

Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council

Monday, November 25, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

Mayor Scott Christian, Chair
Councillor Vicki Amirault
Councillor Wanda Carver
Deputy Mayor Maddie Charlton
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Stewart Jenkins
Councillor Roberta Roy
Councillor Courtney Wentzell
Cody Joudry, CAO
Heather Cook, Acting Recording Secretary

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2.0 Changes / Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Jenkins that the Agenda be approved as amended, adding item 8.6: Updates on Reports in Progress.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 November 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held November 12, 2024 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 Public Comment

Carole Smith, former United Church Minister in Caledonia and Liverpool encouraged council and others to attend an event to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, hosted by Second Story Women's Centre, and held on December 11, 2024 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the community room at Queens Place Emera Centre, Liverpool. Second Story Women's Centre covers Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Ms. Smith challenged Council to encourage more programs and support in Queens County to prevent gender based violence.

5.0 Delegations and Presentations

There were no Delegations or Presentations.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1: The Friends of Hank Snow Society

If applicable:

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality provide \$1,600 from accumulated surplus, an unbudgeted amount, in funding to the Friends of Hank Snow Society to cover additional costs related the replacement of the furnace.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.0 Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

8.0 Unfinished Business

8.1: New Municipal Council Code of Conduct

It was moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Amirault that the motion from the November 12, 2024 Regular Council meeting be lifted from the table.

MOTION CARRIED.

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the revised Policy 74 - Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Public Committee Members, as presented;

AND THAT staff be directed to develop a new draft Municipal Employee Code of Conduct that aligns with, is complimentary to, and supportive of, the new Municipal Council Code of Conduct.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'New Municipal Council Code of Conduct' for information. WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Nova Scotia has made the Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials Regulations, N.S. Reg. 220/2024 ("the Regulations"); and, WHEREAS municipalities are required to adopt the model code of conduct prescribed by the Regulations on or before December 19, 2024, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Regulations and section 23A of the Municipal Government Act;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality hereby adopt the model code of conduct as set forth in Schedule "A" to the Regulations, which shall be titled the "Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Region of Queens Municipality".

MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to provide draft amendments to Policy 74 to apply to committee members;

AND THAT staff be directed to develop an updated Municipal Employee Code of Conduct that aligns with, is complimentary to, and supportive of, the new Municipal Council Code of Conduct and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2: Policy 23 Amendment – Off-site Meetings

It was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Roy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled “Policy 23 Amendment – Off-site Meetings” for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality amend Administrative Policy 23 to remove the requirement of off-site meetings and add December as a month with no meeting on the fourth Tuesday of that month as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.3 Investigating an Indoor Pool

It was moved by Councillor Carver and seconded by Councillor Jenkins:

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled ‘Investigating an Indoor Pool’ for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.4: Committee and Board Appointments

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled “Committee and Board Appointments” for information.

AND THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality appoint members to committees and boards as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.5: Committees of Council Terms of Reference – Update

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

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled “Committees of Council Terms of Reference – Update” for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.6: Updates on Reports in Progress

CAO Cody Joudry provided an update on three reports currently in progress: Cannons at Tupper Park will not be before Council until the first meeting in January 2025, and the reports on South Shore Regional Airport and Chain of Office will be on the December 10 Regular Council Agenda.

9.0 New Business

9.1: Strategic Priority Setting Facilitator

It was moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Carver:

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled “Strategic Priority Setting Facilitator” for information.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Carver and seconded by Councillor Roy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and CAO to create an ad-hoc committee to select a strategic priorities facilitator for Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Christian called for a brief recess at 7:15 p.m.

Council proceedings reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

9.2: 2024-2025 Q2 Financial Update

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled "2024-2025 Q2 Financial Update" for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

9.3: J&W Murphy Foundation Gift

**It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Carver:
THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'J&W Murphy Foundation Gift' for information.**

MOTION CARRIED.

9.4: Supporting the Liverpool Curling Club

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality provide funding in the amount of \$112,427 to the Liverpool Curling Club Ltd. for the purposing of improving curling infrastructure in the community and \$37,500 to the Liverpool Championship Host Society for hosting the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships event.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Supporting the Liverpool Curling Club' for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 Mayor's Report

Mayor Christian presented a verbal report. He, Councillor Carver, and members of staff attended the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards. He extended congratulations to White Point Beach Resort for winning the Business Legacy Award, and congratulated Ingram's

Automotive, Mersey Seafoods, and Rosefinch Mercantile Tea Room & Galeforce Feasts on being finalists for various awards. He and many members of Council marched with the Municipality's Float in the Liverpool Firefighter's Christmas Parade. He thanked staff for their management and monitoring of the current challenges with water levels at the Town Lake Reservoir which supplies Municipal Water Utility customers.

11.0 Business from Members of Council

11.1: Town Lake Reservoir

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to prepare a comprehensive report on the water and wastewater utility systems, including: an outline of existing and potential future challenges, both operational and strategic; and the status and any existing long-term plans related to addressing these challenges.

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2: Water and Waste Water Utility Customer Communication

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

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to develop a communication system to enable rapid, efficient, and effective communication with all water and wastewater account holders;

AND THAT the system should be designed to: facilitate timely dissemination of critical information, such as service interruptions, maintenance schedules, and emergencies; ensure accessibility and inclusivity for all account holders, utilizing multiple communication channels where appropriate; and provide a reliable platform for ongoing updates and engagement with account holders to enhance transparency and customer service.

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 Closed Session

At 8:07 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Carver and seconded by Councillor Amirault that Council move to the Closed Session of the agenda to discuss items: 12.1: Labour Relations.

MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:35 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Amirault that Council return to the Open Session of the agenda.

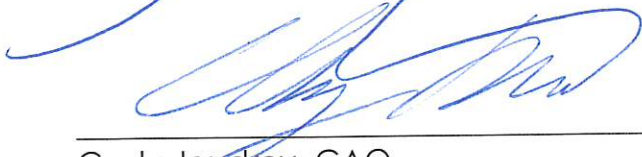
MOTION CARRIED.

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Mayor Scott Christian, Chair



Cody Joudrey, CAO



Pam Lovelace, Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: ___ December 10, 2024 _____