



# Region of Queens Municipality Special Council

## Tuesday, March 3, 2026

### 5:00 p.m.

## Minutes

**Present:** Mayor Scott Christian, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Maddie Charlton  
Councillor Roberta Roy  
Councillor Courtney Wentzell  
Councillor Vicki Amirault  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Stewart Jenkins  
Councillor Wanda Carver

**Staff:** Willa Thorpe, Chief Administrative Officer  
Angela Green, Municipal Clerk

## 1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and acknowledged that we have the privilege to live and work in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We are all treaty people and have responsibilities as treaty people.

## 2.0 Approval of Agenda

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**Mayor Christian added an item regarding a letter of advocacy for the Queens Adult Day and Respite Program.**

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

**THAT** the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the March 3, 2026 agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**It was moved by Councillor Mayor Christian and seconded by Councillor Jenkins:**

**THAT** the Council of Region of Queens Municipality send a letter to Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care, Premier Tim Huston, and MLA Kim Masland, outlining our strong opposition to the closure of the Queens Adult Day and Respite Program, and imploring the provincial government to reconsider this funding decision.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 3.0 Introduction of 2026-2027 Operational Budget

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Motion – Alternative Sources of Funding, District 13

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Wentzell:**

That staff explore alternative sources of funding for any implications on the tax rate in District 13, in consideration of know overpayments in previous years regarding the area rates.

**Result:** Carried unanimously.

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### Motion – Add 25% of Existing Vacancies to Vacancy Rate

**Moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Charlton:**

That Council direct staff to add 25% of existing vacancies to the budget for consideration.

**Result:** Carried 6-2 with Councillors Fancy and Jenkins opposed.

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### Motion – Remove Council Discretionary Fund and Committee of Council Expenses.

**Moved by Council Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Fancy:**

That Council direct staff to remove the \$10,000 Council Discretionary Fund and \$10,000 Committee of Council Expenses from the budget.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and Councillor Amirault:**

That the matter is tabled for further discussion on March 10th.

**Result:** Tabled, with a vote of 6 in favour and 2 against.

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### Motion – CIF Funding

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Carver:**

That Council direct staff to extend the deadline for the Community Investment Fund to March 31, 2026, and add \$100,000 from the CIF Reserve.

**Result:** Carried unanimously.

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## Motion – Alternative Funding for One-Time Budget Items

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Amirault:**

That Council direct staff to identify budget items that are not annual expenses and consider alternative funding sources for those items.

**Result:** Carried unanimously.

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## Motion – Remove Community Navigator Position

**Moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Jenkins:**

That the Community Navigator position be removed from the proposed budget.

**Result:** Carried unanimously.

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## Motion – Remove Deputy Clerk Position

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Amirault:**

That the Deputy Clerk position be removed from the proposed budget.

**Result:** Carried 6-2 with Councillors Wenzell and Roy opposed.

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## Motion – Remove Employee Wellness Program

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton and seconded by Councillor Amirault:**

That the Employee Wellness Program be removed from the proposed budget and that staff explore accessing Wellness funds through the Municipal Employee Benefits Program instead.

**Result:** Carried.

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## Motion – Use Shared Services Reserve

### **Moved by Councillor Amirault and seconded by Councillor Fancy:**

That Council allocate funds from the unspent and unallocated Shared Services Reserve to offset the cost of the Municipal Planning Strategy review.

**Result:** Carried.

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## Motion – Traffic Study Funding

### **Moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Roy:**

That the proposed \$90,000 traffic study be removed from the budget.

**Result:** Motion withdrawn.

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## Motion – Remove Digital Visitor Kiosk

### **Moved by Councillor Roy and seconded by Councillor Amirault:**

That the proposed purchase of an additional digital visitor kiosk for Queens Place be removed from the budget and that the existing kiosk continues to be shared between the Visitor Information Centre and Queens Place.

**Result:** Carried.

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## Motion – Remove Lobby Furniture Replacement

### **Moved by Mayor Christian and seconded by Deputy Mayor Charlton:**

That \$13,500 for lobby furniture upgrades at Queens Place be removed from the budget.

**Result:** Carried.

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## Motion – Remove Lifeguard Chair

### **Moved by Councillor Jenkins:**

That the proposed \$5,000 purchase of a lifeguard chair for the South Queens Aquatic Centre be removed from the proposed budget.

**Result:** Failed for lack of a seconder.

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## Motion – Remove Recreation Strategy / Community Wellness Strategy Funding

### **Moved by Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Wentzell:**

That the proposed \$50,000 allocation for a Recreation / Community Wellness Strategy be removed from the proposed budget.

**Result:** Motion withdrawn.

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## Motion – Remove Facility and Program Manager Position

### **Moved by Councillor Wentzell and seconded by Councillor Jenkins:**

That the proposed Facility and Program Manager position be removed from the proposed budget.

**Result:** Carried 7-1 with Councillor Amirault opposed.

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## 4.0 Adjournment

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The Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

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Mayor Scott Christian, Chair

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Angela Green, Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: March 10, 2026