

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Peter Waterman

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

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

Prior to the meeting's regular business, Mayor Clarke asked if any members of the public would like to speak at this time. He advised that he will respond to media questions following the meeting.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Norman that the Agenda be approved with the following addition and changes:

- 5.0 Changed to: In Camera
- 5.1 Lease of Municipal Property
- 6.0 Adjournment

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 9:04 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 3.1 Legal Advice Eligible for Solicitor-Client Privilege

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.0 PLANNING:

- 4.1 Proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chandlers' Funeral Service Ltd.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor MacLeod:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chandlers' Funeral Service Limited for the sale of a parcel of land, being a portion of PID# 70263926, and comprising approximately 20,000 square feet in area.

Mayor Clarke thanked Staff, Chandlers' Representatives and Council for working so diligently and quickly to come to a resolution on this issue. He added that it is rewarding to be working with a business that is considerate of their neighbours and members of the public.

Mayor Clarke noted that this parcel of land is located on the corner of West Street and Harley Umphrey Drive, Liverpool on the former leaf and yard waste site.

Mayor Clarke advised that this location is zoned for industrial use and the application for the development of a crematorium on this site meets all requirements for this area.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.2 Chandlers' Funeral Services Limited Development Costs

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the payment to Chandlers' Funeral Service Limited in the amount of \$14,300, to defray the applicants cost for the construction of a crematorium at 91 Union Street Liverpool, and that this be funded from Special Capital Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

5.0 **IN-CAMERA ITEMS:**

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

5.1 Lease of Municipal Property

MOTION CARRIED unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 10:20 a.m.

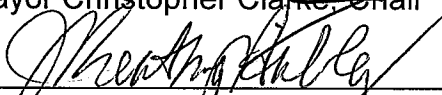
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

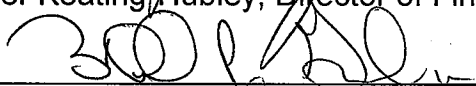
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: May 13, 2014

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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

Chandlers' Crematorium to be Constructed in a New Location

May 6, 2014, Liverpool, NS: Construction will begin soon that will allow a local business to expand its services and provide more options for people planning their funeral arrangements. A parcel of land in the Liverpool Industrial Park has been identified as the site of the crematorium to be constructed by Chandlers' Funeral Service, following discussions between Chandlers Funeral Service and the Region of Queens Municipality.

"We are very pleased with the crematorium site and plan to commence work immediately," said Kevin Samuels, General Manager of Chandlers' Funeral Service. "As soon as we heard the public concerns expressed at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting, we decided to look at options to build the crematorium elsewhere. In the days following the PAC meeting, we had a number of really productive meetings with the Mayor, Council and staff of the Region of Queens to work together towards finding a solution. They were very supportive and helpful in facilitating the search for a location that meets our needs."

The Region of Queens Municipality has agreed to sell Chandlers' Funeral Service a lot in the Liverpool Industrial Park that is zoned Industrial. The lot is located on the corner of Harley Umphrey Drive and West Street, Liverpool. The existing lot will be subdivided, leaving a buffer of trees and vegetation between the proposed site of the crematorium and the other portion of the lot.

"Chandlers' Funeral Service is a very well respected business in our community. The Region of Queens Municipal Council and staff are focused on economic development and reducing barriers to business growth," said Christopher Clarke, Mayor of the Region of Queens Municipality. "We recognized that a development permit was issued in error and worked with Chandlers' to find a solution. Council agreed to reimburse Chandlers' for the work that had been started on their Union Street site. General Manager Kevin Samuels and Anthony MacDiarmid, the owner, have been concerned with ensuring that the expansion of their business moves forward, while maintaining the positive relationships they have built in the community. Council and staff have done our best to expedite the process, and find a resolution that is positive for their business and the community."

A motion approving the proposed division of the lot and subsequent sale of the lot was approved in a Special Council meeting held on May 6, 2014. A purchase and sale agreement will be drawn up and a building permit and development permit will be issued to Chandlers Funeral Service to begin construction of the crematorium.

“The Mayor, Councillors and staff have been working hard ever since this came to light to ensure that our business was able to continue our plans to expand,” said Samuels. “Our business has been in the community for over 100 years, I have been with Chandlers for 34 years, and Anthony MacDiarmid bought the business 17 years ago, after working with Peter Chandler, son of one of the original owners, and has been licensed for 21 years. Chandlers’ has a history in this community, and I think we have a good reputation. The crematorium is a logical next step in growing to meet the needs of our clients and their families.” Chandlers’ Funeral Service has employs nine full time and part time staff members, all of whom have been with Chandlers’ for a number of years.

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