

Region of Queens Municipality Special Council

Monday, April 29, 2024

9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

Mayor Norman added the following item:

3.0 Milton Pool

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Milton Pool

CAO Joudry gave an update on the status of the Milton Pool, and Director Grant explained the cause of the current state of the pool.

Staff will return at a future meeting with a report outlining options for remediation of the pool, the process, and possible interim measures for supporting the community.

4.0 Final Review of Draft Operating, Capital, and 3-Year Water Utility Budgets

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

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2024-2025 Capital Budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2024-2025 Operational Budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the

proposed 2024-2025 Liverpool Water Utility Operating Budget reflecting a deficit of \$442,122.

AND THAT the proposed three-year operating budget for the years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 be adopted and submitted to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-1.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of a four (4) cent area rate in Assessment Districts 5 and 6, to be provided to Brooklyn Recreation Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of a one point five (1.5) cent area rate in Assessment Districts 5 and 6, to be provided to Brooklyn Cemetery Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of area rates for all assessment accounts according to the following rules:

Assessment Districts 1-12, excluding assessment account numbers 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, a road levy charge of 75% of the provincially mandated road charges, as well as those properties in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6 that are connected to, or have the ability to connect to, Liverpool's Water Utility hydrant charge at 100%..

Assessment District 13, as well as assessment account numbers 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, debt charges for Assessment District 13 at 100%, roads, streets, and sidewalk expenses at 75%, engineering and public works equipment expenses at 75%, Liverpool street paving expenses at 100%, and Liverpool Water Utility hydrant charges at 100%.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of Region of the Queens Municipality authorize the levying of the following tax rates for Assessment District 13, as well as assessment account numbers 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, effective April 1, 2024:

Residential and Resource base rates of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 85.5 cents per \$100 of assessment for those properties connected to or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, or 76 cents per \$100 of assessment for those unable to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility.

Commercial base rate of \$2.14 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 85.5 cents per \$100 of assessment for those properties connected to or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, or 76 cents per \$100 of assessment for those unable to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility.

AND THAT authorization be given to levy the following tax rates for Assessment Districts 1-12, excluding assessment account numbers 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, effective April 1, 2024:

Residential and Resource base rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 3 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially mandated road charge, and on all assessment accounts in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6, for those properties connected to, or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, 11 cents per \$100 of assessment.

Commercial base rate of \$2.14 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 3 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially

mandated road charge, and on all assessment accounts in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6, for those properties connected to, or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, 11 cents per \$100 of assessment.

Commercial Seasonal base rate of \$1.61 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 2 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially mandated road charge.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality establish June 1, 2024, as the due date for all property taxes, with no interest being charged for any taxes being paid on or before June 30, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair



Cody Joudry, CAO



Angela Green, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: May 28, 2024