



Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Meeting Recording: [2026-05-12 - Regular Meeting Recording](#)

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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 [\(0:34\)](#)

Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

2.0 Approval of Agenda [\(0:48\)](#)

Mayor Christian added item 15.4 – Personnel.

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

THAT the Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the May 12, 2026 agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes [\(1:22\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the April 28, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.0 Public Comment [\(3:12\)](#)

1. Denaige McDonnell, Liverpool [\(4:19\)](#)

Dr. McDonnell appeared before Council to express concerns regarding the recent Site Plan Appeal process and ongoing bylaw-related issues. Council received Dr. McDonnell's comments.

2. Paul Deveau, Milton [\(9:56\)](#)

Mr. Deveau appeared before Council to provide feedback on the recently passed 2026–2027 budget and the resulting tax rate. Council received Mr. Deveau's comments.

3. Lori Smyth, Western Head [\(16:30\)](#)

Ms. Smyth, Theatre Manager at the Astor Theatre, appeared before Council to outline and promote the various youth programs offered by the Astor Theatre. Council received Ms. Smyth's comments.

5.0 Delegations and Presentations

There were no Delegations or Presentations today.

6.0 Unfinished Business [\(21:50\)](#)

6.1 Site Plan Appeal

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Charton and seconded by Councillor Wentzell:

THAT the motion regarding the Site Plan Appeal be taken from the table.

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

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

THAT consideration of this matter be postponed to the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2026,

MOTION DEFEATED unanimously.

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality overturn the decision of the Development Officer to issue a site plan approval that will allow for the creation of one (1) dwelling unit in the rear of the existing building located on property identified as PID #70025002.

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

7.0 Staff Reports [\(44:36\)](#)

7.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Amended Agreement [\(44:43\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the amended location for eight (8) electric vehicle charging stations

and authorize the Municipality to enter into the amended agreement with Tesla Motors Canada ULC.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Council recessed at 9:57 a.m. and returned at 10:07 a.m.

7.2 2026 Representative Volunteers of the Year [\(1:07:19\)](#)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality recognize Trevor Munroe and Velta Vikmanis as Region of Queens Municipality's 2026 Representative Volunteers of the Year.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Gorham Walkway Rehabilitation Update [\(1:09:57\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality receive the report titled 'Gorham Walkway Rehabilitation Update' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.4 THACC Capital Improvements [\(1:20:46\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality authorize staff to proceed with the design and tender of planned upgrades at the

Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre, as budgeted in the 2026–2031 Capital Investment Plan.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.5 Waterloo East Phase IIIb [\(1:26:10\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality award Tender INF16-2026-2027, for Phase IIIb of the Waterloo East project, to Dexter Construction Company Limited at the tendered price of \$2,352,656.25, plus HST, as recommended by staff.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality award Tender INF16-2026-2027, for Phase IIIb of the Waterloo East project, to Dexter Construction Company Limited at the tendered price of \$2,352,656.25, plus HST, as recommended by staff, and that staff return to Council with further information for the shortfall of this project outside of grants with options for long term borrowing.

MOTION CARRIED with six (6) in favour and two (2) against.

7.6 Rural Water Initiative [\(1:54:17\)](#)

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the implementation of a Water Conservation and Storage Program (Pilot) for the 2026 season, consisting of rain barrels and water totes available to households under the following cost-sharing model: (a) one hundred percent (100%) municipal funding for one rain barrel and one water tote per eligible low-income household, as defined under Administrative Policy #9 – Tax Exemptions; (b) sixty percent (60%) municipal and forty percent (40%) resident cost-sharing where delivery is required, or eighty percent (80%) municipal and twenty percent (20%) resident cost-sharing where residents pick up directly, and that staff explore options with Brooklyn Recreation for purchasing; and (c) a maximum of two rain barrels and one water tote per household.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the implementation of Community Partnership Wells as a pilot in 2026, with up to four (4) sites to be identified and confirmed through well testing and agreement with community partners, with an estimated allocation of up to \$100,000, and direct staff to report back to Council on site selection, partnership terms, and available grant funding from other sources prior to finalization.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to explore the implementation of a Well Loan Program (Pilot) with an initial allocation of \$100,000, enabled under Section 81A of the Municipal Government Act, and direct staff to: (a) prepare draft Bylaw No. 30, "A Bylaw Respecting Potable Rural Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program," for Council's consideration at First Reading and (b) explore partnership opportunities with Clean

Foundation for the facilitation and administration of the Well Loan Program in 2026.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.7 Council Implementation Report [\(3:01:02\)](#)

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

THAT Council receive the report titled 'Council Implementation Report' for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Bylaws and Policies

There were no Bylaws or Policies to discuss today.

9.0 Correspondence for Action

There was no Correspondence for Action today.

10.0 Correspondence for Information [\(3:03:09\)](#)

10.1 Correspondence from VON

Council received correspondence from Victoria Order of Nurses (VON), detailing this year's VON week from May 17th – 23rd.

11.0 Report from In Camera

There was no Report from In Camera.

12.0 Mayor's Report [\(3:04:20\)](#)

Mayor Christian gave a report on some of his activities since the previous meeting, including:

- April 29 – May 1, NSFM Spring Conference
- May 4, Tax Reform Workshop
- May 5, Cross Departmental Provincial Working Group on Drought and Water Insecurity
- May 6, South Shore Housing Action Coalition Meeting
- May 8, Art of Resilience Show Opening Night
- May 9, Safe and Ready Emergency Preparedness Expo
- May 11, Queens Lunenburg Collaborative Municipal Table
- May 11, Launch of Nova Scotia Municipal Joint Rural Roads Committee

Councillor Amirault and Deputy Mayor Charlton mentioned that the Imagination Library Program is up and running, and that over 150 children have been signed up for the program to date.

13.0 Business of Council

There was no Business from Council to discuss today.

14.0 New Business

There was no New Business to discuss today.

15.0 In Camera [\(3:17:04\)](#)

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

THAT the Council move to Closed Session at 12:17 p.m. to discuss four (4) items:

- 15.1 Personnel
- 15.2 Legal
- 15.3 Legal
- 15.4 Personnel

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT the Council return to open session at 2:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to continue the engagement of a third-party consultant to review the municipal salary grid, employee scheduling practices, and on-call system, with the objective of identifying and recommending measures to achieve wage parity across the organization, and to report back to Council upon completion.

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

16.0 Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Mayor Scott Christian, Chair

Angela Green, Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: May 26, 2026