

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair  
Councillor Darlene Norman  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Councillor Bruce Inglis  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
Councillor Raymond Fiske  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Peter Waterman  
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance  
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**17.3 In-Camera, Contract Negotiations**

**17.4 In-Camera, Potential Litigation**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**3.0 PRESENTATION(S):**

**3.1 RCMP Monthly Report**

Paul MacDougall, S/Sgt. District Commander was in attendance to give an overview of the March 2015 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

S/Sgt MacDougall reported that the Senior Safety Coordinator, Linda Wentzell, was informed that there would be a 25% reduction in the grant next year from the Department of Seniors. With this loss of funding it will make it difficult to maintain the quality of service provided. Constable Rob James, who will be relocating to Queens is familiar with the program and will be working with the seniors, replacing Constable Andrew Winsor.

**4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

**5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

**Bill Cox  
121 Bog Road  
White Point**

Mr. Cox asked questions with regards to the announcement about the Innovation Center and what, if any, implications were for Queens.

Kathleen Rafuse, CAO, responded that there is continued investment and that Cellufuel has hired one employee and there may be more positions available. Port Mersey is continuing to look for opportunities.

Mr. Cox indicated that Barrington is fighting for their Department of Justice; and with the closure of the Crown Prosecutor's office in Queens, the closing of the Land Registration office, and hearing that the local Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) office would be closing; Queens seems to be taking a hard hit and losing jobs.

Mayor Clarke replied that he and the CAO had met with Mark Furey, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to discuss these concerns and impacts on the Region and that a letter has been written to the Minister of Justice outlining these concerns. He also indicated that there is great concern with the loss of the court house as it will have an impact on the work of the RCMP. S/Sgt. MacDougall complied that he too was concerned of the impact, as it may relate to an increase in time and money.

The Land Registration office has moved to Bridgewater already, but there are no plans to move the RMV at this time.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**6.1 Council Minutes – April 14, 2015**

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2015, be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**6.2 Public Hearing – Rezoning – 3 White Point Road, Liverpool - April 14, 2015**

**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Waterman:**

**THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held on April 14, 2015, be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**6.3 Public Hearing – Amendments to the Region's Land Use Bylaw - April 14, 2015**

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fancy:**

**THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held on April 14, 2015, be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

There were no Dangerous or Unsightly Premises matters to be discussed at this meeting.

**8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**8.1 Economic Development Monthly Report**

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development reviewed the Economic Development Monthly Report for March 2015, copy attached to original set of Minutes.

Ms. Cruikshank provided a brief overview of the Saltscapes Expo which was held April 24 to April 26, 2015. Friday was relatively quiet but Saturday was very busy. The booth was set up in partnership for both accommodations and activities. The Explore Queens Guide was very popular and well received.

Councillor Fralic participated with the team at the booth and indicated that when speaking with the public there was a lot of Queen's connections and he spoke with people moving to the area. He said that the Expo ran well and felt that it was a good way to promote Queens. He did suggest that we should consider promoting Queens at venues in Portland also.

Ms. Cruikshank informed Council that a general meeting for all tourism industry businesses and stakeholders is planned on the South Shore, April 28, 2015 at Atlantica Oak Island.

**9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:**

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

**10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:**

Mayor Clarke advised Council that work on the Town Hall is proceeding.

The question was asked of the time frame of the construction on Main Street and Mayor Clark advised that it is going well and was originally scheduled to be finished in June.

**11.0 FINANCE**

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

**12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:**

**12.1 Lease – Astor Theatre Society**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the attached lease with the Astor Theatre Society at the former Liverpool Town Hall for a five-year term beginning April 30, 2015 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign on its behalf.**

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation & Community Facilities, reviewed the particulars of the lease with Council. The lease is over a 5-year period and will run to April, 2020 and will be \$6,000 annually.

After much discussion about the lease, and in particular, the responsibilities of keeping entrances clear and safe, it was agreed to amend the lease by:

Deleting Section 6 (d): Lessee's Covenants (and renumber remaining sections)

6(d): To provide and pay for snow and ice removal from the building entrances located on Gorham Street, and the Accessibility Entrance located on the Eastern Side of the Astor Theatre. The Astor Theatre Society shall keep records of time of snow and ice removal and application and quantities of salt applied to sidewalk right-of-ways to the building entrances.

And amend Section 5 (h): Lessor's Covenants to include the following:

5(h): To provide snow and ice removal in a timely manner on all exterior entrances to the building, and specifically the curved walkway and steps leading to the Main Street entrance, both entrances located on Gorham Street, and the Accessibility Entrance located on the Eastern Side of the theatre, Records of time of snow and ice removal and application and quantities of salt applied to sidewalk right-of-ways, steps, and building entrances will be maintained.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### **13.0 PLANNING:**

#### **13.1 Keeping of Chickens in Urban Residential Zones**

Mike MacLeod, Planner, gave some background to Council about the keeping of poultry in residential zones, and in particular residential zones, there is a requirement to have a minimum of one acre to have livestock. A request has been made for a small number of laying hens, 3 to 5 within low density residential areas. A question was asked about the keeping of roosters and Mr. MacLeod indicated that they do have the potential to create a noise issue and consideration would have to be given to how these would be addressed in any proposed amendments.

After much discussion Council referred the matter to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for consideration and recommendation back to Council for consideration. Mr. MacLeod indicated that it would take time to prepare a report and would likely be discussed at the June PAC meeting.

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

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

Steve Burns, Manager, QPEC was in attendance and reviewed the March 2015 Monthly Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Highlights of his Report included:

- Ice rental was 95 hours less than this period last year.
- The BMO Western Hurricanes are set to remain in Queens for next year.
- The Junior B Privateers held a fundraiser for Crones/Colitis and raised \$5,000.
- The Fitness Centre adult sales were down 2% and the junior sales increased by 19%. The shorter term products helped with this increase.

- Track memberships are up by 27%, a result of poor weather.
- Staff attended the North Queens Health Fair, the Well Mans Clinic and will be participating in the Queens 50+ Health Fair at the Liverpool Best Western.
- Blue Rodeo tickets are 60% sold; 1260 of the 2000 available seats. The local advertising as well as Yarmouth, Face Book updates and radio advertising had a good boost in sales. Councillor Fralic commented that the team at Saltscapes promoted this event as it was a topic of discussion at the Expo.

#### **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

It was noted that the increase in the number of people building/renovating is a good indicator of people investing in Queens.

#### **16. OTHER:**

There were no issues discussed at this meeting.

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

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the following:**

- 17.1 Sale of Municipal Property**
- 17.2 Contract Negotiations**
- 17.3 Contract Negotiations**
- 17.4 Potential Litigation**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11.08 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the proceedings go back "In-Camera" at 11:10 a.m. to continue discussing issues.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11.15 a.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

C. L. A. Clarke  
Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

Jennifer Keating-Hubley  
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance

Christine Watson  
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: May 12, 2015