

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair  
Councillor Darlene Norman  
Councillor Bruce Inglis  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Councillor Raymond Fiske  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Peter Waterman  
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer  
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 Norman and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Prior to the meeting's presentation, Mayor Clarke wanted to advise that there will be a Special Planning Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. and a Special Council meeting scheduled for Friday April 25, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the topic of Amendment to the Development Agreement with Chandlers' Funeral Services Ltd.

**3.0 PRESENTATION(S):**

**3.1 RCMP Monthly Report**

Corporal Victor Whalen was welcomed the meeting where he reviewed the RCMP Report for the month of March, 2014. He noted that the calls for service was up from the previous month but down from the same time frame in 2013. Some of the more serious incidents and the status of each were outlined.

Cpl. Whalen proceeded to explain that they have been successful in receiving funding to assist in obtaining a Mobile Speed Sign Display Trailer. He added that they are still working on some of the details but it will be a shared purchase with Lunenburg County with an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Cpl. Victor Whalen answered questions and responded to concerns from Councillors.

Mayor Clarke advised that the new District Commander, S/Sgt. Paul MacDougall will be starting May 5, 2014, and this will be Cpl. Whalen's last presentation to Council. He thanked Cpl. Whalen for service he has provided to the community and presented him with a gift.

**4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

**5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

**David Dagley**  
**9 Meadow Pond Lane**  
**Liverpool**

Mr. Dagley congratulated everyone's efforts in assisting with the North Queens Business Hub / Innovation Centre and Emergency Response Facility. He noted that it was nice to see a large turnout for the official announcement last week, and this facility will be an asset to the community.

Mr. Dagley also wanted to comment on the purchase of the former Canadian Tire lot on Legion Street, Liverpool to be used for metered parking. He suggested to Council to think about providing two hour parking in that location and have signs posted rather than having to purchase and install parking meters.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**6.1 Regular Council Minutes – April 8, 2014**

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

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 8, 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:**

**8.1 Economic Development Monthly Report**

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, reviewed the Economic Development report which was included with the Council agenda package.

Some topics discussed were:

- Business Visits, Referrals and Business Opportunities – many people still interested in the Region of Queens as a place to open a business and see Queens as a community to invest in.
- Business Closures – Two business announced closures in the past month. Staff notified appropriate provincial/federal agencies who assisted with ensuring employees were aware of career transitioning supports.
- Saltscapes Expo – now have the new display and promotional materials are ready for the consumer show.
- Information booklet about life in the Region of Queens was provided to the Granton Michelin employees who may want to relocate to this area to work at the Bridgewater plant.

Councillor MacLeod asked if better directional signage for Liverpool could be provided at the corner of Payzant Street and Main Street and at the intersection coming from exit 19. Jill Cruikshank advised that she will look into the matter.

8.2 Liverpool Adventure Outfitters - Use of Liverpool Dock and Parking

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the letter of agreement with Liverpool Adventure Outfitters, whereby they would have use of three (3) parking spaces and non-exclusive use of the Liverpool Dock to conduct their rental and guided tour business.

Jill Cruikshank explained that this is a renewal of last year's expansion of their business to the Liverpool waterfront. Once again they will be providing canoe, kayak and bicycle rentals and they will also offer guided tours.

A discussion was held regarding problems encountered last year with some members of the public using the dock for swimming and other activities using profanity and exercising rude behavior while Liverpool Adventure Outfitters were conducting business there.

Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, advised that this location is a multi-use dock and it was a location selected by Liverpool Adventure Outfitters when they submitted their request last year to operate their business on the waterfront. She advised that there are no bylaws in place for the use of profanity or other behavior on Region properties, but noted that she will discuss the matter with the RCMP.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.3 Tourism Marketing Project Funding

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality supports the proposed Southwest Nova Tourism Task Team project submission for the Tourism Marketing Program for the creation of five videos of outdoor, culinary and cultural experiences in partnership with tourism experience operators and businesses in Queens, plus aerial footage of coastal and inland areas:

AND FURTHER THAT once the project is approved and all the other funding is in place, three thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$3,730.00) will be provided in support of this project which will attract greater visitation to Queens.

Jill Cruikshank advised that the Region was approached by a group of Queens' tourism businesses to partner with them and assist with applying for funding for a project to promote Queens County as a destination with market-ready outdoor experiences, complemented by culinary and cultural assets. She explained that this will involve the production of five video vignettes of these experiences. Helicopter video footage of our Region and still image photography will be included in the vignettes.

Jill Cruikshank noted that these video vignettes could be used to as a marketing tool to promote the Region of Queens as a destination to visit, reside, and a place to do business. She added that this project will only go ahead if the funding comes through from the other levels of government.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 **CORPORATE SERVICES:**

There were no items to discuss from this department; however, Councillor Inglis noted that he is pleased to see that North Queens Fire Services will be moving in to a new

facility in the future and would like to note the efforts of Fire Chief David Lohnes, of the North Queens Fire Department and community members who worked tirelessly for this cause.

#### 10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no matters to be discussed at this meeting from the Engineering and Works Department.

#### 11.0 FINANCE:

At this time the Chair was turned over to Deputy Mayor Darlene Norman so Mayor Clarke could report as Chair of the Finance Committee.

##### 11.1 Safe Graduation Celebrations

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a contribution in the amount of \$250.00 to each of the Liverpool Regional High School and the North Queens Rural High School Safe Graduation Ceremonies;

AND THAT these funds are allocated from the General Government Contingency account.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

##### 11.2 Hank Snow Society - Request for Additional Funding

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves a grant in the amount of \$850 for the Friend's of Hank Snow Society in support of their 2014 annual tribute.

Mayor Clarke advised that the Hank Snow Society lost a major sponsor for their Tribute event and they are requesting additional funding. He added that there is \$850 remaining for Grants to Organizations and supports additional funding for this event.

Councillor Fralic expressed his concerns regarding the Grants to Organizations funding and how groups are selected to receive the assistance. He feels this process should be reviewed and changed so Council can better deal with one-time events in the future. He expressed that he is concerned that there is now no money left in Grants to Organizations and if other groups are in need of funding later in the year Council won't be able to assist them financially. He doesn't want other groups to miss out on funding opportunities.

Councillor Norman advised that having no money remaining in Grants to Organizations is not uncommon. She has seen this happen many times since she has been on Council and there are other sources of funding beyond this one pot of money. There may be grant money available through the Recreation and Economic Development Departments.

Councillor Fancy noted that the Grants to Organization process should be reviewed and to see what types of funding can be available for one-time events.

Councillor Norman added that the Hank Snow Society have worked hard to bring visitors to the Region and provide more events year round at the Hank Snow Museum beyond the Tribute weekend.

Councillor Inglis noted that he supports the motion and stated that the Hank Snow Society has done wonderful work in the community to attract visitors.

Motion Carried with 7 for and 1 against.

The Chair was returned to Mayor Clarke.

## **12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:**

There were no items to discuss from this department; however, Councillor Norman provided a brief update on the Canada Day event and advised that the Committee held their first meeting and it went well.

## **13.0 PLANNING:**

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

## **14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:**

### **14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Monthly Report**

Prior to the monthly report, Councillor Inglis spoke on the Maritime North Hockey Tournament that was held at Queens Place Emera Centre in March. He advised that a report to show the spinoffs from hosting this event is being completed and will be presented at a later date. He noted that 340 room nights were booked in the area and added that participants commented positively on the staff and the facility.

Steve Burns, General Manager, briefly reviewed the regular monthly report that was included in the Council agenda package and spoke on the following topics:

- Attendance at North Queens Health Fair and Well Man Day
- Marketing Materials being worked on
- Youth activity increasing
- Hot on the Ice Hockey tournament
- It's a SHORE THING Event – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Upcoming Charlie Pride Concert – May 31<sup>st</sup>

## **15.0 REPORTS:**

The following reports were included in the agenda package for information purposes:

15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Report

15.2 Building Inspector's Report

## **16.0 OTHER:**

There were no other items to be discussed at this meeting.

## **17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:**

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:15 a.m. to discuss the following:

17.1 Contract Negotiations

17.2 Potential Litigation

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:30 a.m.

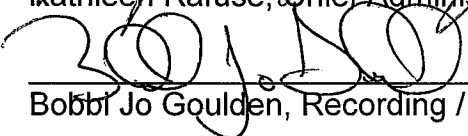
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

  
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Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: May 13, 2014