

**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Vicki Amirault  
Councillor Ralph Gidney  
Councillor Kevin Muise  
Councillor Maddie Charlton  
Councillor Carl Hawkes  
Cody Joudry, CAO  
Angela Green, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor David Brown

**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 made the following changes to the Agenda:**

- **7.2 Policy 4 - Payment of Taxes Request was moved to Discussion and became 8.7.**
- **8.8 was added at Deputy Mayor Fancy's request to Discussion as 'Respecting the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws'**

**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 the Council.

**4.0 Tabling of Petitions**

There were no Petitions to come before Council.

## 5.0 Public Question / Comment Session

Gary Clark, South West Port Mouton

Mr. Clark came before Council to express his dissatisfaction with the application of Policy 4 – Payment of Taxes. He feels that the policy needs to be edited to have a more measured approach.

## 6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – August 13, 2024

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

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held August 13, 2024, be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Community Investment Fund – Additional Budget

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled “Community Investment Fund – Additional Budget” for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the transfer of \$10,000 from the Community Investment Fund reserve to the operational budget for the purpose of CAO-approved funding applications.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

7.2 Dangerous & Unsightly Premises – 15/19 Court Street, Liverpool

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises #15-19 Court Street, Liverpool”.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

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

**THAT Region of Queens Municipal Council declares the property located at #15-19 Court Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia and identified as PID #70025275 as dangerous or unsightly as defined in the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*.**

**AND THAT an Order to be served upon the owner of the property requiring that, within (30) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:**

- 1. Demolition of existing building located at #15-19 Court Street, Liverpool, NS;**
- 2. Full clean-up of construction and demolition materials and transport to the Region of Queens Landfill Facility and leveling of the property accordingly; and**
- 3. Clean-up of miscellaneous items strewn about the property such as vinyl siding, plastics, metals, shingles, bricks, glass, etc.**

**AND THAT if the owner fails to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the property owner.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## **8.0 Discussions**

### **8.1 Hillsview Acres Governance**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'Hillsview Acres Governance' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

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

**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 Hillsview Acres governance structure.**

**It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Muise to table the motion at this time, to give staff time to discuss the issue before the next Council meeting.**

**MOTION TABLED with unanimous agreement.**

8.2 Governance Resources in Nova Scotia – LTC Facilities

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'Governance Resources in NS LTC Facilities' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.3 J-Class Road Assessment

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'J-Class Road Assessment' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider submitting an application to the Province at their September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for the cost shared paving of the following roads segments:**

- 1. M. Smith Road, Liverpool (District 1)**
- 2. Emeneau Road, Brooklyn (District 4)**
- 3. Forrest Street, Milton (District 5)**
- 4. French Street, South Brookfield (District 7)**
- 5. Wharf Rock Road, Liverpool (District 2)**
- 6. Wolfe Street, Liverpool (District 3)**
- 7. Roxbury Road, Port Medway (District 6)**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Council paused for a break at 10:15 a.m., and resumed at 10:31 a.m.

8.4 Market & Main Street Intersection Traffic Management

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'Market & Main Street Intersection Traffic Management' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality consider at the October 8, 2024 meeting of Council, a motion to direct staff to conduct a warrant analysis, design the traffic light system, and install traffic lights at the Main and Market Street intersection at an unbudgeted expense of up to \$1,000,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.5 Financial Review – Q1

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'Financial Review – Quarter 1' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.6 QPEC Camera System RFP

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'QPEC Security Camera Recommendations' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 6 in favour, 1 against.**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality increase the budget for the QPEC Camera system from \$25,000 to \$80,000 plus HST to be funded from the accumulated surplus, to purchase an IP-based camera system.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.7 Policy 4 – Payment of Taxes Request

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receives the report titled 'Tax Payment Waiver Request' for information.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider a motion at the September 24, 2024 meeting to amend *Policy 4: Payment of Taxes Policy* as outlined in this report.**

**It was then moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Hawkes to amend the Motion to:**

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality amend *Policy 4: Payment of Taxes Policy* as outlined in this report.**

**MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.**

**MOTION ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously.**

#### 8.8 Respecting the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws

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

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality consider at its September 24, 2024 meeting a motion to direct staff to prepare a report detailing the current status of enforcement activities related to the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws including but not limited to an overview of the number of bylaw violations reported, action taken in response, timelines for resolution, and any challenges faced in the enforcement process.**

**A friendly amendment was then made to the motion to have it read:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to prepare a report detailing the current status of enforcement activities related to the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws including but not limited to an overview of the number of bylaw violations reported, action taken in response, timelines for resolution, and any challenges faced in the enforcement process.**

**MOTION DEFEATED with 2 in favour, 5 against.**

## 9.0 In-Camera Items

**It was moved by Councillor Hawkes and seconded by Councillor Gidney that the proceedings move In-Camera at 12:03 p.m.**

**MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

Council paused for lunch at 12:03 p.m., and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

**It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Charlton that the proceedings move out of In-Camera at 2:54 p.m.**

**MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

There was one motion to come out of the In-Camera discussions:

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

**THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve an increase to the South Queens Outdoor Pool project budget from \$7.2 million to \$8.08 million, which includes \$7.88 million for construction and \$0.2 million for borrowing costs;**

**AND THAT the increase, an unbudgeted expense, be funded from the accumulated surplus;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the construction contract with Axios Construction.**

**MOTION CARRIED with 5 in favour, 2 against.**

## **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

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Cody Joudrey, CAO

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Angela Green, Recording Secretary

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