Region of Queens Municipality Regular Council Meeting

October 13, 2026

Council Chambers

Meeting Recording: 2026-09-22 - Regular Meeting of Council
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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

Willa Thorpe, CAO

Alex Wilson, Acting Municipal Clerk

1.0 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (00:52)

Mayor Christian called the Regular Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in Mi'kma'ki, in Kespukwitk, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. The Mayor recognized that all are Treaty People with responsibilities under the Treaties

2.0 Approval of Agenda (01:19)

Councillor Fancy requested the addition of item 15.4, an additional property matter for discussion in camera.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes (01:37)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2026 regular council meeting as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 Public Comment (02:07)

1. Mitch Underhayt (02:37)

Mr. Underhayt provided an update on construction for the Mersey River Wind project, turbine foundations, and the arrival of approximately 10 turbines' worth of components at the Port of Mersey. Component transport was expected to begin around October 21–22 and continue for approximately 10 weeks.

The proposed route was from the port via Woodhauling Road†, Route 3, Highway 103 exits 18 and 19, Route 8 through Milton, and River Road. Delivery windows were approximately 5:30–6:30 a.m., 8:30–9:30 a.m., and potentially 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., primarily Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with Wednesdays and Saturdays available if required. Temporary turning modifications would be restored following transport. No-hunting signs would identify active work areas.

The presenter undertook to circulate a construction update and route map. The Mayor requested that transport information also be shared with municipal communications staff.

2. Mary Louise Gardener†, Beach Meadows (10:10)

Mary Louise addressed traffic flow, pedestrian safety at Main and Market Streets, bridge access and contingency planning, emergency access, and the need to coordinate growth with infrastructure capacity. She suggested community participation through a long-term planning committee or task force. The Mayor noted upcoming community catch-up sessions in October and November.

5.0 Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations or presentations.

6.0 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7.0 Staff Reports (19:00)

7.1 2026–2027 fiscal year, Quarter 2 Capital Investment Plan implementation progress (19:50)

> **It was moved by Councillor Jenkins, and seconded by Councillor Fancy**:
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> **THAT** Council for the Region of Queens Municipality receive the 2026–2027 fiscal year, Quarter 2 Capital Investment Plan implementation progress report for information.
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> **MOTION CARRIED**

7.2 Community Investment Fund year-to-date allocations (32:34)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality receive the year-to-date Community Investment Fund allocation report for information.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 J-class roads cost-share application (36:48)

THAT Council for Region of Queens Municipality submit an application to the Province of Nova Scotia for cost-sharing paving of three segments of J-class roads:

a. 553 metres of 0684 Emeneau Road, Brooklyn;

b. 163 metres of 0655 French Street, South Brookfield;

c. 224 metres of 0686 M. Smith Road, Liverpool.

MOTION CARRIED, with one (1) opposed.

7.4 Council Implementation Report (59:31)

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 Bylaws and Policies (1:01:09)

8.1 Forest Management Policy (1:02:21)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality receive the report and draft forestry management policy and direct staff to undertake additional research in consultation with industry partners in Queens County while Council receives feedback from constituents and return to a future council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 First reading — Repeal of Burning Bylaw (1:21:09)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality give first reading to Bylaw No. 30, a bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 2, a bylaw respecting burning.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed at approximately 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

8.3 Bylaw No. 3 — Dogs (1:35:07)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to proceed to legal review of revisions to Bylaw No. 3, a bylaw respecting dogs, with the following directions:

- Remove secure-containment requirements for undesignated dogs.
- Include feedback received from professional dog trainers in the package sent for legal review.

MOTION CARRIED.

9.0 Correspondence for Action

There was no correspondence for action.

10.0 Correspondence for Information

10.1 Habitat for Humanity (2:11:33)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality receive the correspondence for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 Reports from In Camera

There were no Reports from In Camera.

12.0 Mayor's Report (2:13:54)

The Mayor expressed condolences to the family and friends of Daniel Mansfield and recognized his longstanding service with the North Queens Fire Department.

- **September 24:** Attended a meeting of the Queens County subcommittee of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition. Discussion focused on municipal opportunities to support non-market affordable housing. Information from the meeting was shared with staff for consideration in developing options for Council.
- **September 28:** Attended the provincial volunteer awards ceremony in Halifax with Councillor Fancy, recognizing Queens County volunteers Velta Vikmanis and Chief Trevor Munroe. The Mayor thanked community volunteers and encouraged nominations through the Ripple Effect program.
- **October 6:** Met with Councillor Jenkins and representatives of Greenfield Recreation at the Greenfield recreation facility. Representatives provided an update on activities and cost pressures, and discussed opportunities for collaboration with the Municipality.

13.0 Committee Business

13.1 Fire services update and dry hydrants (2:18:04)

Deputy Mayor Charlton assumed the chair.

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality establish a reserve for unspent funds associated with dry-hydrant installation, beginning with the current year's allocation.

MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Fancy, and seconded by Councillor Roy:

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality consider further allocations for dry hydrants as part of the 2027–2028 operating budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Christian resumed the chair.

13.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee appointments (2:27:15)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality appoint Meghan Hightower Smith to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending October 31, 2028, and reappoint Sally Tanner for a second term ending October 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED

13.3 Recreation Facilities Advisory Committee (2:30:34)

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality establish the Recreation Facilities Advisory Committee and adopt its mandate and terms of reference as amended to include providing advice and recommendations on recreational programming.

MOTION CARRIED, with one (1) opposed.

14.0 New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

15.0 In-Camera

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality move In Camera at 11:42 a.m. to discuss several property matters.

MOTION CARRIED.

15.1 Property Matter
15.2 Property Matter
15.3 Property Matter
15.4 Property Matter — added to the agenda

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

THAT Council for the Region of Queens Municipality leave In Camera at 12:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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Scott Christian, Mayor

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Kate Wong, Acting Municipal Clerk

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Date