

Region of Queens Municipality - Pool Committee

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

Minutes

Present:

Deborah Spartinelli, Chair

Willa Thorpe, Chief Administrative Officer

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Finance

Meaghan Roberts, Director of Recreation

Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Projects

Councillor Jack Fancy

Councillor Vicki Amirault

Sandi Graham-Muise

Celeste Johnson

Ann Doggett

Lezlie Armstrong

Kate Wong, Recording Secretary

1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Deborah Spartinelli, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 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

The agenda of the October 1st, 2025 Pool Committee meeting was approved with the addition of Item 4.0 - Joanne Veinotte, Director of Finance, Accepting Financial Donations

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interests

There were no declarations of conflict of interests.

4.0 Accepting Financial Donations

Joanne Veinotte, Director of Finance, explained how Region of Queens Municipality can accept monetary donations. Donations made to the pool must go through the finance department at the Region building, with names and donations being written down and delivered to the Pool Committee at the end of each month. The fundraising event was discussed to be around a 6 month period.

Director Veinotte clarified that, under the Canada Revenue Agency guidelines, a contribution can only be considered a true donation if the donor receives no direct benefit in return. Receiving a plaque with the donor's name would be treated as a purchase rather than a donation and therefore not eligible for a tax receipt.

Making a monetary donation was discussed, with tax receipts given for contributions over \$250.

Director Veinotte explained that all donations are allocated at the discretion of Council. Donor suggestions on the use of funds are considered advisory only. Donations are non-refundable, and each receipt must state that funds are subject to Council's discretion and cannot be reimbursed. Based on donor suggestions, Director Veinotte may bring allocation requests to Council and confirm availability of funds if Council decides to proceed.

The Committee discussed the possibility of fundraising at Christmas fairs. It was suggested that a booth could be used to provide information rather

than to collect money. Celeste noted that the Aquatics Society may be able to hold a draw and contribute a portion of the proceeds to the Region of Queens Municipality.

5.0 Update on Pool Construction from Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Projects

Elise Johnston, Manager of Capital Projects, provided an update on the pool project. She reported that while there had been concern the pool would require painting in spring 2026, potentially delaying the planned July 1, 2026 opening, the painting has now been completed, keeping the construction timeline on track.

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Spartinelli at 3:45p.m