

**Region of Queens Municipality
Regular Council Tuesday, April 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Present: Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair
Deputy Mayor Jack Fancy
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Kevin Muise
Councillor Ralph Gidney
Councillor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Carl Hawkes
Cody Joudry, CAO
Angela Green, Admin. Assistant – Administration

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

Mayor Norman added the following items:

Item 6.1 – Minutes from the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Item 9.1 – Personnel

Item 8.6 – Memorial Bench and Tree Request

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Gidney that the Agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Presentation

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 questions or comments from the Public to come before this meeting.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – April 23, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 23, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Special Council Meeting: 2024-2025 Budget (April 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.)

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Special Council Meeting: 2024-2025 Budget' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality hold a Special Council meeting on April 29, 2024, at 9:00 am, in the Council Chambers to review the final draft operating, capital, and 3-year water utility budgets.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Pool Committee Appointment: Dr. Celeste Johnston

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Amirault:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality appoint Dr. Celeste Johnston to the Pool Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Discussions

8.1 Speed Limit Reductions in Liverpool

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Speed Limit Reduction of Municipal Streets' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality consider at their May 14, 2024 meeting a motion to direct staff to conduct traffic study on the municipal road segment from Main Street, east of School Street, to Riverside Drive, and that the amounts be paid from the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Crosswalk Safety at Main and Market

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Crosswalk Safety Society Engagement' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality fund a pedestrian flag program for the Main and Market Intersection from the accumulated surplus.

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

THAT the motion be tabled.

8.3 Main and Market Intersection Review

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Market and Main Street Intersection Review' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.4 Response to November 14, 2023 Petitions

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'November 14, 2023 Petitions Response' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.5 Draft 2024-2025 Operating, Capital, and 3-Year Water Utility Budget

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Proposed 2024-2025 Operating, Capital, Water Utility, and Hillview Acres Budget' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CAO Joudry explained the most recent changes to the draft Operating, Capital, and Water Utility budgets, including:

- Increased 1 cent for fire truck funding.
- Changed the amount for supporting North Queens fireworks.
- Ensured balanced to a 0-cent increase.
- Added 10,700,000 from Provincial grant for Mt Pleasant service extension.

Councillors asked for clarification of various aspects of the budget report throughout the discussion.

Councillor Brown requested that the income level brackets that are currently used to determine low-income property tax exemptions be discussed, as they have not been adjusted to account for inflation.

After discussion, it was determined that the brackets should be amended with a \$5,000 increase to each bracket, and \$10,000 be

added to the 2024-2025 budget line "Tax Exemption" to fund the changes, the cost to come from the accumulated surplus.

8.6 Memorial Bench and Tree Request

Deputy Mayor Fancy stepped back from the table to indicate a conflict of interest at 8:11 p.m.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality move the request from the applicant forward to their May 14, 2024 meeting for recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Fancy returned to the table at 8:16 p.m.

9.0 In-Camera Items

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Gidney that Council move in-camera at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the following:

9.1 Personnel

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the proceedings exit in-camera at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Cody Joudry, CAO



Angela Green, Administrative Assistant - Administration

Date Approved: May 14, 2024