

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 Bruce Inglis
Councillor Peter Waterman
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 MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add: 13.2 Notice of Motion

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 thanked Mayor Clarke and Councillors for four years of service and commended them for their work.

He offered his opinion on Item 11.2 – 2nd Quarter Financial Statements, that the numbers were looking good.

He further offered comments Under Item 16.2 South Shore Housing Action Coalition – Housing Needs Assessment, suggesting partnering with the South Shore Queens Care Society in order to retain seniors in Queens with affordable housing.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool – Mr. Dagley thanked Mayor Clarke and the present Council for their dedication and hard work over the last four years. He commented that progress has occurred and he's appreciative for their efforts.

Melanie Newell, Plant to Plate representative, thanked Mayor Clarke and Councillors for their support over the last four years with their initiatives.

Kim Williams, Barss Street, Liverpool – Mrs. Williams thanked Mayor Clarke and Council on behalf of herself and her husband for the Certificate of Appreciation for his 30 plus years for military service which was received as part of his retirement ceremony.

She commented on discussions made during the debate concerning transportation, and stated that Kings Transit, a bus system that runs from Windsor to Digby for the last several years may be worthwhile investigating to provide transportation for Queens.

Dan MacLaren, Shore Road, Brooklyn – Mr. MacLaren thanked Mayor Clarke and Councillors for their years of service and wished those members not returning good luck in their endeavors.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – October 11, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held October 11, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

Mayor Clarke commented on three properties he feels need investigation:

1. Home on the corner of School and Main Street.
2. Old bowling alley down by Meadow Pond Brook and Payzant Street, across from the end of Old Port Mouton Road.
3. Old legion building which was converted to a church on Common Street.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

Councillor Inglis commented on his attendance at the North Queens Fire Banquet on October 15th. Recognition was given to people who served on council and to Mayor Clarke for his leadership with the building of the fire hall and to Councillor Waterman for his input.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Public Works, provided an update on the Markland Avenue project. He stated that all underground services are complete, the street is paved and curbs in place. The landscape and driveway restoration is underway with the project considered complete thereafter.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 5 Year Capital Investment Plan 2016/2017 – 2020/2021

Councillor Inglis stated that the plan was included for information purposes.

Mr. Rowter stated that we are required to develop a three year program but we submit a 5 year program to give a broader picture, but it is reviewed on an annual basis. This provides a plan so as to better prepare for budgeting.

Mayor Clarke enquired about the amount allotted for the skate park, indicating the additional amount of \$30,000 from the provincial government was not included. Mr. Rowter indicated that at the time of preparing the budget, this amount was unknown; therefore, the total budgeted amount for the skate park is currently \$559,133.

11.2 2nd Quarter Financial Statements

Councillor Inglis stated that the financial statements are included on the agenda for information purposes.

Councillor MacLeod enquired to the amount received for metal sales, whereas the budgeted amount was \$4,000, but \$36,000 had been received. Mrs. Keating-Hubley stated that the metals had been stockpiled until the price increased, and then sold.

Councillor Norman explained the recycling (blue bag) process at the landfill. She commented that perhaps the new council provides more public awareness to the recycling program that the Region offers.

Mayor Clarke commented on the deed transfer tax. He stated that currently the amount exceeds the budget for the entire year. To the end of September there has been a lot of activity in the realty sector, with there being 117 sales so far, 86 of which were in South Queens.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Easement Agreement – Beach Meadows

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality enter into an easement agreement with Marion Crosby for the purpose of recognizing access over lands of the Region of Queens Municipality;

AND THAT any costs incurred in this transaction be bourn by Marion Crosby;

AND THAT the Region of Queens Municipality shall not be responsible for providing any additional maintenance or improvements on PID #70099759 to facilitate access to PID #70099700.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated an application has been received for easement for right of way across lands owned by the Region. The applicant owns a parcel of land behind Beach Meadows, PID #70099700, and is in the process of selling her property. She is formally requesting to confirm access by way of an easement agreement.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 Notice of Motion – Residential Uses in Commercial Zones - Liverpool

Councillor MacLeod gave the following notice of motion:

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of Council of Region of Queens Municipality, I intend to table a motion to rescind the council decision of Item 13.1 Residential Uses in Commercial Zones – Liverpool of June 14, 2016 respecting the request for rezoning for 325 / 327 Main Street, Liverpool.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

15.0 REPORTS

Items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 were included in the agenda package as information:

- 15.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – September 2016
- 15.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report – September 2016
- 15.3 Town Hall Arts & Cultural Centre Monthly Report – September 2016
- 15.4 RCMP Monthly Report – September 2016

16.0 OTHER:

16.1 Bike Trail

Richard MacLellan, CAO, provided background for the bike trail.

Staff identified a low cost opportunity to construct a bike trail while constructing the skate park project. The cost is minimal, below \$10,000 due to the equipment and material already being on location, and can be incorporated within the existing operating budget.

The trail is located on the eastern side of Queens Place Emera Centre and will be about 1 ½ to 2 km.

There were discussions on parking availability at Queens Place with the addition of the skate park and bike trail. Mr. MacLellan stated that although parking has not been examined he will have Steve Burns, Manager, QPEC, investigate.

16.2 South Shore Housing Action – Housing Needs Assessment Report

Mayor Clarke stated that this item is tabled and is referred to next council.

16.3 Plant to Plate Recommendation

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to prepare a report in response to the Plant to Plate presentation of October 11, 2016.

Mayor Clarke stated that there are opportunities and there is land that could be made available in several districts, such as what has been utilized behind the Mount Pleasant School.

With reference to Pine Grove during the presentation made by Melanie Newell and Mary Lou White, representatives of the Plant to Plate committee, there may be an opportunity to use the area where Bowater deposited the mixture of fiber from the settling ponds to grow blueberries. He offered his comments on growing fruit bearing trees as they would need to be spayed against bugs, worms, etc.

Councillors discussed and offered their opinions as to why they were or were not in agreement with the plant to plate ideas.

Mayor Clarke stated that being a part of a gardening committee in its former years, South Queens was considered a gardening destination with areas such as Pine Grove and Ivan Higgins' garden centre, as well as various well maintained planters throughout. There are many other possibilities to be investigated.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

There were no items to come before this meeting.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

In closing, Mayor Clarke stated that during the last four years that he and Council have worked together and felt that people recognize the results and achievements.

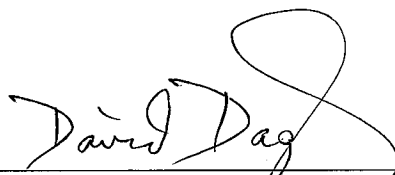
He commented on the way that the current Liberal government has treated the municipality. During his time as Mayor, both previously and present, to be apolitical and as non partisan as possible, and to work with whatever government is in power.

Since the Liberal government has been elected, it has not helped Queens. Queens has lost the Registry of Deeds, the loss of court services, the loss of positions in the employment service, loss of a job in the Department of Fisheries, and the failure to have the Perkins House open for its 250th anniversary. \$100,000 was lost for the support for the Caledonia fire department project; Mark Fuery, who was Minister of Municipal Affairs at the time, during the sod turning announced a \$200,000 donation.

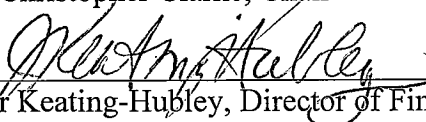
We have tried working with them for improvements to Carters Beach and have seen no action on the widening at the end of the road in which the Municipality was paying half.

After trying for months, he had a meeting with the Premier and laid out you different areas that needed to be addressed, and to date is not aware of any progress made to any of them.

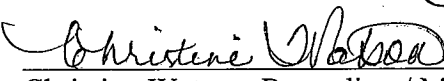
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: November 8, 2016