

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

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

Mayor Norman added Item 8.2 – Queens Senior Safety under Discussion.

It was moved that the Agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Presentations

3.1 South Shore Action Housing Coalition

Nancy Green made a presentation to Council detailing the work that the South Shore Action Housing Coalition undertakes and giving an update on their projects and statistics within Queens.

3.2 Queens Care Society

Members of the Queens Care society Board, Grant Webber and Al Doucette, Senior Safety Coordinator Shelly Walker, and RCMP S/Sgt. Archibald made a presentation to Council detailing the work that Ms. Walker does in Queens County and expressing the hope that when current funding is no longer available, Region of Queens Municipality would explore having the Senior Safety Coordinator position become a municipal position.

3.3 Update on Speed Radar Signs

RQM Engineering students Lindsay Robar and Corbin Anthony gave a presentation to Council with an update on the Speed Radar Sign program, detailing how the signs work, if they are in fact reducing speeding, how the data collected can be used, and next steps for the program.

4.0 Tabling of Petitions

There were no Petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 Public Question / Comment Session

There were no Public Questions or Comments to come before this meeting.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Council – July 9, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 9, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Special Council – July 17, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 17, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Special Council – August 1, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on August 1, 2024 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Stone Wall at Hillview

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality grant

approval for Queens Home for Special Care to remove up to 100 lineal meters of a stone wall on PID #70247887 and incorporate the stones as part of a landscape element for the new long term care facility on Queens Place Drive in Brooklyn;

AND THAT Queens Home for Special Care submit a detailed work plan to the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Administrator of Hillsvue Acres for review and approval, prior to commencement of any work;

AND THAT a plaque be erected on the new landscape feature by the owners of the new facility, recognizing the historic significance of the stones.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Bylaw 26 – Alternative Voting, First Reading

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Bylaw 26 – A Bylaw Respecting Alternative Voting' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give first reading to 'Bylaw 26 – A Bylaw Respecting Alternative Voting'.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Policy 58 Waiver – Medway Lighthouse Society

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Waiver to Operational Policy 58 – Medway Head Lighthouse Society' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality waive Policy 58 – Consumption of Alcohol on Municipality Owned Properties for the Medway Head Lighthouse Society on August 19, 2024, for their Art Show opening Reception.

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

THAT the motion be amended to correct the date of the event to August 16, 2024.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Council recessed at 10:24 a.m., and returned to session at 10:40 a.m.

7.4 2024-2025 Community Investment Fund Request: Little Red South West School House Society

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled '2024-2025 Community Investment Fund Request' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality provide grant funding to the Little Red South West School House Society for eligible event expenses and in-kind contributions in the amount up to \$4300, from the 2024-2025 Community Investment Fund (\$1,541.36) and from the Community Investment Fund reserve (\$2,758.64).

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.5 Ducks Unlimited Project at Pine Grove Park

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Ducks Unlimited Project at Pine Grove Park' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached agreement with Ducks Unlimited, subject to appropriate proof of insurance and indemnification is provided.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.6 Library Renovation Final Draft Design

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Liverpool Business Development Center Library Layout Design' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the proposed layout for the new library.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

7.7 Leave Accrual

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Leave Accrual' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a \$25,344 adjustment to the Leave Accrual for the 23/24 fiscal year as recommended by the Audit and Internal Control Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.8 Uncollectable Amounts

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Other Receivables – Uncollectable' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve

\$2,783.35 be added to the Non-Tax Valuation Allowance and that the remaining outstanding accounts be removed from the Accounts Receivable Ledgers.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.9 Valuation Allowance Fiscal 2023-2024

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Valuation Allowance' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve \$4,420.98 be added to the Valuation Allowance for the 23/24 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.10 Shared Building Inspection Services

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Shared Regional Building Inspection Services' for information.

MOTION CARRIED with 7 in favour, 1 against.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a shared services agreement with Municipality of the District of Lunenburg respecting provision of Building Inspection Services.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Council recessed at 12:07 p.m., and returned to session at 12:12 p.m.

8.0 Discussions

8.1 Endorsing NS Coalition for Healthy School Food

It was moved by Councillor Charlton and seconded by Councillor

Brown:

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality endorses the NS Coalition for Healthy School Food, and that Mayor Norman draft a letter to the organization expressing the endorsement.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Queens Senior Safety

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens direct staff to provide a report on the Municipality taking over responsibility for the senior safety program by the first meeting in October 2024.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 In-Camera Items

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings go In-Camera at 12:23 p.m. to discuss the following:

9.1 Contract Negotiations

It was moved by Councillor Gidney and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the proceedings exit In-Camera at 12:34 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Mayor Darlene Norman, Chair

Cody Joudry, CAO

Angela Green, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____