

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present:

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair
Deputy Mayor Jack Fancy
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Ralph Gidney
Councillor Kevin Muise
Councillor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Carl Hawkes
Cody Joudry, CAO
Heather Cook, Acting Recording Secretary

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Presentation

There were no Presentations to come before the Council.

4.0 Tabling of Petitions

There were no Petitions to come before Council.

5.0 Public Question / Comment Session

Five (5) members of the public spoke during Public Question/Comment Session.

Tony Anthony, Old Port Mouton Road, Liverpool expressed concerns that people are not obeying school zone speed limits and dangerous driving in the school zone, and suggested that a speed radar sign could remind people of the reduced speed.

Linda White, Past President of Moosehorn Estates Lot Owner Association attended

a road levy consultation in August. Their association runs well, and had some questions on behalf of the association, if private road fees are added to tax bills. She suggested that the associations be able to set the fees for their road. She asked how expedient will the payment of fees collected be in being sent to lot owner associations who are approved. She also asked if the road fees are put on taxes, what administration fees would be added by the Municipality.

Bruce MacInness, Treasurer of Greater Molega Lot Owner Association noted that GMLOA have been encouraging the Municipality to move forward with the collection of road maintenance fees on behalf of lot owner associations. In anticipation of the private road fees being added to tax bills, they have put in place two billing rates based on what their association makes available to members, not what they use. He noted that there was good information gathered from the meetings and this is a good basis for moving forward.

Courtney Wentzell, Main St., Liverpool spoke about the shared services plan with Lunenburg County for building inspection and planning services. He encouraged delaying the decision for the future Council and noted that this decision should be made by the next Council as it is they who will feel the weight of the decision. In his travels while campaigning for a seat on Council, he said he hasn't found a constituent who agrees with shared services for planning and building inspection. He does not feel work should be contracted out to Lunenburg County.

Grant Webber, member of Queens Care Society stated that the Queens Senior Safety program had made a presentation to Council requesting that the Municipality add the full time, 5-days a week Senior Safety position for Sheely Walker. Queens County Home Care Association will be closing, and Lunenburg County Home Care will be moving their office to Lunenburg. He noted that the Queens Senior Safety Coordinator can't operate from Lunenburg County. He asked Council to consider hiring Shelley Walker for full time 5 days a week.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council –

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held September 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Senior Safety Services

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Senior Safety Services' for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

The Chair was transferred to Deputy Mayor Fancy at 9:24 a.m.

It was moved by Mayor Norman and seconded by Councillor Brown:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to enter into a 12-month agreement with Lunenburg County Home Support providing up to an unbudgeted \$35,000 funding to provide 5-day Senior Safety Support within Queens County beginning November 1, 2024.

Prior to the call for question, Mayor Norman amended the motion, with the approval of Councillor Brown, who seconded the original motion, to:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to enter into a 12-month agreement with Queens Care Society providing up to an unbudgeted \$35,000 funding to provide 5-day Senior Safety Support within Queens County beginning November 1, 2024.

Councillor Muise called point of order and made a motion to Table the motion. It failed as there was no seconder.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The Chair was transferred back to Mayor Norman at 9:43 a.m.

7.2 Private Roads Levy Consultation

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Private Road Levy Consultation' for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to prepare a draft private road levy bylaw, based on the principles outlined in the report titled 'Private Road Levy Consultation' dated October 8, 2024, for Council's review.

MOTION CARRIED 6 in favour, 2 opposed.

7.3 2024-2025 CIF Application – West Queens Recreation Association

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled "2024-2025 CIF Application – West Queens Recreation Association" for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

**It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor
Gidney:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve
the West Queens Recreation Association's Community
Investment Fund - Capital Fund request up to \$1,531.25 toward
eligible expenses, from the Community Investment Fund
Reserve.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.4 Milton Centennial Pool

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive
the report titled Milton Centennial Pool for information.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct
staff to call a community meeting concerning what is being
proposed by staff regarding the future of the Milton Centennial
Pool.**

MOTION DEFEATED 1 in favour, 7 opposed.

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve
an unbudgeted expense of up to \$30,000 for the demolition,
removal, and infill of the Milton Centennial Pool;**

**AND THAT once the work is completed, the property known as
the Milton Centennial Pool, identified by PID #70232624, be
returned to the Milton Community Association.**

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

At 10:29 a.m., a 10-minute recess was called in the proceedings.
Council resumed at 10:41 a.m.

7.5 Hillsview Acres Governance – CAO Advice

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive
the report titled 'Hillsview Acres Governance – CAO Advice' for
information.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Brown to untable the motion from the September 10, 2024 Regular Council meeting:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider at their September 24, 2024 meeting the motion to direct staff to issue a Request for Proposal to consult stakeholders and provide recommendations regarding changes to the Hillview Acres governance structure.

MOTION DEFEATED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to enter into discussions with the Queens Home for Special Care Society and conduct further consultations with stakeholders to develop a transition plan for Hillview Acres and possible change in governance and operational oversight;

AND THAT staff be directed to present a draft plan to Council at the earliest opportunity.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.6 DSLTC Licensing Inspection Report

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'DSLTC Licensing Inspection Report' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.7 QPEC Wall Demolition

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled QPEC Wall Demolition for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the unbudgeted expense of \$124,600 plus HST for the demolition of the failed wall slab at Queens Place Emera Centre.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Discussions began at 11:04 a.m.

8.1 Market & Main Street Intersection Traffic Management – CAO Advice

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

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens direct staff to develop a scope for a comprehensive assessment of the Main and Market Street intersection and cost estimates of such a study.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 November 26, 2024 Council Meeting

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'November 26, 2024, Council Meeting' for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider at their November 12, 2024, meeting a motion to change the regularly scheduled Tuesday, November 26, 2024, meeting at 6:00 pm to Monday, November 25, 2024, meeting at 6:00 pm

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.3 Policy 82 – Fire Department Capital Purchases and Operating Grants

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled "Policy 82 – Fire Department Capital Purchases and Operating Grants" for information.

MOTION CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 opposed.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider at its Special Council Meeting on October 15, 2024, a motion to amend Policy 82 – Fire Department Capital Purchases and Operating Grants to reflect the proposed funding.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Charlton to move to the in-camera portion of the agenda at 11:28 a.m. to discuss 3 items:

- 9.1 Solicitor-Client Privilege
- 9.2 Solicitor-Client Privilege
- 9.3 Personnel

A motion to return to the public portion of the agenda was approved at 1:14 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

Cody Joudrey, CAO

Heather Cook, Acting-Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____