

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025
6:00 p.m.

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Minutes

Present:

Mayor Scott Christian, Chair
Deputy Mayor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Wanda Carver
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Stewart Jenkins
Councillor Roberta Roy
Councillor Courtney Wentzell

STAFF

Dan McDougall, Interim CAO
Heather Cook, Acting Municipal Clerk
Kate Wong, Administrative Assistant
Adam Grant, Director of Infrastructure
Steve Whynacht, Manager of Information Technology
Steve Burns, Community Economic Development Officer
Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation
Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Projects

1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and opened the meeting by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the May 27, 2025 agenda, with the following amendments:

Remove the Item 6.1 – Green Shores Program by TransCoastal Adaptations presentation, Item 10.5 – Tax Bill Payment Extension, and Item 12.3 – Liverpool Fire Hall Heat Pumps;

Add Item 10.4 – CIF Events Investment: Privateer Days Commission, as well as Closed Session Items 13.2 Property Matter, 13.3 Personnel Matter, and 13.4 Property Matter;

And renumber Item 10.4 - Queens Place Emera Centre Heat Pumps as Item 10.5 to enable the CIF Reports to be discussed together.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interests

There were no declarations of conflict of interests.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 May 13th 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 13th, 2025, as amended to include the revisions of Item 8.2 – Pool Committee to refer to the 'pool cover' as the 'pool enclosure,' and to change the date of the next meeting from June 10th at 3:30 p.m. to June 12th at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Public Comment

Paul Deveau, Brookdale Crescent, Liverpool, spoke about the May 15th Facebook post regarding the marketing levy, and taking breaks during longer meetings.

Robin Anthony, Brooklyn, spoke about the Brooklyn Area Rate, and correspondence that she has had with the Region regarding the areas rates.

6.0 Delegations and Presentations

6.2 Track & Field Project - North Queens Active Living Group

Alyssa Short from North Queens Active Living Group gave a presentation on North Queens Community School Track & Field Project. The project will replace a 40-year-old deteriorated sport field and track with a new 325 metre 4-lane track with crushed rock surface, natural turf sports field, accessible walking track, long jump and shot-put areas, a 6-lane 100 metre dash track, and all will be fenced. With provincial funding support, a request for Municipal funding, land donated to enable the new sport field to expand onto from the footprint of the current field, and support from South Shore Regional Centre for education and North Queens Active Living, students and residents in the North Queens area will have a sport field and track that is accessible by all, and enable youth to train for track and field in their own community.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Extended Producer Responsibility Program – Region 6 Solid Waste Management

Letter was received for information.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Planning Advisory Committee – Deputy Mayor Charlton

The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) met to review draft amendments related to a request to redesignate the former Stedman's property from commercial to residential use. Given the potential impact on the downtown commercial zone, PAC expressed concern about advancing a recommendation without first conducting public engagement. Upland Consulting, who previously assisted with the 2022 Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy update, will facilitate a public information meeting to engage local business owners and community members, share details of the proposal, and gather feedback. The estimated timeline includes advertising the week of June 9th, engagement activities beginning the week of June 16th (with the

meeting date to be confirmed), and a public survey open until June 23rd. A summary engagement report will be prepared by June 27th, followed by a "What We Heard" report to PAC on July 7th, and a recommendation to Council scheduled for July 10th. It is also suggested that staff go beyond online advertising and actively connect with business owners to ensure they are informed and have accessible opportunities to participate in the engagement process. The date of the next PAC meeting is June 5th.

9.0 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

10.0 New Business

10.1 CIF Operational Funding Queens County Museum

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to the Queens County Historical Society for eligible operating expenses of the Queens County Museum in the amount up to \$10,000.00 from the 2025-2026 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 CIF Capital Funding Pleasant River Community Hall Society

Moved by Councillor Wentzell, seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to the Pleasant River Community Hall Society for eligible Capital project expenses in the amount up to \$8,381.50 from the 2025-2026 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.3 CIF Capital Funding North Queens Active Living Society

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to the North Queens Active Living Society per eligible capital project expenses as noted in the amount up to \$250,000.00 to be funded from the accumulated surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 CIF Event Investment Privateer Days Commission

Councillor Wentzell declared a conflict of interest regarding this item and withdrew from the meeting room.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to the Privateer Days Commission for eligible operating expenses of Privateer Days 2025 in the amount up to \$6,700.00 from the 2025-2026 Community Investment Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Wentzell returned to the meeting following the vote.

10.5 Queens Place Emera Centre Heat Pump

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Jenkins:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approves the unbudgeted expense of up to \$100,000 to be funded from accumulated surplus for the integration of heat pumps into Queens Place Emera Center building heating system.

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's Report was presented at this meeting.

A recess was taken at 7:11 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:19 p.m.

12.0 Business from Members of Council

12.1 Hybrid/virtual attendance for Council and Committee Members – Deputy Mayor Charlton

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to draft a policy to support virtual/hybrid attendance for committee and council members, and to bring back the draft policy at the June 10th regular meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

12.2 Sign Installation Request from Greater Molega Lake Lot Owners Association – Councillor Jenkins

Mayor Christian and Councillor Jenkins, along with Minister Masland received an email from Greater Molega Lake Lot Owners Association (GMLLOA) requesting support to install a quantity of signs on private roads maintained by the Association. Mayor Christian and Councillor Jenkins will meet with the GMLLOA directors to seek clarification on the parameters of the request and determine whether it is appropriate to bring the matter back before Council. Mayor Christian will also speak with Minister Masland regarding the request.

13.0 Closed Session

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Carver that Council move into Closed Session to discuss the following items: 13.1 – Property Matter, 13.2 – Property Matter, 13.3 – Personnel Matter, and 13.4 – Property Matter.

MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Jenkins that Council return to the Open Session of the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED.

14.0 Adjournment

At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Roy and seconded by Councillor Fancy that Council adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Scott Christian, Chair

Heather Cook, Acting Municipal Clerk

Kate Wong, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____ June 10, 2025