

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Peter Waterman
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mayor Clarke announced that The Advance and QCCR will be recording the meeting.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- 3.2 Update on 31-35 Market Street Demolition, Liverpool**
- 8.2 REN Update**
- 17.1 In-Camera, Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e**
- 17.2 In-Camera, Sale of Municipal Property, MGA 22(2)a**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

Item 3.2 was moved up on the agenda due to a delay in arrival of presenter for Item 3.1.

3.2 Update on 31-35 Market Street Demolition, Liverpool

Mr. Michel F. Habib was in attendance to give Council an update on the demolition of the building on 31-35 Market Street. Mr. Habib explained that there had been a few issues with the roof overlapping the neighbouring building and power cables, and has had to hire new contractors which prolonged the timeframe of the demolition. He indicated he has hired Phil Ingram to complete the job.

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report

Cpl. Doug Brannen was in attendance to give an overview of the April 2015 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

Cpl. Brannen responded to questions from Council concerning the cottage country and Charleston area break-ins. There has been a decrease in the amount of calls and he said that this could be a result of their increased visibility in the areas. A meeting will be held with citizens of the Charleston area to address their concerns next month.

In response to the Mayor's question on the incidents of arson in the area, Cpl. Brannen explained that charges had been laid against three youths for the building fire on Old Bridge Street but the Market Street fire has not been solved, and the file remains open.

A discussion was held about the parking and traffic on Carter's Beach Road, which was expressed that the congestion of traffic is a safety concern. Cpl. Brannen will check into signage and will increase their presence in the area.

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

In response to Mr. Cox's request for an update on the Trestle Trail Bridge, Mayor Clarke explained that Council has no plans to move ahead with anything at this time. A committee has been formed to look at solutions and will present their findings to Council.

Arthur MacLeod
29 Market Street
Liverpool

Mr. MacLeod expressed his concern over the demolition of the building at 31-35 Market Street. He expressed that there have been two fires in the building already, but after hearing Mr. Habib's update, now felt encouraged with the situation.

David Dagley
9 Meadow Pond Lane
Liverpool

In response to Mr. Dagley's question about the Council meetings being aired, Mayor Clarke responded that staff are presently working on a system and are anticipating it will be in place the first of June.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – May 12, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2015, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing – Extension of Commercial Use in a Residential Area – May 12, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held on May 12, 2015, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

7.1 674 Westfield Road, Westfield

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

THAT Council declare the property located at 674 Westfield Road, Westfield, Queens County, Nova Scotia and identified as PID #70136619 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 owner of the property located at 674 Westfield Road, Westfield, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that within thirty (30) days from the date of the service of the Order, the following worked be carried out:

- 1) Demolition of dwelling;**
- 2) Demolition of outbuilding;**
- 3) Well cover replacement;**
- 4) Leveling of property; and**
- 5) Clean-up of all debris and properly disposed of.**

AND THAT, if the owner fails 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 owner.

Kelley-Anne Hurley, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, gave a description of the property and reasons for the Order. The owner has been deceased since February 2013. It is a residential, single dwelling and hasn't had property maintenance for several years and is now considered a threat to public safety. Ms. Hurley has been in contact with the son of the deceased owner, who has given her permission to proceed with the recommendations in the Order.

Concern was raised about Item 3) Well Cover Replacement, and it was felt that remediation should be carried out immediately.

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

THAT the motion on the floor be amended by removing item #3 well cover replacement from the 30 day order; and renumbering the remaining items and inserting new section after new item #4 as follows: and further that remediation of the well cover replacement be carried out immediately.

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously and reads as follows:

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- 3) Leveling of property; and**
- 4) Clean-up of all debris and properly disposed of.**

AND FURTHER THAT remediation of the well cover replacement be carried out immediately.

AND THAT, if the owner fails 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 owner.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Economic Development Monthly Report

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

Ms. Cruikshank gave an update on the South Shore Tourism Team. The RFP for artwork was awarded to Docaitta Design in Greenfield and the first piece of advertising was produced for the New Brunswick Telegraph Summer Visitor Guide.

Upcoming Events:

- 2015 Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference will be held in Queens on May 29, 2015. This National event occurs once every four years and consists of representatives from business, government, union, and Native, and are the next generation of leaders, and Queens has been selected to host part of the NS tour.
- Staff is working with the Department of Agriculture to promote Small Farm Expo which will be held on July 20, 2015.

The Liverpool Visitor Information Centre opened May 11, 2015. Staff has been hired for the VIC and Fort Point Lighthouse Park, which opens June 1, 2015. The Caledonia VIC opened on May 15, 2015. It is noted that there are many Europeans travelling in the area who are visiting the centres.

8.2 REN Update

Councillor Norman gave an update to Council on REN. Annette St. Onge, REN Chair, along with the Municipality of Chester's staff Tammy Wilson and Pamela Myra continue to provide excellent leadership and support while the REN is in its development stages.

The environmental scan/asset inventory is moving along and a firm has been hired to job search for the executive director.

Councillor Norman will circulate the minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2015 to members of Council and staff when they are received.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Safe Graduation Celebrations

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a contribution in the amount of \$250.00 to each of the Liverpool Regional High School and the North Queens Rural High School Safe Graduation Ceremonies;

And that these funds are allocated from the General Government Contingency account.

Heather Hurshman, Deputy Treasurer, stated that each year Council supports the safe graduation ceremonies for both schools on a yearly basis.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation & Community Facilities, was present.

12.1 Request for Grant, Policy 34 – Hot on the Ice

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality provide a Tournament Assistance Grant of \$500.00 to the 2015 “Hot on the Ice” women’s hockey tournament hosted by Liverpool Women’s Hockey group, to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation & Community Facilities, indicated he received a request from the organizers for financial assistance for this event which was held May 23-25, 2015. The event is expected to be a positive economic generator and promote female hockey in Queens, and met the criteria for grants.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.2 Request – Privateer Days for Use of Region Facilities

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the request of the Privateer Days Commission for use of Region properties as follows:

- 1) Privateer Park from Tuesday, June 23 to Wednesday, July 1, 2015;
- 2) The Old Burial Ground from Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2015;
- 3) Fort Point Lighthouse Park from Thursday, June 25 to Monday, June 29, 2015 including use of both washrooms for encampment participants and permission to have a campfire subject to the Commission obtaining a burning permit and there is no ban on open fires at the time of the festival;
- 4) Use of the VIC patio for a viewing stand for the parade on Saturday, June 27, 2015;
- 5) Use of the floating dock near the VIC from the afternoon of Saturday, June 27, 2015;
- 6) The areas to the left of Queens Place Drive between Route 3 and Best Western, and the Queens Place Emera Centre parking lot from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2015;
- 7) Use the area near Mill Brook from Shipyard Point from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

AND THAT their request for assistance with the delivery of waste management receptacles and picnic tables as available is approved, barricades provided for pickup, and all street closure requests referred to the Traffic Authority.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality waive Policy 58 to allow for the consumption of alcohol on municipal properties at Fort Point Lighthouse and Privateer Park from Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2015, and that no liquor be sold, given away, or consumed prior to the Region of Queens Municipality being provided a certificate of insurance from the appropriate authorities confirming that at least \$2,000,000 of liability insurance is in place for the event with the Region as an additional insured and a copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia is provided to the Region, and that all municipal, provincial and federal laws be strictly adhered to.

Councillor Inglis explained to Council that the Region receives a request from the Privateer Days Commission to use the Regions property during Privateer Days yearly.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.3 Rental Fees – Old Town Hall

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality supports in principle the proposed rental fees presented for the former Town Hall and directs staff to incorporate the fees into the proposed Policy 81, which will be brought back to the June 23, 2015 Council meeting for final approval.

Mr. Amirault reviewed the tenants and fee structure for Council, which will form part of Policy 81. He indicated that a committee was struck which included potential users and the committee was in favour of the proposed fees.

Also discussed was the naming of the facility prior to the June 21, 2015 opening.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.4 Sport Travel Request

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Sport Travel Assistance Grant of \$200.00 to Ron Williams to participate in the 2015 Canadian National Darts Championship in St. Catherines, Ontario to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Mr. Amirault indicated he received a request from Ron Williams a dart player from Port Mouton, who will be representing the province at the Canadian National Darts Championship in St. Catherines, Ontario on June 16-19, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

Councillor MacLeod announced that there is a Planning Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 3, 2015 in Council Chambers.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Monthly Report

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

Highlights of his Report included:

- Ice rental was 7 hours less than this period last year.
- Track membership increased by 34%.

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Hockey Camps
- Lady Cougars will host Hot on the Ice
- Canada Day Celebrations July 1, 2015
- Blue Rodeo on July 10, 2015
- 25th Anniversary Hank Snow Tribute August 20-23, 2015 with Charlie Major headlining
- June 6th is National Health & Fitness Day. Adrian Power, Canadian Olympian from East Jeddore will be present, as well as Chelsey Whalen and Sarah Mitton, local athletes.

15.0 REPORTS:

The following monthly reports were included in the agenda package for information purposes:

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Report
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Report

16. OTHER:

16.1 Benches within Municipal Right of Way

Mike MacLeod, Planner, received a request from Linda Smith owner of Memories Café & Eatery, requesting the Region to permit them to place a few benches and chairs along the sidewalk on the side of the café. There will be no food served outdoors, but food orders for outside would be takeout.

There was discussion with all Councillors of safety concerns for pedestrians and although a good idea, careful consideration would have to be given as not all areas can be accommodated should other eateries want to do the same thing. Mr. MacLeod will investigate.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e**
- 17.2 Sale of Municipal Property, MGA 22(2)a**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Inglis declared Conflict of Interest and left the Council Chambers at 11:25 a.m. while Item 17.2 Sale of Municipal Property was being discussed.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Councillor Inglis returned to Council Chambers at 11:43 a.m.

17.1 Contract Negotiations

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality engage Davis Pier to prepare a business case for the replacement of Hillview Acres Residential Care Facility at the cost of \$24,000 plus HST and that this be funded from the Special Operating Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.2 Sale of Municipal Property

Councillor Inglis declared Conflict of Interest and left Council Chamber at 11:47 a.m.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives notice of its intention to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Prince of Wales Lodge No. 29 for the sale of municipal property identified as PID #70162210 and located at 17 School Street in Milton (formerly known as Milton Centennial School);

AND THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to initiate the process to rezone PID #70162210 from General Residential (R2) to Institutional (I1).

Concern was raised regarding rezoning of the property to Institutional, as it may limit the types of uses that would be permitted.

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

THAT the motion on the floor be amended by deleted the words "to Institutional (I1)".

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

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AND THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to initiate the process to rezone PID #70162210 from General Residential (R2).

Councillor Inglis returned to the Council Chambers at 11:50 a.m.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: June 9, 2015