

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* requires Council to adopt a Public Participation Program, before undertaking the preparation or review of a Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw or Subdivision Bylaw, to identify opportunities and establish ways and means of seeking public opinion with respect to the above;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Section 204 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998, that the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality adopt the following Public Participation Program for the purpose of preparing a Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision Bylaw or formal review thereof.

- 31.01 The purpose of this Public Participation Program is to provide the public with an opportunity to receive and discuss information on any proposed Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision Bylaw or formal review thereof. Members of the public may express their views in writing or verbally, in order to provide all interested persons an opportunity to have their views heard.
- 31.02 It shall be the intention of the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality and / or Ad Hoc Review Committee to hold one or more public information meetings prior to Council giving its notice to adopt any proposed Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw or Subdivision Bylaw. The public Information meeting(s) shall take place upon completion of the draft copy of the planning document(s), and shall be chaired by the Mayor and / or Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Review Committee. The views of the public, as expressed at the public meeting(s), shall be presented to Council in a written report.
- 31.03 It shall be the intention of the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality and / or Ad Hoc Review Committee to hold one or more public information meetings prior to Council giving its notice to adopt any amended Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw or Subdivision Bylaw, resulting from a formal review of the above-mentioned documents. The meeting(s) shall take place upon completion of the draft copy of the planning document(s), and shall be chaired by the Mayor and / or Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Review Committee. The views of the public, as expressed at the public meeting(s), shall be presented to Council in a written report.
- 31.04 Notice of Public Information Meeting(s), regarding the adoption of a proposed Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision Bylaw or formal review thereof, shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the Region of Queens Municipality, posted in the appropriate district(s), and posted in the

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Region of Queens Municipal Office. The notices shall appear fourteen (14) days prior to the public information meeting, and shall state the time, date, place of meeting, and the hours during which any relevant documentation pertaining to the proposed documents may be inspected by the public.

- 31.05 The Council of the Region of Queens Municipality shall complete the Public participation Program prior to placing the first notice of public hearing regarding Council's intention to adopt any proposed Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision Bylaw, amendment to or review thereof.

Approved by Council:

August 16, 2004