

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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
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 Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

16.5 Public Engagement Workshop Attendance

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report

Corporal Sandi Merrell was welcomed the meeting where she spoke on the RCMP Report for the month of August 2014 and reviewed the investigations of interest.

Cpl. Merrell asked Council if there were any questions or comments regarding the new format for the monthly report.

Councillor Inglis noted that he likes the addition of the monthly count chart for the year.

Mayor Clarke thanked Corporal Sandi Merrell for her presentation and she left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

3.2 Region 6 Solid Waste Management - Valda Walsh

Mayor Clarke welcomed Valda Walsh, Regional Coordinator, Region 6 Solid Waste Management, to the meeting, who proceeded to provide a power point presentation on the proposed Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations.

Valda Walsh noted that Nova Scotia Environment is proposing changes to the provincial solid waste regulations to keep the programs efficient and sustainable, to provide a high level of environmental protection, and to create economic opportunities in our province.

She noted that they are proposing to make changes in seven areas:

- Product stewardship
- Disposal bans and approval requirements
- Used tire management program
- Removal of the requirement for regional solid waste management plans
- Clarity on the rules for energy from waste
- Improved enforceability of the solid waste regulation
- Beverage container deposit

Ms. Walsh noted that on September 5, 2014, a motion was passed where Region 6 Solid Waste Management request that a committee be struck immediately to investigate the implications of the proposed seven areas under review. The committee structure should consist of: four Municipal representatives, two Industry representatives, two NSE representatives, one UNSM/AMA representative and one resource person (Financial impact model).

Valda Walsh noted that Municipalities have until September 30th, 2014, to submit their responses regarding the proposed changes.

A discussion was held on the lack of enforcement of litter violators and which level of government is responsible to deter the activity.

Councillor Norman posed questions regarding what type of products can be used for energy recovery and suggested that the province has rules in place of what cannot be used for energy recovery, following the reduce, reuse, recycle stages. She noted that the province needs to formulate a plan for specific items that can be used to produce energy. Mayor Clarke noted that Council will look at this matter as well.

Mayor Clarke read aloud a letter that had been drafted to send along to Nova Scotia Environment supporting the motion that was passed by Region 6 Solid Waste Management.

After answering questions from Council, Valda Walsh was thanked for her presentation and she left the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Her presentation is attached at the end of the minutes.

3.3 Queens Market-Ready Experiential Vignettes

Donna Hatt, Marketing Manager, White Point Beach Resort, and Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, noted that a series of five vignettes have been produced to be used as promotional tools for Queens County to attract visitors and businesses to the area, and showed two to Council. Donna Hatt added that videos and photos can be used by others in the community should they require them for promotional purposes. These videos cover the following Queens County experiences:

- Coastal Hiking and Beaches
- Culinary Offerings
- Coastal Paddling and Cycling
- Gone Fishing, highlighting local guided fishing and hunting
- Arts & Culture

Donna Hatt explained that a partnership consisting of Hell Bay Brewing Company, Lane's Privateer Inn, Liverpool Adventure Outfitters, Parks Canada, Quarterdeck Beach Villas & Grill, Vinal Smith/Carroll Randall Guided Fishing Tours in partnership with Nova Scotia Guides Association, White Point Beach Resort, the Region of Queens Municipality, Southwest Nova Tourism Task Team, and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency helped to create and fund this project.

The videos can be viewed at www.regionofqueens.com or www.youtube.com/channel/UCK2q2i7QSvBDBqS38uCApvQ. Anyone can share these videos, or reference them on their own websites.

Donna Hatt thanked the Region in partnering with the group and for their support with the project.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

John Winters
56 Pierce Point Road
Western Head

Mr. Winters questioned why no stats were included with the Queens Place Emera Centre monthly report, as they are normally.

Steve Burns, General Manager, the Queens Place Emera Centre, advised that due to his vacation schedule he was unable to have them ready before to the agenda went out, but noted that they be included next month as usual.

Leon Robertson
45 College Street
Liverpool

Mr. Robertson asked if Council have discussed the item of resuming Committee of the Whole meetings and thought that there were more discussions on topics at the Committee of the Whole meetings.

Mayor Clarke noted that Council and staff have not discussed the matter, but added that they will.

Mr. Robertson also asked how much income does the Region receive from the Call Centre building.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, advised that the Region receives approximately \$300,000 annually in rental for the space.

Bill Cox
121 Bog Road
White Point

Mr. Cox commented on Item 16.3 - Municipality of the District of Barrington request for support opposing the hospital parking fee increases. He added that this is a concern for many citizens especially those in rural areas.

Mr. Cox also passed along his concerns regarding the shortage of firewood for this season due to the inability of accessing the former Bowater lands and asked if Council has looked in to the issue.

Mayor Clarke advised that he, along with Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, and Lisa Dobson, met with members of the provincial government in early June and discussed the topic and noted that the province will be making a formal announcement on the matter by the end of this month.

Mr. Cox asked if there are any lease agreements in place yet for the former Town Hall Building and asked if there are any details regarding who the new tenants may be?

Mayor Clarke advised that there are no formal lease agreements in place yet as details are still being worked out with the six groups that have been in discussions with the Region regarding use of the space.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Regular Council Minutes – August 26, 2014

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

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on August 26, 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:

- Internet for Rural Queens – Richard Lane, Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the meetings that have been taking place with the committee working towards finding a reliable high speed internet service to business and residents North Queens. He noted that they have been having positive discussions with a small internet service provider which has the technology possibly to connect the North Queens area.
- Cycle Tourism – contacted the Director of Bikeways and Blue Route Implementation for Bicycle Nova Scotia to consider adopting Route 8 as a cycle route.
- Lighthouse Rally – was a successful event with many people visiting our local lighthouses. Organizers hope to host it again next year.
- Visitor Services – The number of visitors to Liverpool VIC Park saw a dramatic increase this August compared to August 2013. The Caledonia VIC and Fort Point were more in line with past years.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no matters to be discussed at this meeting from the Corporate Services Department however; Councillor Inglis noted that an Emergency Services Committee meeting was held earlier in the month.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Trucking of Bulk Salt Tender - PW07-2014/2015

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve that Tender #PW-07-2014/2015 — Trucking of Bulk Salt be awarded to R & T Trucking for the quoted price of \$ 37.85 per metric tonne, plus HST, for the 2014 / 2015 winter season.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering and Works, noted that this contractor has been awarded this tender in the past.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

At this time, Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering and Works, provided an update on the Capital Works projects in Liverpool and Brooklyn.

11.0 FINANCE:

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

11.1 Cost of Living Increase

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

That the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a cost of living increase of 2.0 % effective September 22, 2014, to all non-unionized, full time and part-time employees (except Hillview Acres as they are directed by DOH).

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Norman returned the Chair to Mayor Clarke at this time.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no matters to be discussed at this meeting from the Recreation and Community Facilities Department however; Councillor Fancy noted that the Liverpool Tennis Club just had their courts resurfaced and trees have been cut back around the property. He noted that the club has some great youth tennis players taking part in their programs.

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

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

- Arena Activity - numbers down, couple of last year's users are located in Bridgewater this season.
- Fitness Centre:
 - Sales of memberships up 39% over last August's sales.
 - Fitness classes participants up this August compared to same time last year.
 - Surveys for Fitness Centre and classes were sent out and are available on-line until the end of this month.
- Events:
 - Successful home opening game for the Liverpool Privateers "Jr. B" hockey team. Their next home game is scheduled for October 4th
 - Dalhousie University Tigers vs. Acadia Axemen – September 26th
 - NHL Legends All Stars vs. A.A. Munro Allstar Selects - September 30th

Steve Burns noted that the successful Charlie Pride concert has attracted interest at the facility. He added that they have been looking for other opportunities to host at the facility.

At this time, Councillor Norman requested that staff look more closely at benefits / costs of keeping the ice in year round compared to removing it in the summer months. Mayor Clarke noted that this is a reasonable topic to be discussed at the next Queens Place Emera Centre Committee meeting.

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

Councillor Inglis asked if it was possible to add year-to-date building permit dollar value, comparing current year-to-date, to previous year-to-date.

16.0 OTHER:

16.1 HVAC Repairs – Call Centre Building

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize the withdrawal of up to \$90,000 from the Special Operating Reserve for the repairs to the HVAC system located at the call centre.

Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, provided to Council an update of what has been occurring with the HVAC system since it failed in July. The Region of Queens owns the building and as the landlord, is responsible to cover the costs for the repairs. She added that a special operating reserve fund was created for purposes such as this.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.2 Letter of Support – Residents of Fostertown Road, Port Medway

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS Council has received a petition from residents of Fostertown Road in Port Medway, voicing their concerns regarding the condition of their road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality forward the petition to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal accompanied by a letter of support.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.3 Municipality of the District of Barrington Request for Support – Opposing Hospital Parking Fee Increases

At this time, a discussion was held regarding the Municipality of the District of Barrington Request for Support of their resolution at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities fall conference.

Four members of Council spoke on the topic and two were in favor and two were not.

Council had already made the decision not to spend money on attendance at the UNSM Fall Conference this year.

16.4 Highway # 103 Committee Update

Councillor Norman provided a report from the latest Highway 103 Upgrading Committee meeting which was held in Shelburne on September 15th.

She informed all that there were representatives from municipal units from Argyle to Chester in attendance along with Mark Furey, and three representatives from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Councillor Norman provided an update on the 103 Port Joli extension project, noting that TIR have decided on installing a gated western exit for Port Joli and Port L'Hebert area which can be opened should the highway be blocked off and the route is not passable. TIR, RCMP, Fire/ EHS and First responders will have a key for the gate should it need to be unlocked. She added that paving for this section will begin in 2015.

Councillor Norman then spoke on the Broad River Bridge portion of the project as well as advised that a tender will be issued for the Port Mouton section of the highway. She noted that there are no plans to date for work at Granit Village Corner.

The Chair was turned over to Deputy Mayor Norman so that Mayor Clarke could report on this item 16.5.

16.5 Public Engagement Workshop Attendance

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve registration and travel expenses for Councillor Fralic's attendance at the Public Engagement Workshop that was hosted by UNSM in Truro on September 19, 2014.

Mayor Clarke noted that the cost for the workshop was \$125 and though it had taken place, Council needed to approve the unbudgeted expense.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Norman returned the Chair to Mayor Clarke at this time.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 11:35 a.m. to discuss the following:

17.1 Personnel Matters

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 12:10 p.m.

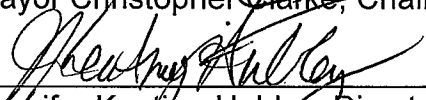
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT:

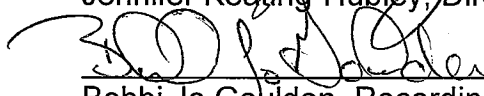
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair.



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: October 14, 2014

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

**Solid Waste-Resource
Management
Regulation Review**

Valda Walsh – Regional Coordinator

Why renew the strategy [NSE]

Fairness

Economic growth and jobs

It is almost 20 years old

The status quo is not Sustainable

It is better for the Environment

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Outline of potential modifications:

1. Product Stewardship/Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
2. Disposal bans and approval requirements
3. Used tire management program
4. Removal of the requirement for regional solid waste management plans
5. Clarity on the rules for energy from waste
6. Improve the enforceability of the solid waste regulation
7. Beverage container deposit-refund program

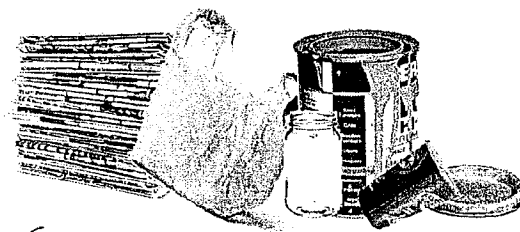


Product Stewardship/EPR

- Add a section in the solid waste regulation to guide product stewardship in a consistent manner across designated products.
- Policy approach to shift responsibility
- Maintain high level service that makes Nova Scotians proud

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THIS IS THE SECTION THAT PROPOSES EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) FOR PRINTED PAPER AND PACKAGING (PPP)



Product Stewardship/EPR

Suggested list of items targeted for EPR include:

- Printed paper and packaging (PPP)
- Many household hazardous waste (HHW) products
- More electronics (microwaves and floor model printers)
- Mattresses/boxsprings
- Flooring, particularly carpeting
- Creosote timbers
- Lighter requirements for composite/engineered wood, wallboard and asphalt shingles



What Region 6 technical suggests

Support a reduced list of items suggested in the framework with the primary focus on what is currently captured in our blue bags and Household Hazardous Waste sites and e-waste sites

- Printed Paper and packaging ✓
- Many household hazardous waste (HHW) products ✓
- More electronics ✓
- Mattresses/boxsprings
- Flooring, particularly carpeting
- Creosote timbers
- Lighter requirements for composite/engineered wood, wallboard and asphalt shingles



Disposal bans and approval requirements

- Bans have worked in the past to achieve diversion from landfill
- Certain items (such as wood and gyproc) should not be going to landfill
- Policy change will achieve a strengthened requirement for all waste sites (including C&D disposal sites) to increase diversion and support creation of value-added manufacturing



Disposal bans and approval requirements

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| • Packaging | • Tar and roofing patch and their containers |
| • Printed paper | • Adhesives (in containers greater than one litre) |
| • Products containing mercury | • Electronic waste (as currently regulated) |
| • Batteries | • Microwaves |
| • Vehicle fluid products and the containers | • Floor model printers |
| • Oil, oil filters, oil containers | • Photocopiers |
| • Paint and coating products (as currently regulated) and their containers | • Mattresses and box springs |
| • Paint thinners and their containers | • Carpet and plastic and synthetic flooring |
| • Single-use pressurized containers | • Pressure treated timbers |
| • Safety flares | • Clean wood |
| • Pharmaceuticals and sharps, including syringes | • Drywall and wallboard |
| • Domestic pesticides and their containers | • Asphalt shingles |
| • Small quantity fuels and their containers—camping oil, lighter fluids, etc. | • Textiles |
| | • Non-packaging expanded polystyrene |



What Region 6 technical suggests

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Used Tire Management Program

- By adding off-the-road tires for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), mining equipment, and farm tractors to the regulation, more tires would be diverted from landfill through the existing used tire management program.
- Harmonize Nova Scotia's tire program with other provinces
- Tires that are not captured in the current program continue to be a problem item at landfills



Used Tire Management Program

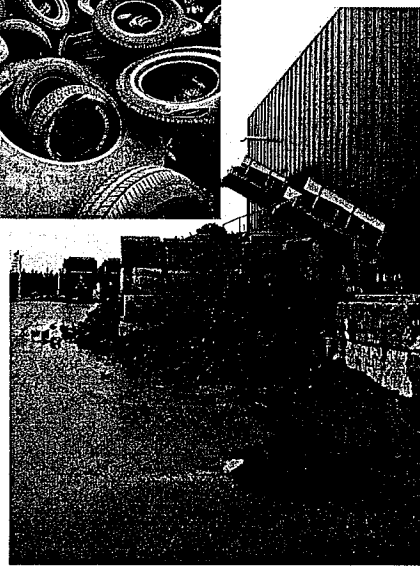
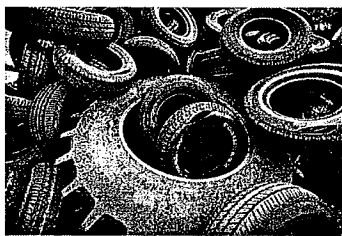
Expand the current definition in the regulation to include off-the-road tires (OTRs)

Nova Scotians who purchase off-the-road tires would see a modest fee added to the price of their tires at the point of sale. These tires would then be incorporated into the used tire management program with all other tires collected



What Region 6 technical suggests

We support the increase of the Used Tire Management Program to capture off road tires.



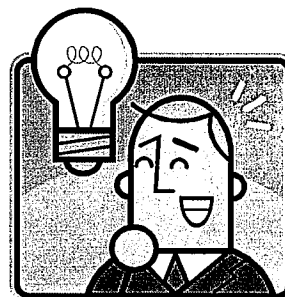
Regional Solid Waste Management Plans – Regional Requirements

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Revise the regulation to update the geographic regions as they are operating today and to reflect that the regions will collectively support achieving the provincial goals as set under the Environment Act

What Region 6 technical suggests

We support the deletion of the requirement for regional plans and look forward to seeing the provincial plan to meet the 300 kg/capita goal.



Regulatory clarity on energy from waste

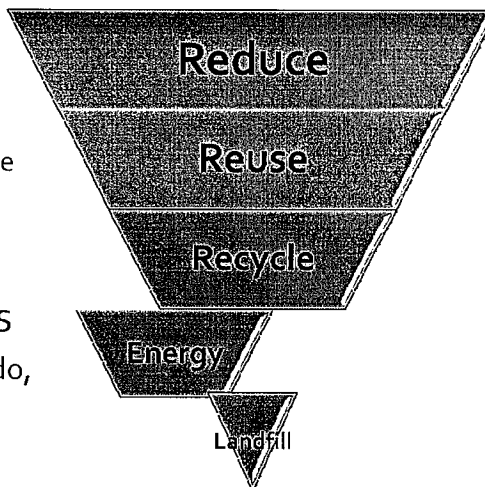
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Consider revising the definition of "incinerator" in the regulations.

This clarity will attempt to ensure that a pollution prevention hierarchy is followed before an approved thermal technology can be considered as an alternative to disposal

What Region 6 technical suggests

We have no position on this area at this time. We do, however, support the position of any of our membership.



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Improvements to the enforcement of the Solid Waste Regulations

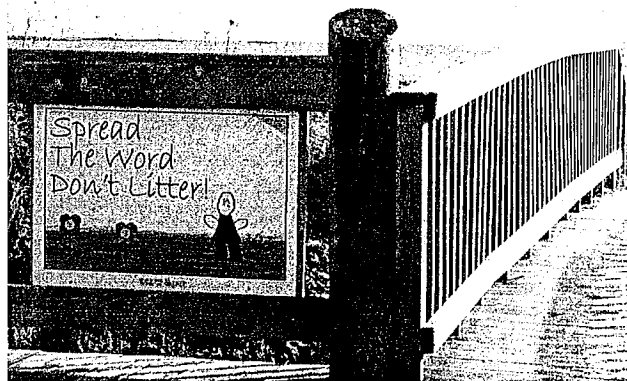
Update the solid waste management regulations so the definitions are up to date and consistent with other regulations under the Environment Act. Update sections pertaining to litter abatement and open burning of municipal solid waste to focus the department's activities on risk.

Nova Scotia Environment is focusing its efforts on activities with a potential for higher risk to the environment. To that end, greater emphasis will be placed on working collaboratively with the municipalities or non-government organizations on the delivery of litter reduction and abatement programs and responding to open burning issues.



What Region 6 technical suggests

We support improving enforceability of the Regulations but ensure it is not at the cost of increasing staffing demands at the Municipal level



Beverage container deposit refund program efficiency

Change regulations to a deposit with a refund and a separate recycling fee.

This change will not be seen or felt by consumers in the short term, but rather is an internal system change to allow for flexibility



What does Region 6 technical suggest

We believe there is merit in looking at the beverage container deposit refund system.

We do not support making changes until a balanced, full review is completed.



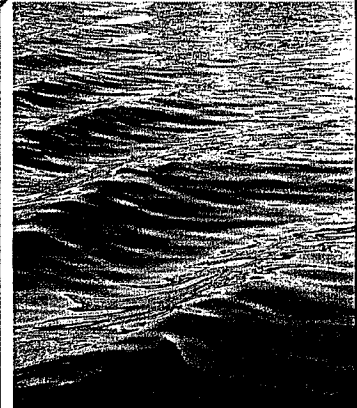
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Questions?

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On Friday, Sept. 5 Region 6 passed the following

MOTION

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- 2 Industry representatives,*
- 2 NSE representatives,*
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- 1 resource person (Financial impact model)*

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