



**Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

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## Minutes

- Present:** Mayor Scott Christian, Chair  
Councillor Roberta Roy  
Councillor Courtney Wentzell  
Councillor Vicki Amirault  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Stewart Jenkins  
Councillor Wanda Carver
- Virtual:** Deputy Mayor Maddie Charlton
- Staff:** Willa Thorpe, Chief Administrative Officer  
Angela Green, Municipal Clerk

## 1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

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Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 4:02 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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**It was moved by Councillor Carver and seconded by Councillor Amirault:**

**THAT** the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the April 28, 2026 agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 3.0 In Camera

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality move to Closed Session to discuss three items:

- 3.1 Labour Relations
- 3.2 Personnel
- 3.3 Personnel

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality return to open session.

*The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. and resumed at 5:34 p.m.*

**Mayor Christian called the Public Session to order at 5:34 p.m.**

## 4.0 Adoption of Minutes [\(2:02\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the April 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 5.0 Unfinished Business

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The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed at 5:35 p.m., in order to conduct two (2) hearings:

- Municipal Heritage Designation Hearing – Bethany United Church [\(3:12\)](#)
- Site Plan Appeal Hearing – 307 Main Street, Liverpool [\(9:08\)](#)

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:31 p.m.

## 6.0 Public Comment

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1. Laura Methot, Molega North [\(2:00:09\)](#)

Ms. Methot came before Council as the President of the Greater Molega Lake Lot Owners Association to give feedback on the proposed Private Road Levy bylaw.

2. David Brown, Labelle [\(2:06:00\)](#)

Mr. Brown came before Council to give feedback on the proposed Private Road Levy bylaw.

3. Daryl Arnburg, Brooklyn [\(2:11:20\)](#)

Mr. Arnburg came before Council to express his concerns with the Mount Pleasant Service Extension project.

## 7.0 Delegations and Presentations

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7.1 Friends of Hank Snow Society [\(2:18:44\)](#)

The Friends of Hank Snow Society gave a presentation detailing the history and annual activities of the Hank Snow Hometown Museum and outlining the need for an Administrator to take on day-to-day operations. They have requested that Council support the position with \$50,000.

***The meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m. and resumed at 8:37 p.m.***

## 8.0 Staff Reports

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8.1 Private Lot Owners Engagement Feedback and Survey Results  
[\(3:05:18\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to exclude a low-income provision in Bylaw 27.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to maintain the current approach with staff controlling the approval process in the Bylaw unless prohibited by a legislation or statute.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 8.2 Future Use of Market Stalls on Henry Hensey Drive [\(3:46:33\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council of Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to develop and issue a Request for Proposal for the seasonal use of the market stalls located on Henry Hensey Drive in Liverpool, with preference given to vendors who can commit to providing consistently available, affordable, regionally sourced farm produce.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 8.3 Road Naming in Hunts Point [\(3:52:46\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the naming of an existing driveway off Highway 3 in Hunts Point as Angus Cove Road.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.4 Creating a Culture of Inclusion – Equity, Anti-Racism and Diversity Plan [\(3:54:21\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality adopts the revised Creating a Culture of Inclusion: Equity, Anti-Racism and Diversity Plan 2025 – 2030 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.5 Inclusion Queens – Terms of Reference [\(3:57:50\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Inclusion Queens Committee as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8.6 2026-2027 Operational Budget Adoption [\(4:01:42\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the 2026-2027 Operating Budget as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the proposed 2026-2027 Water Utility Operating budget reflecting a surplus of \$66,384;

**AND THAT** the proposed three-year Water Utility Operating budget for the years 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 be adopted and submitted to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of a four (4) cent per \$100 of assessed value area rate in Assessment Districts 5 and 6, to be provided to Brooklyn Recreation Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of a one point five (1.5) cent per \$100 of assessed value area rate in Assessment Districts 5 and 6, to be provided to Brooklyn Cemetery Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of the Queens Municipality authorize the levying of area rates for all assessment accounts according to the following rules:

Assessment Districts 1-12, excluding assessment account numbers 10148820, 10462223, 11029230 and 00132837, a road levy charge of 75% of the provincially mandated road charge, as well as those properties in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6 that are connected to, or have the ability to connect to, Liverpool's Water Utility hydrant charges at 100%;

Assessment District 13, as well as assessment account numbers 11029230 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, debt charges for Assessment District 13 at 100%, roads, streets, and sidewalk expenses at 75%, engineering and public works equipment expenses at 75%, Liverpool street paving expenses at 100%, and Liverpool Water Utility hydrant charges at 100%.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality authorize the levying of the following tax rates for Assessment District 13, as well as assessment account numbers 11029230, 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, effective April 1, 2026:

Residential and Resource base rates of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 87.5 cents per \$100 of assessment for those properties connected to or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, or 76 cents per \$100 of assessment for those unable to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility;

Commercial base rate of \$2.14 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 87.5 cents per \$100 of assessment for those properties connected to or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, or 76 cents per \$100 of assessment for those unable to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility;

**AND THAT** authorization be given to levy the following tax rates for Assessment Districts 1-12, excluding assessment account numbers 11029230, 10148820, 10462223, and 00132837, effective April 1, 2026;

Residential and Resource base rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 3 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially mandated road charge, and on all assessment accounts in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6, for those properties connected to, or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, 11.5 cents per \$100 of assessment;

Commercial base rate of \$2.14 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 3 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially mandated road charge, and on all assessment accounts in Assessment Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6, for those properties connected to, or have the ability to connect to Liverpool's Water Utility, 11.5 cents per \$100 of assessment;

Commercial Seasonal base rate of \$1.60 per \$100 of assessment plus an area rate of 3 cents per \$100 of assessment for the provincially mandated road charge.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality establish June 1, 2026, as the due date for all property taxes, with no interest being charged for any taxes being paid on or before June 30, 2026.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality authorizes the continued allocation of funds to the Operating Capital Project reserve for the purposes of funding smaller capital projects by transfer from the accumulated surplus of \$500,000;

**AND THAT** authorization be given for the creation of a District 12 reserve funded by any overage of revenues from the J Class Road actual expenses during the fiscal year;

**AND THAT** authorization be given for the creation of a Water Access Improvement reserve funded from the accumulated surplus in anticipation of forthcoming Bylaw in the amount of \$250,000.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 9.0 Bylaws and Policies

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### 9.1 First Reading: Bylaw No. 29 – Accommodations Levy [\(4:13:38\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to enhance the compliance and enforcement functions for non-compliant operators within the Bylaw.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to explore the creation of a committee or group of accommodation operators and municipal representatives, to recommend use of revenue collected through the Accommodation Levy during its implementation.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

## 10.0 Correspondence for Action

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There was no Correspondence for Action today.

## 11.0 Correspondence for Information

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There was no Correspondence for Information today.

## 12.0 Report from In Camera

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There is no Report from In Camera.

## 13.0 Mayor's Report [\(4:42:22\)](#)

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Mayor Christian gave a report on some of his activities since the previous meeting.

## 14.0 Business of Council

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## 14.1 Committee Reports – Councillor Wentzell [\(4:46:54\)](#)

Councillor Wentzell provided reports on both the NSFM Climate Change Advisory Committee, and the FCM Climate Change Committee – Atlantic Chapter.

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

**THAT** item 14.2 regarding Grey Box Sites be added to the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED with seven (7) in favour and one (1) opposed.**

## 14.2 Grey Box Clean Up – Councillor Jenkins [\(4:54:58\)](#)

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

**THAT** Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to immediately start clean up in North Queens Grey Box sites and continue through to South Queens until the garbage boxes are in a manageable condition by the current collector, to begin within 48 hours.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

## 15.0 New Business

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There was no New Business to discuss today.

## 16.0 Adjournment

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The Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.



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Mayor Scott Christian, Chair



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Angela Green, Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: May 12, 2026