

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

6:05 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair
Deputy Mayor Kevin Muise
Councillor Ralph Gidney
Councillor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Carl Hawkes
Chris McNeill, CAO
Christine Watson, Admin. Assistant – Planning & Development

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2.0 CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations to come before this meeting.

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT SESSION

There were no public comments or questions brought before this meeting.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council – January 12, 2021

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Hawkes:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 12, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Special Council – January 20, 2021

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There were no items to come before this meeting.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES

9.1 Policy 3 – Respecting Hospitality

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Gidney:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality re-adopt Policy 3 – Hospitality.

Mayor Norman stated the previous council adopted the Hospitality Policy in April 2018. The provincial government requests all municipalities, as per legislation, following the election, to review / re-adopt the policy by January 31.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Policy 7 – Respecting Council and Staff Expenses

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Muise:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality re-adopt Policy 7 – Council and Staff Expenses.

Mayor Norman stated as per the previous policy requirements, the same re-adoption is needed for the policy respecting Council and Staff Expenses.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items to come before this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE

There were no items to come before this meeting.

12.0 RECREATION AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

There were no items to come before this meeting.

13.0 PLANNING

- 13.1 Amend Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw – Self-Storage Business, Brooklyn

It was moved by Councillor Amirault and seconded by Councillor Gidney:

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality give second reading to bylaws respecting amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw which would allow Council to consider self-storage businesses in the General Residential (R2) Zone by development agreement.

Mike MacLeod, Director of Planning & Development, stated the request originated in the fall of 2020 whereby owners of property located at 85 Hillside Road have requested a rezoning to allow for a self-storage business. The property is zoned General Residential (R2) under the Land Use Bylaw and is the former Brooklyn School. The owners run a small manufacturing business at this location. The proposed use of a self-storage facility is not currently permitted in the General Residential (R2) zone so therefore the only way for Council to consider such use would be through amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

The application was brought forward to the Planning Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendations for a number of options were discussed.

1. Maintain status quo.
2. Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to consider self-storage businesses as a permitted use in the General Residential (R2) zone.
3. Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to create a new zoning classification which could be applied to this property and potentially other areas, which allows for the self-storage use.
4. Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to include policy which would permit self-storage used in certain residential zones through a development agreement process.
5. Incorporate provision with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Review Project to consider a wider range of uses within residentially designated areas.

Planning Advisory Committee was supportive of this request and recommended Council give consideration to this use through a development agreement.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

14.1 Area Rate Request – Seaside Recreation & Community Centre Association

Mayor Norman stated an area rate request has been received from the Seaside Recreation and Community Centre Association for a rate of \$0.04 over a 5-year period.

The purpose today is to discuss the merits of whether or not to hold an area rate meeting. Policy 23 – Public Meeting for Area Rate Requests was attached to the agenda. Council need to provide staff with direction to establish a time and location to hold this meeting if agreed to.

The assessment district would take in part of Eastern Shore Road, all of Beach Meadows, East Berlin, West Berlin and all of Port Medway. Area rate requests are based upon the assessment district.

Councillor Gidney enquired to the dollar amount this area rate would net for the Centre. Mayor Norman stated it would depend on the individual assessment figure, but would be approximately \$28,000/year.

Councillor Amirault stated that the Centre crew works hard and offer more than dinners and craft shows. They offer yoga, cheer groups and other activities and believes that we should go forward with an area rate meeting and see if the residents agree.

Councillors agreed with Councillor Amirault to hold a public consultation. Following a roundtable discussion consensus was given to hold the presentation of information in one central location, the Seaside Community Centre, the end of February, just prior to budget discussions. The meeting will be advertised in the South Shore Breaker as well as RQM's social media. The Councillors from the assessment areas as well as staff will be present to facilitate the meeting, and members from the Seaside Centre will be providing information and a presentation.

14.2 Council Implementation Report

Councillor Charlton enquired to the status on the February 25, 2020 recommendation for staff to begin the process of finalizing future programming for a new outdoor aquatic facility. Mr. McNeill stated an update should be coming to Council in the near future.

15.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Muise and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings go In-Camera at 6:29 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 15.1 Contract Negotiations**
- 15.2 Contract Negotiations**
- 15.3 Personnel**

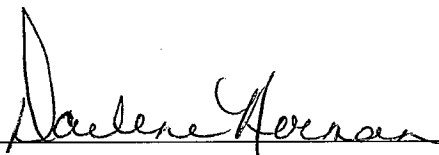
Mayor Norman announced a 5-minute recess at 6:29 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Brown that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Chris McNeill, CAO



Christine Watson, Administrative Assistant – Planning & Development

Date Approved: February 9, 2021