

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Peter Waterman
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Queens Community Health Board

Bill Smyth, Chair, Queens Community Health Board, was welcomed to the meeting where he explained that they are trying to raise their profile in the community to make aware to the public all that they provide.

Mr. Smyth provided a presentation and spoke briefly on the following topics:

- Vision
- What is a Community Health Board
- What is Our Role
- Board Members
 - Currently have ten Board Members but are supposed to have between nine and 15 and are looking for two more members for the board and also looking for volunteers to sit on committees.
- Board Structure
- Our 2013-2015 Collaborative Community Health Plan
- The 5 Health Plan Priorities
 - A full list of the recommendations can be found in their Health Plan which can be accessed on their webpage.
<http://www.southshorehealth.ca/partners/community-health-boards/queens-community-health-board>
- Wellness Grant Recipients 2013/2014
- What Else Are We Involved In
- Advocacy
- Health Care Input
 - Can participate in a survey to give opinions on how we can improve health services can be improved in the community and province wide at <https://novascotia.ca/DHW/puttingpatientsfirst/>

Mr. Smyth explained that the Queens Community Health Board distributed approximately \$22,400 in 2013/2014 to 15 different organizations in the community to assist with their programs. He explained that organizations have to fill out an application in order to receive the funding.

Mr. Smyth stated that there has been a lot of negative comments from the press and some members of the community lately regarding staffing changes with blood collection services at Queens General Hospital and he wanted to clarify that the changes occurring will not have any negative impacts to the current blood collection services and the general public will not notice any difference in the service that is currently being provided to them.

Bill Smyth introduced Chris Connolly, Director of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services, South Shore Health, who was available to answer questions regarding blood collection services. He advised that they are aware that residents are concerned, but there is no need to be alarmed and he advised that they are trying to get the correct facts about to the public on the issue

Councillor Fiske explained that at the last Council meeting, Peter Vaughan, also reassured the public that there will be no negative changes for residents of Queens with regards to the staffing changes with blood collection services and he hopes that more positive information gets out to the public regarding this issue.

Councillor Waterman asked if the future merging of the Community Health Boards will have a negative impact.

Mr. Smyth explained that the merge should not negatively impact the local health Boards.

Mayor Clarke noted that he is impressed with Queens Community Health Board for their hands-on effective approach, beyond making policies, and the services that it provides for the community. He noted that other Community Health Boards have grown by the examples set by this local Board.

Mayor Clarke added that Council will assist in any way it can, especially in advocating to the provincial government to speed up the Board appointment process or perhaps have the process changed to have the local Boards be able to approve these appointments.

Mr. Smyth answered questions and responded to concerns put forth by Councillors after which he was thanked for his presentation (the presentation is attached at the end of the minutes) and he left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

Leon Robertson
45 College Street
Liverpool

Mr. Robertson asked when the budget will be rolled out and if there will be any public input sessions regarding the budget as this is done in some other towns and municipalities.

Mayor Clarke advised that the budget will be presented on April 8th, and that there are no plans to change current practice as the public are invited to speak at each Council meeting to express their opinions, some other Councils do not allow this at their Council meetings. He noted that the public can bring suggestions forward to him, or any member of Council at any time throughout the year.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – February 25, 2014

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 25, 2014, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no Dangerous or Unsightly Premises issues discussed at this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There were no items to be discussed at this meeting from the Economic Development Department.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Tax Exemption Bylaw

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives second and final reading to a Bylaw respecting Tax Exemptions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 South Shore District Health Authority – Amended Agreement – Helipad

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the Amendment to the Agreement with South Shore District Health Authority dated October 4, 2012, for the helicopter pad located on Harley Umphrey Drive and identified as PID #70020250 which provides an extension of the original agreement up to and including August 31, 2014, and authorize the Mayor and Director of Finance to sign on behalf of the Region of Queens Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.3 South Shore District Health Authority - Amended Agreement - Former Milton School Properties

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the Amendment with South Shore District Health Authority to the original lease dated August 13, 2013, for the former Milton School Properties located at 17 School Street Milton and identified as PID Numbers 70072640 and 70162201, which provides an extension of the original lease up to and including August 31, 2014, and authorize the Mayor and Director of Finance to sign on behalf of the Region of Queens Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Clarke advised that extensions for the original agreements were needed to accommodate for delay in the Queens General Hospital project.

9.4 Lease – Liverpool Tennis Club

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the attached lease with the Liverpool Tennis Club for its use of PID # 70023718 for a 10-year period effective April 1st, 2014.

Councillor Inglis explained that a lease was required in order for the tennis club to be able to access grant funding.

Councillor Fancy asked if he was in conflict of interest as he is a member of the Tennis Club, but stated he was not a Board member. It was agreed that he was not in conflict.

Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, noted that by having a lease in place, liability insurance will be in effect on the property and added that the Region owns the land where the tennis courts are located, a practice court with backboard, a chain link fence, area where poles and halogen lights are located, and a small section of the deck of the Club House.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no matters brought forward at this meeting from the Engineering and Works Department.

11.0 FINANCE:

The Chair was turned over to Deputy Mayor Norman so that Mayor Clarke could report for the Finance Department.

11.1 Grants to Organizations

It was moved by Mayor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives pre-budget approval to the following 2014/2015 grants to organizations allocations in the amount of \$44,700.

Friends of Hank Snow Society	\$6,500.00
Liverpool International Theatre Festival	\$3,000.00
Mersey Band Society	\$1,000.00
Milton Community Association	\$500.00
Milton Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Canada Day	\$1,500.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Farmer's Market	\$300.00
North Queens Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
Plant to Plate	\$400.00
Privateer Days Commission	\$10,000.00
Queens Arts Council Society	\$1,000.00
Queens County Fair Association	\$6,000.00
Queens County Museum	\$4,000.00
Queens County Senior Safety Association	\$1,000.00
Queens Early Childhood Development	\$5,000.00
Queens Learning Network	\$500.00
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve	\$1,500.00
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	\$44,700.00

Point of order was made by Mayor Clarke. He noted that Councillor Fralic should remove himself from this discussion and declare conflict of interest due to his association with the Privateer Days Commission.

Kathleen Rafuse advised that in the past, Privateer Days Commission was discussed on its own and separated from the other groups allowing any directors to participate in the discussion of the other organizations grant amounts.

It was moved by Mayor Christopher Clarke and seconded by Councillor Fancy to withdraw the motion.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Mayor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives pre-budget approval to the following 2014/2015 grants to organizations allocations in the amount of \$34,700.

Friends of Hank Snow Society	\$6,500.00
Liverpool International Theatre Festival	\$3,000.00
Mersey Band Society	\$1,000.00
Milton Community Association	\$500.00
Milton Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Canada Day	\$1,500.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Farmer's Market	\$300.00
North Queens Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
Plant to Plate	\$400.00
Queens Arts Council Society	\$1,000.00
Queens County Fair Association	\$6,000.00
Queens County Museum	\$4,000.00
Queens County Senior Safety Association	\$1,000.00
Queens Early Childhood Development	\$5,000.00
Queens Learning Network	\$500.00
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve	\$1,500.00
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	\$34,700.00

Councillor Waterman noted that the amount listed for the North Queens Farmers Market was less than what was given last year. He'd like to see the proposed amount increased to \$750. He noted that they are in need of this funding to improve their facility.

Councillor Fralic commented that Plate to Plate and Queens Arts Council Society were both supported in Economic Development's Pillars that tie into the attraction strategy and that both groups should receive what they had requested on their application.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Mayor Clarke advised that the application from Plant to Plate indicated that they are planning to expand their operations in to the North Queens area and he noted that if that should happen, then they may be able to receive additional funding of \$500.00.

A discussion took place that the Queens Arts Council Society are a new group and this funding that they are requesting will assist with increasing the scope of their website's use.

Councillor Waterman asked if other Municipalities were contributing to Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve. Deputy Mayor Norman advised that if the request is approved by Council today in the amount of \$1,500, it will be contingent on the five other counties/municipalities within the Biosphere contributing the same amount.

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend the original motion by changing the amount for North Queens Farmers Market from \$300.00 to \$750.00.

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend the original motion by changing the amount for Plant to Plate from \$400.00 to \$900.00, without conditions.

AMENDMENT Defeated with 1 for and 6 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend the original motion by changing the amount for Plant to Plate from \$400.00 to \$900.00, contingent on their planned expansion.

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fralic

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend the original motion by changing the amount for Queens Arts Council Society from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

MOTION FAILED for lack of seconder.

It was moved by Councillor Fralic

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend the original motion by changing the amount for Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Society from \$1,500.00 to \$0.00.

MOTION FAILED for lack of seconder.

Mayor Clarke noted that the Region is struggling to keep the tax rate down and any increase in amounts to Grants to Organizations, or anywhere else in the budget would then increase the budget as whole.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously and reads as follows:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives pre-budget approval to the following 2014/2015 grants to organizations allocations in the amount of \$35,650.

Friends of Hank Snow Society	\$6,500.00
Liverpool International Theatre Festival	\$3,000.00
Mersey Band Society	\$1,000.00
Milton Community Association	\$500.00
Milton Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Canada Day	\$1,500.00
North Queens Board of Trade - Farmer's Market	\$750.00
North Queens Heritage Society	\$1,250.00
Plant to Plate	\$900.00
Queens Arts Council Society	\$1,000.00
Queens County Fair Association	\$6,000.00
Queens County Museum	\$4,000.00
Queens County Senior Safety Association	\$1,000.00
Queens Early Childhood Development	\$5,000.00
Queens Learning Network	\$500.00
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve	\$1,500.00
TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED	\$35,650.00

AND FURTHER THAT \$500 of the Plant to Plate allocation is contingent upon the expansion of their program area and the allocation for Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve is contingent upon the five other municipal units contributing the same amount.

Councillor Fralic declared conflict of interest and left the room at 10:58 a.m. while Grants to Organizations – Privateer Days Commission was being discussed.

Grants to Organizations – Privateer Days Commission

It was moved by Mayor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives pre-budget approval to a 2014/2015 grants to organizations allocation in the amount of \$10,000 for Privateer Days Commission.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The Chair was turned back to Mayor Clarke at this time.

Councillor Fralic returned to the Council Chambers at 11:01 a.m.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to be discussed from the Recreation and Community Facilities Department; however Councillor Fancy spoke of the two upcoming road races that will be taking place in May and July.

13.0 PLANNING:

There were no matters to be discussed from the Planning Department.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no matters to be discussed at this meeting from Queens Place Emera Centre.

15.0 OTHER:

There were no other topics to be discussed at this time.

16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 11:05 a.m. to discuss the following:

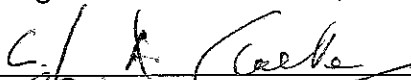
16.1 Acquisition of Municipal Property

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

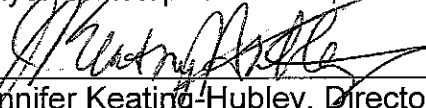
It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Inglis that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:28 a.m.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: March 25/14