

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske

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 Fancy and seconded by Councillor Norman that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 13.1 Nauss Brothers Holdings Limited – Amendment to Purchase & Sale Agreement
- 16.2 Canada 150 Funds

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Clarke congratulated David Dagley for receiving the Stan Hodgkiss Canadian Outdoors Person of the Year Award from the Canadian Wildlife Foundation on June 27, 2015.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report—June 2015

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

Items highlighted were: personnel changes; Molega area break and enters.

In response to Councillor Fralic's inquiry about reporting drivers' texting while driving, S/Sgt. MacDougall responded that if you can provide the license plate information they would contact the registered owner of the vehicle and let them know they have been reported; if you recognize the driver and are willing to come forward, they can be ticketed.

Mayor Clarke introduced Richard MacLellan, the Regions new CAO.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

Edward Whynot, 11 Riverview Road, Liverpool

Mr. Whynot submitted a Petition with approximately 500 signatures, with the heading 'Request for equal rights to keep chickens in the Region of Queens, and not having to pay the \$700.00 for the rezoning'. (Copy attached to original set of Minutes.)

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool

Mr. Robertson commented on the financial statement and asked when the grants and lieus payout would be. Mayor Clarke indicated that this would be later in the year.

He also commented on the building permits being up considerably. Mayor Clarke indicated that some of this is due to the work taking place at Freeman's Lumber and the Quarter Deck Inn.

Mr. Robertson inquired about the paving in front of the post office. Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Works confirmed that the asphalt top coat was put on and that the previous layer had not been removed before completing the project.

Edward Whynot, 11 Riverview Road, Liverpool

Mr. Whynot indicated that with the signed petition he presented to Council that he hoped the situation with owning chickens which has been ongoing since April would be resolved.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool

Mr. Dagley thanked Mayor Clarke for his kind words for his award from the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

He noted that when listening to the audio from the previous council meeting that there were sections that were difficult to hear. Mayor Clarke indicated that we would look into what could be done to improve the audio recordings.

Mr. Dagley inquired when the parking meters would be put back, especially in front of the post office to which Mayor Clarke indicated it would be soon.

He inquired about the Brooklyn Sewer extension timeframe. Mayor Clarke indicated the plan is to begin August 10th and go 900 feet to the end of Markland Avenue. The issue of rock will influence how much progress is made before winter.

Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point

Mr. Cox spoke of the article in The Advance about the issue at Carters Beach. He indicated that he was disappointed with the direction the Department of Environment is making in regards to alleviate the parking and solid waste disposal. He asked before the decision was made by the provincial government if there was any consultation with the Council or the Mayor.

Mayor Clarke indicated that he had no contact with them and asked Deputy Mayor Norman give an update whereas this falls under her district. She indicated that this process had started approximately 3 years ago and that there has been some consultation with the residents. The residents indicated that although they do not want their driveways blocked and garbage on their property, they do want people to visit the community.

She indicated that the community has asked for parking and compostable toilets to be put in the area and are not happy that the province has made this a nature reserve, and they feel it will not work as the beach is a major attraction because of its location and quality. The timeframe as to when the nature reserve stamp will occur is uncertain and said that this reserve also includes Spectacle Island.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – July 14, 2015

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

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing Minutes – Intention to Sell Municipal Properties-July 7, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing – Intention to Sell Municipal Properties meeting held on July 7, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.3 Public Hearing Minutes – Rezoning – 17 School Street, Milton-July 7, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing – Rezoning – 17 School Street, Milton meeting held on July 7, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.4 Special Council -July 7, 2015

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 7, 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 – June 2015

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

Councillor Waterman inquired if there was any response concerning the situation with rural internet service. Ms. Cruikshank indicated that no response to us specifically, but Eastlink are aware of the issues and noted this issue is high on the Premier's agenda. She also indicated that the CRTC will be holding a second round of consultations in the fall. Mayor Clarke stated that in a meeting he had with Minister Mark Fuery that it was very positive and the municipal government is working to resolve the issue.

Richard MacLellan, CAO, indicated that updates on options and potential solutions will be provided to Council when available.

Councillor Norman indicated that the communities located in the Port L'Hebert and Port Joli areas will be bypassed with the new 100 series highways; these areas consist of provincial and national parks and asked if staff will be in touch with the government prior to signage being erected.

Mr. MacLellan said they will discuss this issue and will advise Council.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Operational Policy 82–Fire Department Capital Purchases and Operating Grants

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens approve Policy #82 – Fire Department Capital Purchase and Operating Grants.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, gave an overview of the process to develop the policy which began in early 2011 and working together with the six fire departments in the region of Queens County. The fire chiefs were supportive of the new policy.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items discussed at this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Financial Statement for the 1st Quarter ending June 30, 2015

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, noted that there are no outstanding issues. (Copy of Financial Statement attached to original set of Minutes.)

Mayor Clarke asked about the sale sign on the former Wong's property and inquired if the Region has a lien on it. Ms. Hubley indicated unsightly charges form first liens on properties. Purchase and sale agreements must satisfy liens to clear title on the property and the purchaser will be responsible for clearing that lien before taking ownership.

11.2 Funding–Brooklyn Sewer/Water 2015/2016 Capital

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2015/216 expenditures for the Brooklyn Sewer/Water Phase IX be funding from Special Operating – Gas Tax Reserve.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, said the Region had applied and budgeted for provincial and federal shared funding, for 66 2/3 of \$721,400 for this year's phase of Brooklyn Sewer and Water. Notification was recently received that this application had been denied. Though debentures were a consideration, staff is recommending this next phase of the Brooklyn project be funded with gas tax reserve. Even with the capital work already allocated to gas tax in this 2015/16 budget, we still have money available to cover the \$480,900 that has been denied from the BCF small communities funding application. The five year capital plan going forward, will need to be examined in light of the loss of the

Building Canada funds. The gas tax money is not an unlimited source, projects slotted for future years may need to be rescheduled.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Councillor Fralic commented that the 21 Days of Summer event has wrapped up and that a Blitz program will be announced on Friday with activities happening over the next two months.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Nauss Brothers Holdings Limited – Amendment of Purchase and Sale

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality agrees to amend the Purchase and Sale Agreement of June 11, 2015 between Region of Queens Municipality and Nauss Brothers Holdings Limited by extending the closing date from July 31, 2015 to August 31, 2015.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated that we are in the process of acquiring 32 acres from Nauss Brothers and they have requested an extension so that they can get the transfer of title in order.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

14.1 Queens Place Emera Centre Monthly Report

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

Highlights of this Report include:

Arena:

- Ice rental is up
- Series of Hockey Camps are being held this summer

Fitness Centre and Track:

- Usage patterns are now seasonal
- Summer Dance Camps planned
- Fitness Class Free Week was well attended

General:

- Community Room and meeting room spaces are very well utilized
- Sound system was successfully installed; has the capability to now hear from arena to community room
- Blue Rodeo concert was a huge success. The financials are being finalized and will be presented.

Upcoming:

- Hank Snow Country Tribute August 20-23, headliner Charlie Major

There was discussion around facility rentals and when the floor is put down for other activities; if there are opportunities to piggy back. Mr. Burns indicated that this is taken into consideration and any activities that would be affected are given notification of upcoming events.

15.0 REPORTS:

Items 15.1 and 15.2 were included in the agenda package for information purposes:

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report–June 2015
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report–June 2015

16. OTHER:

16.1 Highway 103 Twinning

Mayor Clarke stated that the province is asking for feedback on the twinning of Highway 103 and asked Councillor Norman for input. Ms. Norman is on the committee for this project and indicated that the committee is inactive and only meets once per year.

Mayor Clarke asked if it would be helpful to the committee if Council offered their support. Ms. Norman suggested that the Region could provide its own input and to also notify the committee chair, Roger Taylor.

Mayor Clarke indicated that a position paper would be prepared and presented back to Council within the next month.

16.2 Canada 150 Funds

Mayor Clarke asked Council to start thinking about the upcoming Canada 150 celebration and that the criteria for applying for funds will be circulated to Council and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:25 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.1 Legal Advice, MGA 22(2)g

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:08 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.1 Land Use Bylaw Enforcement

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

THAT the Region of Queens Municipal Council direct staff to prepare a staff report to initiate the process to introduce a specific bylaw respecting the matter of keeping urban agriculture.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

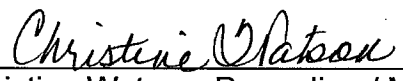
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved:  _____