

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Peter Waterman
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Richard MacLellan, 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 Fralic and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

16.2 Housing Needs Assessment Status Update – Councillor MacLeod

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

There were no presentations to come before this meeting.

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 enquired under Item 15.1 – Seniors Talk, which is similar to the questionnaire that the Queens Care Society circulated, noted that with respect to assisted living which is not available in Queens County, who is responsible to provide this. Mayor Clarke stated that this is something that the Region cannot do and relies on private developers, but is something that the Region actively facilitates whenever possible.

Mr. Robertson also enquired under Item 16.1 – UNSM – 12 Month Notice Letter, what input our Council has and asked if Queens was still part of UNSM. Mayor Clarke stated that yes we are part of the UNSM and explained that the equalization payments have remained the same for this year and the last couple years; the concern is they may change. The Region was advised by the previous Minister that if this happens, there may also be a change in the allocation formula for Nova Scotia Power gift, and one may offset the other. The change is likely to take place next year.

Bill Allen, White Point Road – Mr. Allen advised that on the walkway going into Privateer Park there is a drop of about 2½- 3 inches from the curbing and noted that during Privateers Days a few people had stumbled.

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Allen for bringing this concern forward and stated that it would be investigated.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool – Mr. Dagley stated that residents had voiced concerns that following the water / sewer upgrade on Markland Avenue the sidewalk would not be reinstated and enquired what the plans were. Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated there would be no sidewalk as provincial regulations would not permit, surface area was inadequate.

Mr. Dagley further enquired if the Avenue would be one or two lanes when completed. Mr. MacLellan advised he will check into and advise. He further enquired about a sign at the top of the Avenue which says “No Exit” to which Ms. Keating-Hubley stated that the sign is not the Region’s. Mayor Clarke stated that this is a provincial jurisdiction, not municipal and discussions were held with residents and feedback received had been positive.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – June 28, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no matters to come before this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There were no matters to come before this meeting.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

There were no matters to come before this meeting.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

Mayor Clarke asked that at next council to have an update on the new cell construction at the Landfill, the sewer / water upgrade on Markland Avenue and updates on the Skatepark.

11.0 FINANCE

A Pension Committee meeting was held last week and went well. Ms. Keating-Hubley stated that investments had done better than bench mark for the last 4 years in a row, with the fund sitting at approximately \$10 million. Current rates have been working fine for past 8 years with low interest rates driving up pension costs, the committee remains ever vigilant.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Community Recreation Assistance Grant – Memorial Car Show

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program grant of \$500.00 to the organizing committee of the Memorial Auto Show being held on August 27, 2016 at Privateer Park in Liverpool, to be funded from the Community

**Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community
Facilities Department.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

There were no matters to come before this meeting.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no matters to come before this meeting.

15.0 REPORTS

15.1 Seniors Talk, Nova Scotia Department of Seniors

Mr. MacLellan stated that the survey from Seniors Talk, Nova Scotia Department of Seniors, is included for information purposes only, and encouraged participation as these types of surveys help shape government programs.

He stated that this survey is similar to the Queens Care Society survey, which had approximately 600 participants and should be made public within the next four weeks.

16.0 OTHER:

16.1 UNSM – 12 Month Notice Letter

Mr. MacLellan stated that the government is required to give notice to municipalities of their intention to make changes which may have a financial impact.

Highlights include:

1. Changes to equalization grant;
2. Library funding model – We currently pay \$80,000 towards library operations;
3. Accessibility – Councillor Fralic is on UNSM committee, and there will be a review of policy legislation on accessibility.

16.2 Housing Needs Assessment Status Update

Councillor MacLeod stated that the South Shore Housing Action Coalition partnered with Lunenburg / Queens, an individual group advocating for housing needs, and consultation with David Harrison on their behalf. A draft copy of the results was sent to the Region and Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, will review the draft for accuracy of information as it pertains to the Region. A final copy will be made available to the public in the fall. The funding for this survey was through Housing Nova Scotia and CMHC; there was no cost the municipality.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Inglis that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 9:25a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e**
- 17.2 Legal Advice, MGA 22(2)g**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCIL RECESSED FOR 5 MINUTES.

COUNCILLOR INGLIS DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 9:35 A.M. WHILE IN-CAMERA ITEM 17.1 WAS DISCUSSED.

COUNCILLOR INGLIS RETURNED TO CHAMBERS AT 9:50 A.M. FOR REMAINING IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION ITEMS.

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR INGLIS DECLARED CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR VOTE/MOTION.

17.1 Liverpool Privateers Jr. "B" Hockey Club Facility Rental Agreement

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the two year Facility Rental Agreement with Jim Bottomley, Owner, Liverpool Privateers, as per the Private and Confidential report dated July 12, 2016.

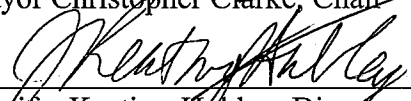
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

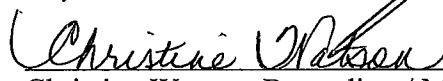
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Habley, Director of Finance



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved:

July 26/16