

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

Item 13.2	Rezoning – Old Port Mouton Road, Liverpool
Item 17.2	Personnel Matters

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**3.0 PRESENTATION(S):**

**3.1 RCMP Monthly Report**

Staff Sergeant Paul MacDougall reviewed the RCMP Report for the month of November, 2014, noting that calls for service were down from the previous month and up from the same time frame as last year.

Staff Sergeant Paul MacDougall noted the following items can be found on the monthly report that was submitted with the meeting Agenda; 2014 Monthly Count; Community Policing Officer Report; and Senior Safety Coordinator's Program Report.

Council asked questions on the following topics to which Staff Sergeant Paul MacDougall responded to their concerns:

- Youth Intervention Diversion Program
- Process to assist homeless individuals
- Increase in Calls of Service – noting that there are not technically more offences taking place, RCMP Staff are just providing more proactive policing.

Staff Sergeant Paul MacDougall wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he left the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

**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 wished Council and Staff of Region of Queens Municipality a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Leon Robertson**  
45 College Street  
Liverpool

Mr. Robertson commented on the Christmas ads that have been running on QCCR that have been sponsored by the Region of Queens.

Mr. Robertson passed on Season's Greetings to Council and staff.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Regular Council Minutes – December 9, 2014

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 9, 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
- Port Mersey Commercial Park
- Improved Internet Service for North Queens
- South Shore Regional Airport – two meetings held
- Advertising Local Businesses and Attractions at Queens Place Emera Centre.
- Local Businesses Nominated for Lunenburg Queens Business Awards:
  - Van Dyk's Juices
  - Bear Cove Resources
  - River Bank General Store and Café
  - HRS Industrial
  - Spincount
  - Liverpool Flowers Gifts and Such
  - Port Grocer
  - Whynot Adventures
- Highway 183 Promotion – marketing plan to encourage visitors arriving to the province by ferry in Yarmouth and Digby to loop around the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Digby.

A discussion was held on how to promote Agriculture in the Region of Queens and what the Region has to do in order to generate interest in the Agriculture field. It was suggested by Council to form a group of interested persons and stake holders in the community to meet and discuss this topic to perhaps create an event which will promote agriculture in the Region of Queens.

## **8.2 Tourism Presentation — 2014 Season — Richard Lane**

Richard Lane, Assistant Director of Economic Development, reviewed the Tourism Report for the 2014 tourist season and provided statistics on the following:

- Introduction and Provincial Statistics
- Nova Scotia Tourism Agency introduced a new tourism indicator measure
- Queens County Tourism
- Positive & Negative Trends
- Visitor Numbers
- Visitor Origins
- 2014 Statistics
- Fixed Roof Accommodation
- Campgrounds
- Visitor Attractions
- Strengths and Opportunities

Richard Lane explained that there are many free advertising opportunities for local businesses and groups through novascotia.com, Trip Advisor and YouTube. He noted that many are not using these popular sites as a way to promote their business or activities. A discussion was held on ways to assist business owners in using these sites to their advantage as well as having them listed on phone Apps and GPS data base systems.

Discussions were held on the following topics: Accommodating RV groups, bicycle tours, and other special interest groups.

Richard Lane noted that there are many events scheduled in the Region of Queens for 2015 which should attract many visitors to our community.

## **9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:**

There were no topics to be discussed at this meeting from the Corporate Services Department.

## **10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:**

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

## **11.0 FINANCE:**

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

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

### **12.1 Community Recreation Assistance Grant — Kids Food Fair**

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program grant of \$ 750.00 to the Plant to Plate Committee to assist with the costs of a "Kids Food Fair" in January of 2015 to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, noted the Plant to Plate Committee wish to offer a "Kids Food Fair" at Dr. JC Wickwire Academy introducing children to healthy food choices and provide food education.

Councillor Fralic noted that this group was awarded a \$1000 grant from the Awesome Foundation South Shore for this idea, which they hope to spread to other schools.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

#### 12.2 Department of Canadian Heritage Grant

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give approval to staff of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department to submit a grant application to the Department of Canadian Heritage for a Canada Day celebration in 2015, and include this event in 2015/16 budget discussions.

Norm Amirault explained that the funding requested is for the annual Canada Day Event hosted by the Region of Queens at Queens Place Emera Centre.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

### 13.0 PLANNING:

#### 13.1 Streetlight Request - Charleston

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the installation of one new street light on Medway River Road in Charleston, by the Canada Post mail boxes.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

A discussion was held on the number of street lights out in the Region and the difficulties with Nova Scotia Power in having the lights repaired. Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, advised that a meeting is being planned with a representative of Nova Scotia Power to address the timeliness of street light repairs.

#### 13.2 Rezoning – Old Port Mouton Road, Liverpool

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to rezone PID#'s 70257100, 70257118 and 70257126 from Restricted Residential (RI) to Multiple Unit Residential (R3);

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on January 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS, at 8:55 am.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

### 14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

#### 14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Monthly Report

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

- Staffing
- Ice Usage
- Fitness Centre
- Upcoming Events
- Community Room Events

Steve Burns noted that the Queens Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary events were very successful and the holiday events brought new visitors to the facility.

**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 topics discussed at this meeting.

**17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:**

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.1 Contract Negotiations
- 17.2 Personnel Matters

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:40 a.m.

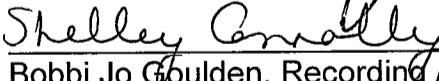
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

  
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Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance

  
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for Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: Jan. 13 / 15