

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Peter Waterman
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
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 Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

12.1 Under 13 NS Curling Jamboree - Request

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 RCMP Monthly Report – February 2016

S/Sgt. Smith was in attendance to give an overview of the February 2016 Police Report (copy attached to original set of Minutes). The report outlined the activities of the Queens District over the last month.

In response to a question on the procedure required to have the speed limit lowered from 70 to 50 on Highway 8 in the Milton area for people using the Pine Grove Park connector, S/Sgt. Smith said he would discuss the issue with Joe Crowell at the Department of Transportation.

In response to Mayor Clarke's inquiry for an update on the statistical analysis report, S/Sgt. Smith stated he would contact Dr. Steven Carter and arrange for him to attend an upcoming Council meeting. He will also include in the monthly report trends on property crimes when they submit their monthly report.

3.2 TIANS – Glen Squires / Jennifer Falkenham

Glen Squires, Chair, Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) was welcomed to Council to give an overview and services the organization offers.

Some highlights included:

- The need for improved air access, more international airlines stopping at the Stanfield International Airport, Halifax. Statistics shows that travelers tend to spend up to 40% more when travelling by air;
- Reliable ferry service with the potential of an extended season, announcement forthcoming;
- Rally to have the Festival / Events being retained under the Department of Tourism and not falling under the Department of Heritage / Culture;
- Funding challenges related to accessing capital;

- Issues surrounding finding sufficient labour forces;
- The possibility of having a small port program on the south shore; and
- The need of a champion for the province, having a high profile person to participate in this role.

Mr. Squires advised that to move forward we need to continue working together through advocacy groups and TIANS and to continue with putting pressure on the provincial politicians for support and funding.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool – Mr. Robertson inquired under Item 9.1 – Tax Exemption Bylaw, to the reasoning for the exemption of the Greater Molega Lake Lot Owners Association. Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, confirmed that the areas are green spaces, water access or wet areas that are undevelopable (not for sale).

Mr. Robertson received confirmation that the follow-up meeting concerning QPEC is scheduled for March 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool – Mr. Dagley offered his comments on discussions he'd had with people who recently visited the Halifax from the US area who were unfamiliar with the presence of a ferry in operation in Yarmouth and that the province had not advertized this beyond Boston. He indicated that statistics show that less than 2% of visitors to the Halifax area visit beyond Lunenburg and asked if the Region had investigative data on this. Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, indicated she will examine her records.

In response to Mr. Dagley's inquiry on the lease with the Flying Club, Richard MacLellan, CAO, confirmed that the lease is near completion.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes–March 8, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 8, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no dangerous or unsightly premises presented at this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councillor MacLeod commented on the successful agriculture day held at Queens Place with 120 in attendance including the Minister of Agriculture.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Tax Exemption Bylaw

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives final reading to a Bylaw respecting Tax Exemptions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Policy Review – Process

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the process for reviewing the region's policies and procedures as outlined in the March 22, 2016 report.

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, said that the review of the policies and procedures is part of the Strategic Review done in January. They will be reviewed to ensure that they meet council's intent and follow legislation. The process will be carried out during the year. The final outcome will be to have up to date policies that provide sound guidance and ensures consistency in administering.

Councillor Norman raised concerns that the process does not include Councillor's input until the information is brought forward to council for final approval and she would not be supporting the motion for that reason.

CAO, Richard MacLellan, clarified that any amendments that effect council's intent would be provided to council for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 for and 1 against.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Heavy Equipment Rental Tender – Queens Contractors Only

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give acceptance to the Heavy Equipment Rental Tender for the 2016/2017 fiscal year, as submitted, for various pieces of equipment;

AND THAT the rental of equipment be based on the Rental Schedule as attached.

Councillor Waterman stated that Region will award rentals based upon the lowest bid submitted in consideration of availability of equipment, analysis and comparison of equipment specification details.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Under 13 NS Curling Jamboree – Request

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Tournament Assistance Grant of \$250.00 to the Under 13 Nova Scotia Curling Jamboree held March 4 – 6, 2016, to be funded from the Community

Grants and Program budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Norman Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, said that the request was submitted after the event and the application meets the criteria.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

The Planning Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for the first Monday in April.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

15.0 REPORTS

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

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – February 2016
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – February 2016

16.0 OTHER:

There were no reports to come before this meeting.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:35 a.m. to discuss the following:

17.1 Sale of Municipal Property MGA 22(2)a

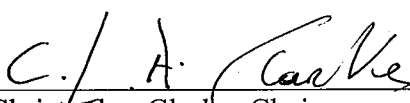
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:10 a.m.

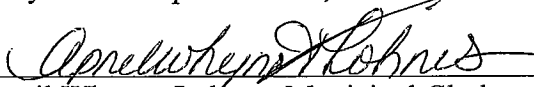
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

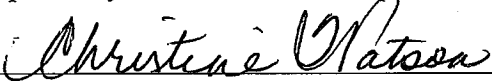
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: 



COUNCIL REPORT

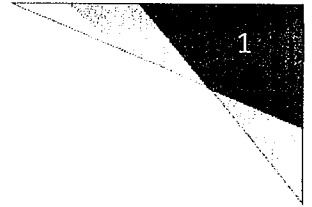
REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY

Abstract

Report on policing activity in Queens County for the month of FEBRUARY 2016

Queens Detachment

902-354-5721



PERSONNEL

Current Personnel Capacity:	NO VACANCIES		
Current Compliment:	District Commander	S/Sgt Derek Smith *	
	Team Leader	Cpl Sandi Merrell *	
	Team Leader	Cpl Doug Brannen	
	Members	Cst Rob James	Community Policing Officer
		Cst Dave Cowan	Caledonia Community Officer
		Cst Christa Morrison	
		Cst Dave Greene *	
		Cst Laura Cormier *	
		Cst Shelley Levy	
		Cst Ron Duffney	
		Cst Adam Worth	
		Cst Rick Ellens	
		Cst Deacon Foster	
	Assistants	Ms. Darlene Crowell	
		Mrs. Patricia Dorman	
	Senior Safety	Ms. Kim Maslund	

Notes (*):

S/Sgt Smith will assume command during the week of March 21, 2016.

Cpl Sandi Merrell is planning to retire effective in May of 2016.
No replacement yet announced.

Cst Dave Greene is planned for transfer from Queens this calendar year.
No replacement yet announced.

Cst Laura Cormier is planned for transfer from Queens this calendar year.
No replacement yet announced.





DISTRIBUTION OF OCCURRENCES

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL	%
0:01 – 3:59	2		1		1	1	4	9	5
4:00 – 7:59	2				1			3	2
8:00 – 11:59	2	9	5	7	6	5	2	36	21
12:00 – 15:59	11	14	9	5	12	9	3	63	37
16:00 – 19:59	7	7	3	6	3	4	6	36	21
20:00 – 24:00	2	4	4	7	2	3	2	24	14
TOTAL	26	34	22	25	25	22	17	171	-
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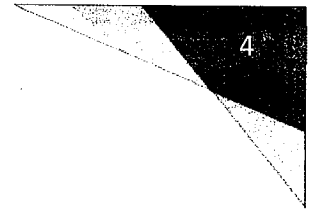




OCCURRENCE TYPE PER MONTH

OCCURRENCE TYPE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
911 Act	13	7										
Arson	0	1										
Assault	10	4										
Assist Other Agencies	5	3										
Break and Enter	5	7										
Causing Animals/ Birds Unnecessary Suffering	0	0										
Checkstop	22	20										
Crime Prevention	8	7										
CDSA- Possession	2	4										
CDSA - Trafficking	0	1										
Criminal Harassment	2	3										
Disturbing the Peace	3	2										
Drive while Prohibited (Criminal Code)	0	0										
Fail to Comply w/Court Order	9	5										
Firearms Act	0	3										
Firearms Offences	1	0										
Fraud	4	6										
Harassing Phone Calls	1	0										
Impaired Operation	3	4										
Liquor Control Act Offences	4	2										
Littering	0	0										
Lost/Found Items	3	1										
Mental Health Act	6	4										
Mischief	5	6										
Missing Person	2	0										
Municipal Bylaws	0	0										
Off Road Vehicle Offences	4	3										
Property Check	1	1										
Provincial Wildlife Offences	0	0										
Robbery	0	0										
Sexual Assaults	3	2										
Theft Under \$5000	3	6										
Theft Over \$5000	0	0										
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0										
Traffic: Moving Violations	25	23										
Traffic: Non Moving & Parking	8	6										
Traffic: Fail to Remain	1	2										
Traffic: Traffic Collisions	11	7										
Uttering Threats	7	8										
Other Criminal Code Offences	0	2										
Other Calls for Service - Non Offences	39	21										
Total File Count	210	171										



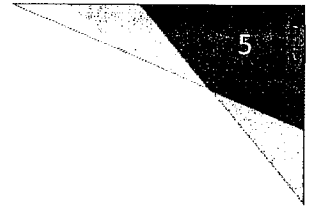


COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

The following report is from Cst Rob James, Community Policing Officer, detailing his highlights for the month of FEBRUARY 2016:

- National Sex Offender Registrations - 2(4 hours at least)
- Court
- Interagency Meeting
- AOL - 6 days
- Promotion Exam - 1 day
- Schools Plus meeting
- Case Conference meeting (multi agency)
- Cyberbullying - 4 school presentations, LRHS
- Crime Prevention - 1 meeting; breakfast fundraiser
- Seniors Safety monthly meeting
- Region of Queens Presentation with Seniors Safety
- Scam presentation to seniors group
- 6 Drug Awareness presentations to South Queens & Caledonia.
- 2 Digital Footprints presentations @ LRHS
- Vehicle maintenance - 2 hours
- Road Safety monthly meeting
- File investigation
- Met with troubled student upon request of Schools Plus





SENIOR SAFETY REPORT

The following is a brief synopsis of activities for the month of February:

- Intervention of a severely self-neglected senior, resulting in transportation to local emergency for medical attention.
- Resolution of a dispute between a socially isolated senior and local fire chief.
- Weekly check in and visits of client who had her driver's licence revoked due to dementia but felt she could continue to drive. This client requires weekly visits as her daughters refuse to understand her cognitive capacity. I work very closely with the local Geriatric nurse on this file.
- Designed a presentation and delivered to Region of Queens Mayor, Council and Gallery.
- Worked with Constable James in organizing a presentation on Fraud/Scams and Senior Safety at the request of a group of senior residents in Mersey Point. This received media attention for the local Advance and Lighthouse Now papers.
- Dealt with 2 seniors at Lakeview Apartments in Caledonia who are having difficulty getting along because of noise complaints. The issue has been resolved and I will be presenting to this group on Respectful Behaviors in the near future.
- Working collaboratively with Constable James on the upcoming 14th Annual 50+ Information Fair. This has become a very important fair with seniors of Queens, one which is anticipated by many each year.

Seniors Contacted – 87

Kilometers Driven – 49

Hours worked -134

