



Region of Queens Municipality

Municipal Matters

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Major Capital Project Completed

In mid- November, the Main and School Street water and sewer rehabilitation project was completed. We'd like to thank all in the community, and in particular, the residents and businesses in the work zone, for their patience during a significant capital upgrade.

The Main and School Street Project was a \$2.1 million project, funded 75% by Federal and Provincial governments under the Clean Water, and Waste Water Fund. Receiving 75% funding for the project allowed us to complete the upgrades at a significant savings to the tax payer. The funding was tied to a specified time frame, requiring completion

within one budget year; Region of Queens Capital Works crews broke ground in early March, continuing work until paving was completed in November.

The results of the project are very positive; Queens General Hospital, homes, and businesses in the construction area are all now connected to Municipal sewage treatment system, and have been diverted from outfall to the harbour.

The existing pipes in ground were over a century old, deteriorated and needed replacement. A separate storm drainage system was added, and the area now has uninterrupted

and continuous concrete sidewalk.

The Capital Works teams received many compliments on their professionalism, courtesy and care in assisting and accommodating residents needs during the construction period, despite the extended period of construction upheaval.

A project of this scale takes considerable time to complete, and is disruptive to established routines. The Region of Queens Municipality's Council and Staff would like to thank the residents of the area, and those impacted by the construction for their patience and understanding throughout the Main and School Street project.



An excavator prepares for pipe laying up the hill on School Street. Work crews encountered much rock in this area.

Council Meeting Schedule

Region of Queens Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month; Committee of the Whole is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. These meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber at the Administration Building, 249 White Point Road, Liverpool, NS. All are welcome to attend.

Unable to attend in person? Agendas, minutes and audio recordings of meetings can be found on the website at www.regionofqueens.com.

Those who are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to voice a concern, offer a suggestion or provide insight, may contact the Councillor of their District or the Mayor, or email us info@regionofqueens.com.

**Mayor David B. Dagley**

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The Region of Queens is a wonderful area to live, raise a family and retire. Our schools, hospital and medical centre, Queens Place Emera Centre, museums, fire departments, and festivals are often taken for granted. In reality, dedicated volunteers provide the solution. The websites "Retire to Liverpool" and "Doctors Wanted" both initiate positive action, families are moving to Queens, and we are seeing growth. QPEC hosted Tom Cochrane and Barenaked Ladies this year. The search continues for 2018's events. Privateer Days, the Hank Snow Tribute, Memorial Auto and Motorcycle Shows, the Queens County Fair, Milton Days, Astor Theatre events, and other community celebrations attract visitors and tourists. Huge spin-off benefits to our local economy occur. World Junior Curling in 2019 will put Queens on the "world map". The Main and School Street upgrade, Mersey Skatepark and BMX bike track projects were completed. RQM supported the Charleston and Mill Village Fire Departments amalgamation, and financially assists all Fire Departments. A Caledonia zoning change occurred to foster new commercial activity. Grants were obtained to improve internet service in Greenfield and the Caledonia Business Hub. Brookfield Mines Trails Assoc. and Rails to Trails continue their work, including the opening of a new trail in North Queens, and an assessment of the Trestle Trail Bridge. Veterans enjoy free metered parking in Liverpool. RQM works closely with NS Lands at the former Bowater property, supporting new employers. Aqualitas has leased space and is reviewing job applications. The Region sold land south of Barss Street to Kent Fields Estates to construct apartments, and to Plaza Retail REIT at Queens Crossing for retail business. We continue to have discussions with potential developers. Turner Drake Reality has listed RQM commercial sale/lease properties.

I am at the office Monday to Friday, unless attending a meeting or event—and would love to hear from you with ideas to make Queens even better. Council and staff are working hard to grow our economy on your behalf.

Councillor Kevin Muise, District 1

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Greetings! It's hard to believe that I have now been a Councillor for over a year. I have heard from many people in my district and I'm working with them to help with their concerns, but one of the things I'm learning is that it doesn't happen over night - it takes time. Carter's Beach still remains a hot button issue and a committee has been formed to hopefully solve some of the problems. They met in November and are going to meet in February. I had the opportunity to participate in the Christmas parades and would like to thank everyone who helped make the Regions float and all those who attended.

Councillor Heather Kelly, District 2

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In District 2, we can now all celebrate the successful completion of this year's sewer project. Main Street has seen new businesses open with more to come. Others are growing and celebrating milestones. I have enjoyed working with downtown merchants for Privateer Days, Merchant Day and Downtown for the Holidays, to help encourage support for our local shopping district. Penny Lane at the VIC, Lane's at the Lighthouse and the Privateer Farmers Market continue to create interest in District 2. The Museum of Justice had a great first season and the Perkins House is finally getting its much needed upgrades. I am most encouraged by the number of new residents I have met. I am looking forward to a vibrant 2018.

Councillor Brian G. Fralic, District 3

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There is a great sense of pride when I reflect back over the past year, and much credit is owed to the constituents of District 3. You have a great sense of pride in your community, a passion and community spirit that causes a sense of excitement in the district. I am honoured to be your Councillor and look forward to bigger and better things in 2018.

Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod, District 4

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Where did the year go? District 4 has been a center of activity. Port Mersey Industrial Park has tenants thriving and achieving what they intended for operations. The ship recycling/dismantling is ongoing, and hopefully will continue. Community groups have been holding great events as fundraisers and entertainment for the area. Concern about road repairs at Eastern Shore Road is valid, and TIR (Provincial Dept.) assures us that work will be done in 2018. Gravel road maintenance in East Berlin on going as well. I invite you to a Dist. 4 Councillor/Constituent "Let's Talk Together" on Monday, January 22, at 6:30, Seaside Centre, Beach Meadows. Here is my wish for a Merry Christmas, and Happy, Prosperous 2018.

Councillor Jack Fancy, District 5

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We have had a wonderful Summer and Fall this year in Queens. In District 5, there has been a lot of activity. A new business, Work Shop in Milton, is now operating on Highway 8 with at least two other businesses expecting to begin operation in 2018. The Milton Community Association had a full year with the Mersey Band, exercise classes, suppers and other activities. Milton Blacksmith Shop now has a new curator, Joe Miller, who has been active in promotions, and offering Ferrier demonstrations. NS TIR has made additions to the new bridge in Milton with delineators being installed on the Highway 8 side for safety concerns. There was also a crosswalk painted on the West side of the bridge. They plan to install plow markers on the ends of the guard rails on both sides as well. Merry Christmas to all residents in Queens County and a Happy New Year!

Councillor Raymond Fiske, District 6

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I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the Emergency Services. They continue to be a very important part of our Region. In the last five years, I have had the opportunity to work very closely with all five fire departments, seeing the construction of North Queens Fire Hall, and the purchasing of three new fire trucks for North Queens, Greenfield and Liverpool, the replacement of several breathing apparatus (BA's) and replacement of all outdated bunker gear (which have to be replaced every ten years), the amalgamation of the Mill Village and Charleston Fire Departments, and the outstanding service of the Port Medway Fire Department. I have seen first hand the dedication of all Fire Fighters throughout Queens County. We are very fortunate to have one of the best Emergency Services in Nova Scotia. You are all very much appreciated by Council and the residents of Queens.

Councillor Gil Johnson, District 7

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There has been much activity in District 7 over the past year since I was elected as your Councillor. Many businesses and community organizations have been working together to make North Queens, and all of Queens County better and stronger. I am proud to represent you in all matters that come before Council. Please keep an ear to the ground early in the new year for a opportunity to express your thoughts on how we can work together for a common cause over the next three years. Seasons greetings.

There's Still Time! Do You Qualify for Low Income Tax Exemption?

Tax exemptions of \$250 for 2018's property taxes are available for total household incomes less than \$23,184, subject to application guidelines. Those who qualified in 2017 will have received applications by mail. Contact the Finance Department at 902-354-3453 or visit the Finance tab of our website www.regionofqueens.com. **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2018.**

Committees of Council - Citizens Engaged in Their Community

Council has several committees that have citizen representation, engaging residents in activities that better the community. Reminders regarding meetings are posted on the RQM Facebook page.

Queens Place Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, and typically held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Check the Region of Queens website <http://www.regionofqueens.com/council-governance/qpec-advisory-committee-agendas-minutes> to confirm upcoming date and see the agenda; reminders are also posted on the RQM Facebook page. Minutes of past meetings are available on the website. The committee consists of facility users, residents, youth and members of Council. Citizen appointments are for two years.

The **Planning Advisory Committee** meets monthly, at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday of the month in RQM Council Chamber, and meetings are open to the public. The minutes of previous meetings are posted at <http://www.regionofqueens.com/council-governance/planning-advisory-committee>.

The PAC consists of 7 appointed members of the public (1 per electoral district), plus 3 Councillors. Appointments are for two years.

The **Heritage Advisory Committee** meets as needed. Dates will be posted on the website and RQM Facebook page as they arise.

New Year's Levee Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

From 1 - 3 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Mersey Branch #38, Henry Hensey Drive in Liverpool, NS, you are invited to celebrate the New Year with a bowl of fish chowder at the Legion in the company of Legion members, the Mayor & Councillors.

Active Lifestyles = Healthy Communities

RQM's Physical Activity Coordinator assists and encourages residents of Queens to have a more active and healthy lifestyle. To do so, physically active programs will be coordinated throughout Queens to meet community needs. An important part of this role is to liaise with community recreation associations and service providers, working collaboratively to provide programs and education.

If your group would like to meet with our Physical Activity Coordinator, Norm Amirault, call the Recreation and Community Facilities Department at 902-354-5741, or email mpal@regionofqueens.com.



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EMERGENCY PAGER

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1-902-354-4749

in the event of a water or sewer related emergency on the Municipal utility system.

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When Will My Road Get Plowed?

This is a question that we hear often as the snow and ice of winter develops. The Region of Queens Municipality's Works Dept. maintains the roads and sidewalks located within the former town of Liverpool; all other public roads are plowed and maintained by Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) in accordance to their service standards.

For information, call 511, or check the snow plow tracker online <http://novascotia.ca/tran/winter/>.

Service requests can be made by calling TIR's Operations Contact Centre (OCC) line. These calls are logged and tracked.

The TIR OCC number is:

1-844-696-7737

PROMOTE YOUR EVENT!

If you are part of a community group with an event coming up in the Region of Queens, email details to info@regionofqueens.com with 'Events Calendar' in the subject line. We'll post it on Region of Queens website, and share it on Facebook and Twitter—for FREE!



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