for everyone.

What is the Point? – A one of a kind residential neighbourhood that blends modern design and architecture to balance the maximum density with ample privacy. With the addition of a community Café / General Store members can gather. Organically blended with the forest and provides maximum exposure and vista views.

Construction Phases:

Phase 1 – 40 semi-detached homes

Phase 2 – 72 multi-level duplex homes

Phase 3 – 12 single family homes

What are we building? – 124 Homes

Phase 1 - \$9,000,000 Investment

Phase 2 - \$15,300,000 Investment

Phase 3 – \$5,000,000 Investment

Total Investment of over \$30,000,000

The Denmark – A semi-detached, a1344 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 2 bath - \$350,000 - \$450,000 and is Scandinavian architecture.

The Lookout – A multi-level duplex that offers two options: a 2 x 1000 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 2 bath or 2000 sq. ft. 3 – 4 bedroom, 2 bath - \$400,000 - \$500,000.

How will the Point benefit Queens County?

Homes for up to 408 new and local residents.

Economic Development, increase in local spending and new businesses.

Housing for medical staff and other skilled workers, young professionals, as well as retirees and senior residents who want to downsize.

Increase in tax revenue.

Total Annual Tax Revenue of \$566,000

Timeline of 5 Years:

Pre-Sales in early 2023

Build Phase 1 – 2023/2024

Build Phase 2 – 2024/2025

Build Phase 3 – 2026/2027

Complete – 2028

What do we Need?

An extension of existing Municipal services to the development.

Cost of Water Extension estimate - \$1,485,000 which could be recouped in less than three years.

Cost of Water Service and Sewer Extension estimate \$4,363,000 which could be recouped in 8 years.

We are ready to begin in the spring and timing is of the essence. This is only the beginning and we want to continue to build.

It is difficult to provide affordable housing without government grants, but is something of consideration.

Our video LiveonthePoint.com is on our website.

Mayor Norman stated staff are currently preparing a list of all projects on the books and Council will decide priority.

She thanked them for their presentation.

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 stated that it's good to see developers looking at Queens County.

He enquired under Item 7.6 – Multiple Unit Dwelling if this refers to a new complex or an extension. Mayor Norman stated this was discussed at the Planning Advisory Committee and at this time is what is already there, they would need to apply for an extension.

Council recessed at 12 Noon until 1:00 p.m.

During the recess the Years of Services Awards were issued to 7 employees:

5-Year Service Award:

Mallory Plummer
Lucas Whynot
Bev Sutherland

15-Year Service Award:

Adam Grant
Frank Oickle

25-Year Service Award:

Mike MacLeod

30-Year Service Award:

Wanda Allison

Council resumed at 1:00 p.m.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – November 22, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held November 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing – November 22, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing held November 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.3 Special Council – November 28, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Council held November 28, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.9 Sale of South Shore Regional Airport

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Nova Scotia Drag Racers Association to convey municipal land identified as PID #70110903 and known as South Shore Regional Airport for the purchase price of \$50,000.

Councillor Gidney stated a lot of difficulties on this issue is that the majority of discussions were held In Camera and led to a lot of speculation. For future consideration, any sale of municipal property should be through public tender.

Councillor Brown stated unfortunately it feels like this has become either the Nova Scotia Drag Racers Association or the South Shore

Flying Club. Both have prospered in the past and pitting one against the other has been a detriment to both of them.

He further stated that Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Queens to look at if we are getting the best value for the money. When we started the process there was only one potential buyer and when looking at what they could bring to the region, we could consider selling, but once other offers starting coming in, it didn't have the same value. We have the opportunity for both interested parties to still use and contribute as done previously. By keeping the airport property owned by the Region, it will allow both organizations to thrive. The airport is an economic driver and the Region should maintain ownership.

Deputy Mayor Fancy stated he was against holding a Public Hearing, as he felt it would be a war zone but has heard a lot of information he was not aware of; what the NSDRA bring to the community as well as the SSFC.

We, as Council, are local people. We want to protect both users and do not want to lose either. We look to management for what we can do and morally wasn't a good thing to do. We've messed up and in future will try to do better. We should maintain ownership and look at having the property properly managed to utilize what we have.

Councillor Amirault thanked everyone for showing up for the Public Hearing and to those that submitted emails. We appreciate the business that the NSDRA brings to the community, but the friction between the two groups is upsetting.

She further stated Council made a mistake and this issue was not handled properly and feel a lesson has been learned. She apologized to both groups but the only way to move forward is to have the municipality maintains ownership and operates the facility and hope the two groups can again work together.

Councillor Charlton thanked everyone for attending. Based on a public comment that made it sound like NSDRA was not operating under our zoning bylaws. Our zoning bylaws didn't come into effect until 2009, so the NSDRA is grandfathered in those land use bylaws, so there are no issues.

With regards to Mr. Ripple's comment asking why people initially supported the sale of the airport, I had initially supported the sale understanding the fact that both of the current users could be protected under future use under a change of ownership. It has

been brought to our attention recently that the only way to protect all parties for the foreseeable future is to maintain ownership and is no longer in favour of selling the airport to any party.

Councillor Charlton apologized to all involved for any upset caused and uncertainty over the last few weeks. These two groups should never have been put in this position and do not believe that the NSDRA has any bad intentions and both deserve security and believe the only way to achieve this is to maintain ownership.

Councillor Muise thanked everyone for their attendance at the public hearing. With respect to comments that Council keep stuff hidden, this is what the public hearing was about, we want people to tell us how they feel on what is going on.

He further stated the Region should maintain ownership of the airport.

Councillor Hawkes stated he is in agreement with other Councillors' comments and that the Region should maintain ownership.

Mayor Norman turned the Chair over to Deputy Mayor Fancy at 1:11 p.m.

Mayor Norman stated she met with Mr. Liemke who was interested in purchasing the airport, which sounded like a good plan, would have continued on with the NSDRA for a couple years, but the sale didn't happen. It was a real eye opener to listen to all those in the aviation industry and to read the countless emails who use the airport at no cost, which has always been a concern.

There was discussion on why we don't have management at the airport. The Region used to have management at the airport for decades and tax payers were paying. We hired a consultant and did a study. We then hired someone else to run the airport all on promises of exactly what I heard this morning would happen. There would be expanded uses and there would be hangars, etc. And looking at the 50 year old pavement, when will it be repaved? There was information received from the Town of Woodstock whose municipality has ensured that they'll maintain their runway, lights, maintenance, etc. which is a very expensive endeavor.

I see a group who does not ask us for money and have put a significant amount of money into the facility and pays the Region a significant amount in leasehold improvements. At a time when Council decides how to deal with this airport, be it a management

committee made up of users, I would never support selling it to the highest bidder, but would look at the long term usage. If we are going to keep both users, then there needs to be a way for the SSFC to find a way to get revenue from all those that claim the importance of the airport. I do not believe that the SSFC, a not-for-profit organization, receives any financial benefit from them which if the Region maintains ownership, we'll need to find a way that they do, just as the NSDRA can find a way to make financial benefit for their group and expand their lease improvements.

Municipalities do not have to own airports. I believe we are a good community but despite the hardship Council caused, hope that there are no grudges and believe that the two groups can go back to a working relationship.

I will be voting to sell to the NSDRA based on the fact of the economic worth that they have brought. However, if my vote is lost, these two groups must show how they can contribute, as owning an airport is a liability to the tax payers.

Councillor Brown stated if looking at this as purely for profit is probably the wrong way to look at it. We own infrastructure that does make a profit, we should look at the overall benefit it contributes to the community. We do not make a profit from our parks, from QPEC, or from the Astor Theatre, but they contribute to the community. This brings economic benefit from the two groups and have said they've contributed to the community, under our ownership, and believe that they can continue to do this.

MOTION DEFEATED with 3 in favour and 5 against.

Mayor Norman resumed the Chair.

3.2 Hillsview Acres Home for Special Care

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services, welcomed Andrew MacVicar, Executive Director, Queens Manor and Acting Administrator Hillsview Acres, and Anya Teri, Acting Director of Care, Queens Manor, to Council.

Some highlights included:

Mrs. Veinotte stated Hillsview Acres was purchased in late 1800's and has been home to hundreds. The facility was classified as a Residential Care Facility in 1981 with the responsibility being

transferred in 2000 to the Department of Health and Wellness, now Department of Seniors and Long Term Care.

Mr. MacVicar provided background on meanings of Long Term Care Facilities, stating this is an option for people who have difficulty performing everyday tasks and are judged on their level of mobility. Nursing home placement is appropriate for people who are medically stable but have nursing needs that cannot be met through home care.

When home care does not meet the needs, and long term care is not required, a residential care facility may be the solution. They provide personal care, supervision, and accommodation. Long Term Care and Residential Care facilities costs are shared by the resident and the provincial government.

Mr. MacVicar stated budgets are done twice per year and are dealt with through two ways; a protected portion of the approved budget is for health care costs and raw food costs – resident care staff salaries and benefits, raw food and health care operations.

The unprotected portion of the approved budget is for capital costs and accommodation services costs – support staff salaries and benefits, administrative and management salaries and benefits, capital costs. This portion of the budget has no funding for Human Resources, but a Manager has been hired and since that time the WCB rates have lowered considerably. If needed, funds can be moved from this portion of the budget to the protected.

Ms. Teri provided Hillsview Statistics: Presently 25 of the 29 beds are filled.

Residents waiting for LTC placement – 12%

Residents requiring daily assistance – 42%

Residents with dementia – 25%

Residents with mental health concerns/addictions – 66%

An inspection took place with one minor deficiency found. Follow-up report filed and license renewed until December 1, 2023.

We are experiencing a lack of casual staff and have job postings for staff in all departments.

Mrs. Veinotte stated Covid has delayed projects. There are issues with suppliers and costs are rising.

Current projects in progress are heat pumps and an upgrade to electrical was completed November 20, 2022. The roof repairs are ongoing and the fire escape rebuilt. Tap mixers as ordered by the Department of Environment.

There have been no quotes received to date on door replacements. Requested that the 2021/22 funding for the tub room renovation be put towards a scaled back version which was to be part of the washroom renovation through Infection Prevention and Control funding.

Unbudgeted expenses for 2022/23 – Agency staff and operational support from Queens Manor. There were additional training costs. Sysco (cost of food) and has increased by 15%.

Councillor Charlton enquired, with 12% of residents waiting for Long Term Care, and noted the difference between Hillside versus the Manor is that there are no nurses at night. Is the province looking at doing anything about funding? Mr. MacVicar stated it is not in the budget, but is a reality. You have to make decisions but the budget does not reflect the need.

Ms. Teri stated there is a system in place whereas there are on call nursing staff 24 hours/day, and staff are very well trained and they have the support of local agencies, first responders, or send residents to a hospital, which we do on a regular basis.

Mr. MacVicar noted that the delta required in long term care and residential care is narrowing. There are vacant beds at the facility. We are shifting toward home care with home support, which means when they do need a facility, it's long term care.

Deputy Mayor Fancy enquired why there are some empty beds at the facility. Mrs. Veinotte stated we are funding for 29 so if they're not full, in a way it's an advantage, but we want to be as full as possible as the Department of Seniors and Long Care could pull that funding. Mr. MacVicar stated when they need long term care and are assessed it's based on their level of frailty.

Deputy Mayor Fancy enquired who makes the decision on the level of care required. Mr. MacVicar stated that placement is done at the provincial level.

Mayor Norman thanked them for their presentation.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Letter of Mandate – Pool Committee

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the Letter of Mandate from the Pool Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Operational Policy 5 – Public Art

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality adopt Operational Policy 5 Public Art dated December 13, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Ad Hoc Communications Strategy Review Committee

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Communications Strategy Review Committee and appoint Councillor Maddie Charlton and Councillor David Brown to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.4 Removal of Shrubs

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality request the Traffic Authority and the Department of Engineering and Public Works prioritize the removal of any shrubbery that obstructs vision for traffic at Market Street and Henry Hensey Drive, Liverpool.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour and 1 against.

7.5 Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zone (BDO Zone) Initiative

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide a funding contribution toward\$ the cost of creating a Bioeconomy Development Zone at a cost of up to \$10,000, to be funded from existing economic department budget.

Mayor Norman noted Richard Lane, Director of Economic Development, was not present. She stated Mr. Lane had brought this issue to Council previously but noted there is new information on the budget impact. The Municipality of Chester approved a similar recommendation on November 10 which impacts the RQM's contribution and is expected to be less than \$10,000.

Councillor Muise stated there are other committees who are looking at the same thing so he is not in favour of having another committee.

MOTION DEFEATED with 4 in favour and 4 against.

7.6 Multiple Unit Dwelling by Development Agreement – 6755 Highway 3, Hunts Point

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to enter into a development agreement with 3332373 Nova Scotia Limited to allow for a multiple unit dwelling on property identified as PID#70055058 and located at 6755 Highway 3 in Hunts Point.

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on January 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS, at 9:00 a.m.

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated an application was received to enter into a development agreement by the owners of 6755 Highway 3 in Hunts Point that would allow for the conversion of an existing 7 unit fixed roof overnight accommodation to a multiple unit residential dwelling.

The property is located in an area zoned as a Hamlet Core (HC) zone under the Land Use Bylaw and has a future land use designation of Residential (RES) under the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). A multi-unit dwelling containing more than 4 units is not permitted in the Hamlet Core (HC) Zone but Council has incorporated provision within the Land Use Bylaw whereby it can consider such uses through a development agreement process.

When evaluating development agreements, Council takes into consideration the policies as set out in the MPS, these are listed in Policy 6-21 which were provided in the staff report.

The property PID#7005058 has a lot area of approximately 10,450 sq./feet and is a mix of low density residential and commercial businesses. There is an existing 7 unit fixed roof overnight accommodation operation on the property with 9 parking stalls. There is no intention to change the structure just the use of the property. It is located on a provincially owned and maintained public road and has on-site existing septic and dug well.

Two potential options for consideration:

1. Maintain status quo (deny the development agreement request);
or
2. Enter into a development agreement to allow for a multiple unit dwelling on property identified as PID #70055058 and located at 6755 Highway 3 in Hunts Point.

Staff have reviewed and are of the opinion that the change in sure from short-term rental units to multiple residential units will have negligible impact to the surrounding area.

The Planning Advisory Committee met and are in favour of entering into a development agreement.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.7 Replacement of Vehicle Purchase

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the purchase of 2023, 4x4 $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Pickup from Mosher Motor at a price of \$75,365.50 + HST, to be funded from the Equipment Reserve.

Adam Grant, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated this purchase will replace a 2010 end-of-life truck which has been disposed for salvage. We use the same set of requirements for this vehicle as in the past. This purchase does not increase the fleet size.

The request was provided to three local manufacture representatives of which one was received (the report stated two in error).

If we order now it will be received in the spring.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.8 Accounts Receivable Write-off Report

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the deletion of accounts 1939, 2022, 2800, 2804, 2938, 3070, 1997, 2773, 3252, 3286, 915133 and 902120 and write off of principal and interest amounts totaling \$9,657.63, \$5,396.76 of which will be removed from the Valuation Allowance.

Mallory Plummer, Manager of Finance, stated staff make every effort to collect outstanding receivables.

Solid Waste accounts proposed for deletion, some of which have been outstanding since 2014.

AR 1939 Melghman Property Mgmt.	\$ 646.60
AR 2022 Ponhook Projects	\$2,417.19
AR 2800 LaHave Roofing	\$ 139.56
AR 2804 Individual	\$2,389.68
AR 2938 T&T Exteriors	\$ 255.10
AR 3070 BMW Wood Millwork	\$ 295.90

Miscellaneous accounts proposed for deletion, which are not part of the allowance:

AR 1997 Land Lease	\$162.89 (terminated)
AR 2773 Employee Medical	\$344.45 (no longer employed)
AR 3252 Employee Medical	\$100.02 (no longer employed)
AR 3286 Change of Use Tax	\$631.94

Water Utility has two accounts which are deemed uncollectible as they are inactive. The accounts total \$395.22. There is a budgeted line under the Water Utility budget for Accounts written-off of \$1,530. There is no allowance for doubtful accounts within the Water Utility.

915133	139 Payzant Street	\$119.20
902120	32 Wolfe Street	\$279.35

Interest charges have also accrued on the following Education Centers.

901006	40 West Caledonia Road	\$22.30
901007	311 Old Port Mouton Road	\$45.93
901000	104 College Street	\$43.50
913411	161 Old Bridge Street	\$35.03

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 In-Camera Items

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings go In-Camera at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 9.1 Sale of Municipal Property
- 9.2 Contract Negotiations (scheduled for 2:30 p.m.)
- 9.3 Contract Negotiations

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Norman announced a 5 minute break at 2:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Discussions

- 8.1 Development Agreement Discharge

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning and Development, stated in October 2014 Council entered into a development agreement which allowed the owner at that time to establish a dog kennel/training/grooming operation at that location. However, once the agreement was finalized the owner did not proceed with the establishment of the business. The property has now changed hands and the current owner of the property no longer wishes to have this agreement as a burden against the property and wishes to have the property discharged.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Road Naming – Ocean Side Drive

Mr. MacLeod stated a request was received to name a private road off Shore Road in Mersey Point named as Ocean Side Drive. This is acceptable to the Planning Department as it does not exist in Queens County.

The new road is owned by the applicants and the petition for road naming has been submitted by them. There is no formal petition from the abutting property owners and is in compliance with the bylaw.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.3 Requirements for Traffic Studies

Eric Levy, Municipal Clerk and Diversity Coordinator, stated he has checked practices at other municipalities in Nova Scotia. Traffic studies are requested for various reasons and dependent on the circumstance. It was noted that traffic studies are usually required at the request/discretion of the Engineer, Planner or Traffic Authority, not Council.

Policy 6-22 G of the Municipal Strategy states Council has the authority to request a traffic study.

8.4 Council Implementation Report

Councillor Gidney enquired if approval has been given under October 25 – Queens County Historical Society to place Lost at Sea Monument. Mr. Grant stated approved was given to Society yesterday.

8.5 Winter Parking Enforcement

Adam Grant, Director of Engineering & Public Works, stated the Region is responsible to clear snow and ice from streets, sidewalks, parking lots and stalls, and vehicles parked illegally during these times pose a significant hazard. They obstruct equipment from performing an effective job, leaving hazardous banks of snow which require follow-up work.

The RCMP was requested to assist, but indicated they have no capacity to be involved due to time constraints, and reinforced that we are within our legal authority to have a tow operator remove offending vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Act – Section 139.

Mr. Grant indicated that he would investigate hiring one contractor to undertake the towing, having the costs be borne by owner of the vehicle.

Councillor Charlton stated it would be helpful to residents if there were winter parking ban announcements so they would be aware and be prepared. Heather Cook, Communications & Engagement Coordinator, stated she posts on social media weekly and noted that it is illegal to throw snow back into the road.

8.6 Local Paper – Deputy Mayor Fancy

Deputy Mayor Fancy stated although there is a Communications Committee which was recently formed, we've always had a local paper in the past. Now when advertising we ask "What's a local paper?" We advertise in The Chronicle Herald, The South Shore Breaker, The Lighthouse Now and the two radio stations and say we're doing it locally, but a lot of older residents do not get them.

We do have two local papers that are printed; The Queens Crown (printed monthly) and Good News from North Queens (printed quarterly).

He further stated we cannot support the papers financially, but suggested that the Region place advertisements in their papers, which in turn does support them and help them grow. He suggested advertising the parking ban which was discussed.

He does not look at The South Shore Breaker or Lighthouse Now as being local papers and believes the Region should use local groups.

Mayor Norman stated she felt this is a wonderful idea if Queens Crown continues and staff feel there is need to advertise; however, just to place any kind of ad may not work. Staff are aware of these papers.

Councillor Charlton suggested utilizing Queens Crown to advertise the upcoming Public Hearing that is scheduled for January 10, 2023, if the publication dates work.

She further stated there are a number of people reading this paper and with the Region advertising in it, more people will be aware of any upcoming hearings or meetings. She is a member of the Communications Committee and will bring this idea to their attention.

Chris McNeill, CAO, stated there is a difference with legal publishing as there is a legal requirement to publish in a newspaper. The Lighthouse Now and either one of these papers are not a newspapers and would be considered to be over and above advertising.

Councillor Charlton enquired what requirements would either of these papers need to have in order to be called a newspaper, i.e. as The Advance. Mr. McNeill stated he was unsure but there would be some form of regulations. The South Shore Breaker is considered a flier and does not meet the standards for advertising for the government.


Mayor Norman stated staff could investigate this as the regulations are tied to the Municipal Government Act. As a business, she stated it would be good for them to investigate this for themselves as well.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Eric Levy, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: January 10, 2023