



Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 4:00 p.m.

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Minutes

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

Regrets: Councillor Roberta Roy

Staff: Willa Thorpe, CAO
Kate Wong, Administrative Assistant

1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (2:18)

Mayor Scott Christian called the meeting to order at 9:00am

2.0 Approval of Agenda (2:54)

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Fancy;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes (3:20)

3.1 Regular Council Meeting – May 26, 2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Wentzell;

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 26, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4.0 Public Comments (3:42)

1. Joel Zwicker, Liverpool (4:08)

Addressed Council regarding pedestrian safety concerns on College Street and expressed support for converting the street to one-way traffic to improve safety for residents and pedestrians.

2. Ali Druzina, Liverpool [\(6:43\)](#)

Addressed Council regarding pedestrian safety concerns on College Street and expressed support for measures that would improve safety for pedestrians, including families, seniors, and school-aged children using the area.

5.0 [Delegations and Presentations \(8:27\)](#)

5.1 [Be The Peace Institute: Gender Based Violence \(8:42\)](#)

Sue Bookchin, Executive Director of the Peace Institute, delivered a presentation regarding gender-based violence and opportunities for municipalities to support prevention, education, awareness, and community safety initiatives.

Councillor Carver entered the meeting at 9:20am

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wentzell;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to incorporate gender-based violence considerations into the Community Wellness Strategy.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Amirault;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality the presentation be referred to the Police Advisory Board and Inclusion Queens Committee for further discussion and consideration, including recommendations regarding the declaration of gender-based violence as an epidemic.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.0 Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished business to discuss.

7.0 Staff Reports [\(40:14\)](#)

7.1 College Street Pedestrian Safety [\(40:19\)](#)

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Councillor Amirault;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to proceed with modifying College Street in Liverpool to become a one-way street.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Q1 Capital Projects Progress Update [\(53:30\)](#)

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Amirault;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality receive Q1 Capital Projects Progress Update for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 Pine Grove Park Accessibility Upgrades [\(1:05:17\)](#)

Moved by Councillor Wentzell, seconded by Councillor Amirault;

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to proceed with implementing Phase 1 of the proposed accessibility upgrades at Pine Grove Park in partnership with the Nova Scotia Guide Service;

AND THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to further investigate costs, funding opportunities and implications of Phase 2, and refer consideration of Phase 2 to the 2027/2028 Budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting was recessed at 10:13am and reconvened at 10:23am

7.4 Joining a Regional Emergency Management Organization [\(1:25:26\)](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Fancy;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to initiate discussions with the Lunenburg County Regional Emergency Management Organization (Lunenburg REMO) regarding the Region of Queens Municipality joining the existing regional emergency management structure;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with Lunenburg REMO to return to a future Regular meeting of Council with a report outlining the proposed Inter- Municipal Service Agreement (IMSA), governance structure, financial implications, and implementation requirements associated with the Region of Queens Municipality joining Lunenburg REMO;

AND THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to proceed with application to the Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management 2026–27 Regional Emergency Readiness Grant program in collaboration with the preferred REMO partner.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.5 Update to Rural Water Initiative ([1:42:22](#))

Moved by Councillor Amirault, seconded by Councillor Fancy;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve an amendment to the Water Conservation and Storage Program Pilot under the Rural Water Initiative to clarify that water totes are intended for non-potable water storage and use only.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Amirault, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the Rain Barrel Program with two participation tiers consisting of no-cost rain barrels for qualifying low-income households and a \$25 resident contribution for all other participants, including home delivery.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.6 2026 Bursary Recipients ([1:48:13](#))

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wentzell;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality approve the awarding of the 2026 bursary funds to the students recommended by the Bursary Selection Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.7 Council Implementation Report ([1:51:08](#))

Moved by Councillor Amirault, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality receive the Implementation Report for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.0 Bylaws and Policies

8.1 First Reading of Bylaw No. 29 – Accommodation Levy [\(1:53:53\)](#)

Moved by Councillor Wentzell, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Bylaw No. 29 - Accommodation Levy be now introduced and read a first time.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.0 Correspondence for Action

There was no Correspondence for Action to discuss.

10.0 Correspondence for Information

There was no Correspondence for Information to discuss.

11.0 Reports from In Camera

There was no report for In Camera to discuss.

12.0 Mayor's Report [\(2:04:22\)](#)

Mayor Christian provided a verbal report on recent meetings and events since the previous meeting.

13.0 Council Business (2:12:12)

Councillor Wentzell recognized CUPE and thanked members for their contributions to the community.

14.0 New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

15.0 In Camera

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality move to In Camera at 11:10am.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carver;

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Amirault;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality add to the agenda Item 15.2 - In Camera – Legal.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Wentzell;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality return to In Camera at 11:32am

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality return to open session at 11:39am.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carver;

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality direct staff regarding property matter as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am

Mayor Scott Christian, Chair

Kate Wong, Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: June 23, 2026