

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Peter Waterman
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Shelley Connolly, Executive Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Fralic

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 Fiske and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 8.1 Update on REN
- 16.1 Trestle Trail
- 17.1 Contract Negotiations
- 17.2 Personnel Matter

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 East Coast ParaCon 2015

Linda Rafuse, Director, Queens County Museum/Perkins House and Fred Wamboldt, Treasurer, Queens County Museum Board of Trustees gave a presentation on the East Coast Paraconference that will be taking place from August 7-9, 2015 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre in Liverpool. This is the first of its kind in Nova Scotia. All proceeds of this event will go to the Queens County Museum Expansion Project. Tickets are \$80/person for the weekend. The Agenda for this conference is attached.

Liverpool will host internationally renowned presenters: Dr. Stanton Friedman, Nuclear Physicist & Ufologist; Chip Coffey, Clairvoyant, Clairaudient and Clairsentient Psychic; and Loren Coleman, world leading expert on Cryptozoology. Also on the schedule will be, nationally known Ghost and Folklore Authors, Vernon Oickle, Steve Vernon, Darryll Walsh and Barbara Thompson, along with Paul Kimball, Canadian Filmmaker, Television Producer, Writer and Director whose TV series "Ghost Cases in Canada" was featured on Eastlink television. A special feature of our Conference will be Presenter, Charles Barkhouse, Cast Member and Production Consultant on the History Channel Reality TV Show "The Curse of Oak Island".

The conference will highlight Queens County paranormal activity with nightly Ghost Walks and on-site Paranormal investigations. Invited Vendors will sell conference related/New Age goods and wares on site.

Mik'maq Elder Todd Labrador will be opening the conference with a Blessing/Smudging Ceremony and Radio Personality, John Wile, will be the Master of Ceremony.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

There were no questions from the public.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Regular Council Minutes – February 24, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 24, 2015, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

7.1 10 Crusher Road, Milton – Dean & Angela Wamboldt

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, stated that the demolition of one outbuilding/outhouse for this property has now been completed.

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

THAT Council declare the property located at 10 Crusher Road, Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*.

AND THAT Council cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 10 Crusher Road, Milton, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that within thirty (30) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- (1) Demolition of dwelling;
- (2) Source-separation of demolition debris and delivery to Landfill; and
- (3) Leveling of property/fill any holes left open.

AND THAT, if the owners fail to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owners.

Kelley-Anne Hurley stated that this property is a single family, wooden frame home that has been vacant for many years. Several inspections found that there is no heat in this property, it has been insecure for some time and there is structural failure to the roof. There is a well on-site, but it is fully secure. The structural integrity has been compromised, thus rendering this property a threat to public safety.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Update on REN

Councillor Norman stated that a meeting with the Liaison and Oversight Committee and new Board members was held on March 4 at the Best Western Plus in Cookville. Annette St. Onge of Mahone Bay was elected as the Board Chair. The H.R. Committee members are: Annette St. Onge; Robert Oakley; Joanne Veinotte and Martin Balcom. The Board is made up of four municipal representatives; two in Lunenburg, one in Queens and one in Shelburne. The Board is currently without two business reps – one from the Town of Shelburne and one from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Discussions took place on the lease of the intended office space and Requests for Proposals (Environmental Scan, Asset Inventory Regional Economic Profile).

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There was nothing to report.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Pre-Budget Approval – Main Street Capital Project

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a pre-budget amount of \$435,000 for the Main Street (Market to Reese) Upgrade capital project, for the upcoming 2015-2016 budget year.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering and Works, reviewed the upcoming project. Brad stated that this early start is requested so that this area will see minimal disruption during the core summer months of July and August. This project is included on the five-year capital plan and is for the Main Street Sewer, Water and Sidewalk upgrades from Market to Reese St., Liverpool.

The funds for this project are coming from the Gas Tax money. The project will start before the end of March.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.2 Tender No. SW01-2014/2015

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award the Tender for Organic Transfer to G.E.'s All Trucking Limited for the quoted price as set out in the Form of Tender in Tender No. SW01-2014/2015.

Brad Rowter stated that G.E.'s All Trucking Limited is the current service provider with a long history of providing good service to the Region of Queens Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Inglis declared Conflict of Interest and left the room at 9:40am.

The Chair was turned over to Councillor Norman.

11.0 FINANCE:

11.1 Group Insurance Rates

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the renewal of the group insurance plan with Great West Life, for the year ending March 31, 2016 as follows:

Employee Life Insurance	from \$0.36 to \$0.39/\$1000 of salary
Dependent Life Insurance	from \$4.22 to \$4.45 per family
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$0.05/\$1000 of salary (same)
Long Term Disability	from \$4.77 to \$4.99/\$100 of benefit

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that rates have remained stable for the past two years and there has been no increase in LTD since 2012.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Inglis came back in the room at 9:45 a.m.

The Chair was turned back over to Mayor Clarke.

11.2 Blue Cross Coverage

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the following monthly costs for Blue Cross coverage, effective April 1, 2015:

Single Coverage	\$117.64
Family Coverage	\$304.66

Jennifer Keating-Hubley stated that there has been no increase in Blue Cross since 2010. The dental premium remains unchanged and the Health premium increased by 3.00%.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Councillor Fancy stated that a meeting is planned for the near future to discuss Canada Day celebrations.

13.0 PLANNING:

Councillor MacLeod stated that the next Planning Advisory Meeting is being held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

Councillor Fancy stated that the Liverpool Privateers hockey game held on Saturday, March 7 was attended by approximately 700 people. This was the last hockey game for the season, as the Liverpool Privateers lost 3 to 2 to the Sackville Flyers. Councillor Fancy thanked Councillor Inglis for his leadership of this team as it is a great addition to the community and a very good standard of hockey.

Councillor Fancy stated that a free week at the Queens Place Emera Centre walking track took place from March 2-5 and was well attended.

Councillor Fancy also stated that he attended the Nova Scotia Power public engagement session in Bridgewater at the Days Inn on Wednesday, March 4 to discuss and learn more about the NSP Integrated Resource Plan. This long-term electricity plan is based on what Nova Scotians have said are important to them and their collaborative work with many experts. Discussion was held on wind turbines and their total power output in the province. Also discussion was held concerning smart meters and their impact on Nova Scotia residents.

15.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

There was nothing to report.

16.0 OTHER:

16.1 Trestle Trail

Councillor Inglis stated that he would like to call a public meeting to see what the community has to say about alternative suggestions for trail use as well as potential funding partners. Councillor Inglis would like Councillor Fancy and Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities to attend this meeting.

Mayor Clarke recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 10:00 a.m.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS:

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

- 17.1 Contract Negotiations
- 17.2 Personnel Matter

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 10:35 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

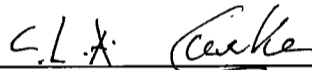
It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Waterman:

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a revised Position Guide and Job Description for the Municipal Clerk.

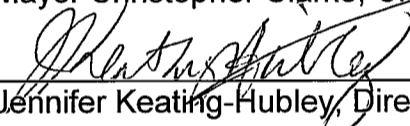
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT:

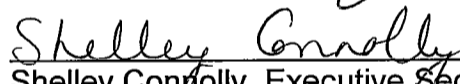
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Shelley Connolly, Executive Secretary

Date approved: March 24/15



Liverpool, Nova Scotia

East Coast ParaCon 2015

August 7, 8, & 9, 2015

Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Schedule*

Our Master of Ceremony - John Wile

Friday, August 7, 2015 (Day One)

3:00pm	Registration opens, coffee/tea/water available
3:00-10:00	Vendor Area open
5:30-6:00	Opening Ceremony - Todd Labrador, Mi'kmaq Elder Opening Remarks & Introduction of Keynotes
6:00-9:00	Meet & Greet with Keynotes and other guests
9:00-9:15	Meet & Greet wrap-up
10:00-11:00	Ghost Walk - \$10. per person**
10:00-2am	Ghost Hunt/Investigation - \$10. per person** (4 sites – Queens County Museum, Lanes Privateer Inn, Hank Snow Museum & TBA)

** Tickets available for purchase at time of Registration



Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Schedule

Saturday, August 8, 2015 (Day Two)

- 8am Coffee/tea/water available and Vendors open
- 8:15-8:30 Opening Remarks
- 8:30-10:30 Author's Panel - Vernon Oickle, Darryll Walsh & Steve Vernon
These authors have written and published some of the Maritimes best ghost stories, folklore and legends.
- 10:30-11:00 Vernon Oickle Book Signing and Break ***
- 11:00-12:30 Keynote Speaker: Loren Coleman, Cryptozoologist
Topic – The Hunt for Bigfoot
- 12:30-2:00 Lunch on own
- 2:00-4:00 Keynote Speaker: Stanton T. Freidman,
Retired Nuclear Physicist & Scientific Ufologist
Topic - TBA
- 4:00-5:00 Guest Speaker: Barbara Thompson, Author
Topic - Haunted Girl: Esther Cox and
The Great Amherst Mystery
- 5:00-5:30 Vendor Viewing
- 5:30-7:00 Supper on own
- 7:00-9:30 Psychic Gallery - An Evening with Psychic Medium, Chip Coffey
Astor Theatre, tickets sold separately - \$50. per person
- 10:00-11:00 Ghost Walk - \$10 per person**
- 10:00-2am Ghost Hunt/ Investigation - \$10 per person**
(4 sites – Queens County Museum, Lanes Privateer Inn,
Hank Snow Museum and TBA)

** Tickets available for purchase at time of Registration

*** Refreshments will be on sale at Break time – Muffins/Donuts/Cookies \$.75 each



Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Schedule

Sunday, August 9, 2015 (Day Three)

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| 9a.m. | Coffee/tea/water available and Vendor area open |
| 9:15-9:30 | Opening Remarks |
| 9:30-11:00 | Guest Speaker: Paul Kimball, Canadian Film Maker
Topic: The Other Side (Film & Presentation) |
| 11:00-11:15 | Break |
| 11:15-12:45 | Guest Speaker: Charles Barkhouse, Cast Member & Production Consultant
from the TV Show "The Curse of Oak Island"
Topic: Legends & Folklore of Oak Island |
| 12:45-1:00 | Closing Remarks |
| 1:30p.m. | Vendors close |

*Event details may change at any time, always check with the event organizer when planning to attend this event or purchase tickets.

In addition to presentations, there will also be Vendor Booths set up throughout the Event Centre during the Conference, giving participants additional opportunities to meet supernatural experts and Conference presenters, talk with Paranormal Investigators, purchase goods and services and more.



Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Friday and Saturday Optional Events

Ghost Walk (Friday night & Saturday night)

(Alcohol or inebriated persons will not be allowed access on the tours)

Meet: Your Ghost Walker, Kathy Stitt, at Fort Point Lighthouse, Main St., Liverpool, NS

Meet: Your Ghost Walker, TBA, at Old Burial Ground, Main Street, Liverpool, NS

Info: While we don't want to give anything away, we know you will find this tour as an extremely unique and interesting experience! We will visit various sites along the route that, over the years, have been reported to be haunted. These tours are not recommended for children. You are welcome to bring your cameras and digital recorders. Many unexplained things have happened at the various sites we will stop at along the way. Discover the ghosts, legends and haunted places in the heart of our town. Be prepared for anything!!

Total Time: Approx. 1hour

Start Time: 10:00 p.m.

Price: \$10 per person

Ghost Hunt/Investigation (Friday night & Saturday night)

(Alcohol or inebriated persons will not be allowed access on the Paranormal Investigations)

Meet: Your Paranormal Investigator team leader at the site indicated on your ticket.

Info: For all you hardcore Paranormal fans, we will host a four hour Ghost Hunt/Investigation in one of four haunted locations.....you choose at the time of purchasing your ticket. We will provide a number of basic pieces of equipment but if you have your own K2's, audio recorders or cameras, your welcome to bring them along and interact with real ghost hunters from our local Paranormal Groups. Participation is limited to 20 for each site due to the size of location.

Price: \$10 per person

Start & End Time: 10:00p.m. to 2:00a.m. or until you give up theGHOST!!