

Region of Queens Municipality - Pool Committee

Thursday, June 12th, 2025

Minutes

Present:

Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Projects

Councillor Jack Fancy

Sandi Graham-Muise

Celeste Johnson

Ann Doggett, Acting Chair

Lezlie Armstrong

Kate Wong, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Councillor Vicki Amirault

Deborah Spartinelli, Chair

1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Ann Doggett, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m and gave a land acknowledgement to recognize that the meeting is taking place in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Sandi Graham-Muise, Seconded by Celeste Johnston:

THAT the agenda of the June 12th, 2025 Pool Committee meeting be approved as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interests

There were no declarations of conflict of interests.

4.0 Approval of the January 8th, 2025, and May 8th, 2025, Minutes

Moved by Celeste Johnston, seconded by Lezlie Armstrong:

THAT the minutes of the Pool Committee for January 8th, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Celeste Johnston, seconded by Sandi Graham-Muise:

THAT the minutes of the Pool Committee for May 8th, 2025 be amended to read that the date of the next meeting as "June 12th

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Update from Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Works

- A building permit has been approved.
- The foundation has been completed.

- Myles Harlow, the Building Inspector, visited the pool site and confirmed that the breezeway has been set back by five metres.
- Council has approved the installation of a heat pump.
- Planning for various details—such as the size of the janitor's closet, the type of water bottle fountain, and the suit dryer—is already underway.
- Elise Johnston will proceed with the search for applicable grants.

5.2 Fundraising Update – Celeste

A fundraising initiative is planned through the sale of tiles to be placed on the bleachers. Different tile colours will represent different donation amounts. The surface area in square feet needs to be calculated to determine how many tiles can be sold and what material the tiles will be made from, which will be provided by Elise.

Moved by Sandi Graham-Muise, and seconded by Lezlie Armstrong:

THAT the Pool Committee of Region of Queens Municipality directs use of donor tiles on the concrete bleachers and/or the outside of the building

MOTION CARRIED.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of using a dunk tank for Privateer Days. Previous plans with a tank owner had fallen through, and committee members suggested reaching out to Matthew Whynot in Milton to inquire about the potential use of the Milton Hall's dunk tank. However, safety concerns related to the tank must be investigated further.

As a backup fundraising idea, it was proposed to request a scallop donation from Mike Murphy and run a guessing game, such as “How many liters of water can fit into the new pool?” This initiative would require obtaining a lottery license. The event will be organized by the Aquatics Society, a non-profit organization that supports the Region of Queens Municipality's Pool Committee. Ticket prices would be set at \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

The committee also discussed the need to secure grant funding for a floating wheelchair, which is expected to be the most significant expense. They will follow up with the Lion's Club as a potential supporter.

Additionally, Lezlie Armstrong made an informal request to the Kiwanis Club for items such as flutter boards, and the response was very positive.

A bike rodeo to raise money was discussed, and ideas of where this could take place.

5.3 General discussion

Discussed competitive wages in Queens County for rates of pay for lifeguards and swim instructors

Next meeting to take place on July 24th at 3:30p.m

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Doggett at 4:45p.m