

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #13
MAY 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Kenny Bell
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Ookalik Curley
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Paul Quassa
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Solomon Awa

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Jenie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning
Aleksey Cameron, Communications and Customer Service Manager

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

9. NEW BUSINESS
 - b) Matters Arising from Delegation – Mayor Bell

Motion #22-154

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #11 Minutes dated April 26, 2022

Motion #22-155

Moved by: Councillor Quassa

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

City Council Meeting #11 Minutes dated April 26, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Partnership for Understanding Environmental Change Impacts on Water Security and Water Quality in Iqaluit

Murray Richardson, Environmental Researcher, Carleton University, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding hydrology in relation to permafrost and the effects on water quantity and quality. The following are the highlights of his presentation:

- Request permission to install a meteorology station on Unnamed Lake to measure lake evaporation
- Expand partnerships in Iqaluit
- Research will provide a long-term view on how fresh water quantity and quality will change in the future due to climate change
- Funding:
 - \$420,000 from Polar Knowledge Canada for 2021-2024
 - Other federal funded agencies
- Working with Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) and Nunavut Arctic College Environmental Technology Program for the past nine years
- Research will be conducted on:
 - Amount of water stored in snowpack prior to spring melt
 - Amount of evaporation from land surfaces and lakes
 - Permafrost conditions
 - Changing climate and permafrost effects on water quality in rivers and lakes
 - Changes in lake water quality
- Research is focused on observation, measurement and data
- Community Outreach Meeting
 - June 9th at NRI
 - Communicate plans

- Discuss interests regarding water and permafrost
- Find community members to be advisors

Councillors asked various questions relating to the research, which Mr. Richardson answered.

Councillor Akumalik suggested that the Hunters and Trappers Association be invited to attend the Community Outreach meeting. He also suggested that research be carried out on the Sylvia Grinnell River.

Councillor Nattaq provided information on his past and present observations from travelling on the land regarding the amount of snowfall, snowmelt, permafrost and water levels in rivers and lakes.

Mr. Richardson asked if Council had any concerns regarding research being carried out on the Unnamed Lake. He indicated that the research would include the placement of an evaporation instrument on the island in Unnamed Lake, which would be accessed six times a year. The island would be accessed using an inflatable canoe during open water season and an ATV when the lake was frozen. He advised that the evaporation instrument is anticipated to have a long-term use that will be maintained, and once the instrument becomes obsolete, it will be removed.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that in the past, requests have been received from Nunavut Arctic College and protocols were implemented in order to conduct work on the Unnamed Lake to prevent issues with contamination. Ms. Elgersma explained that Administration can work with Mr. Richardson to implement the protocols if Council so wished.

Councillor Stevenson hoped that the group would meet with the Engineering Department staff to discuss research information that would be helpful to the City. Mr. Richardson noted that discussions were previously carried out prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be held again.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Akumalik advised that he participated in the Vatican Planning Committee. He suggested that the City should work with the Committee to ensure that the city is ready for a visit from the Pope.

Mayor Bell indicated that once a date has been set for a visit, the City will work with the Vatican Planning Committee.

Councillor Quassa commented that a number of e-mails containing letters and replies have been received from the Language Commissioner. He noted that in the last e-mail from the Language Commissioner, a reference was made about Section 36 (1) of the *Inuit Language Protection Act*. Councillor Quassa understood that some information has been requested and asked the status on the issue from the Office of the Language Commissioner.

Mayor Bell indicated that councillors' statements are supposed to be a statement and not a question. However, because of the important subject, Mayor Bell advised that the Language Commissioner has accused the City of breaking the *Inuit Language Protection Act*. He explained that the City has proven that they did not break the Act, as only the livestream from the floor is in English. Mayor Bell noted that staff are working with the Language Commissioner regarding a number of issues, which is time sensitive, and will not happen until later summer or early fall.

Mayor Bell clearly pointed out that the City interprets and translates more than any other community in Nunavut. He noted that the Government of Nunavut have many Acts that are only in English and French.

Mayor Bell noted that during a news briefing, everyone in attendance spoke in English and an effort must be made that the public understands that English is only spoken on the floor. He explained that it is not possible to provide both Inuktitut and English simultaneously due to technology.

Councillor Nattaq advised that he will be on leave starting June 29, 2022 and will advise Administration of his travelling arrangements.

Councillor Curley complimented the Public Works Department for cleaning the culverts.

Mayor Bell noted that the Nunavut Mining Symposium is taking place and he welcomed the 300 hundred delegates to the city.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

- a) Mayor's Housing Task Force Update – Tabled – No Update**

7. BY-LAWS

- a) First Reading of By-law(s)**

None

- b) Second Reading of By-law(s)**

None

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Lift Station Bypass and Cleaning

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for a Change Order for EXP for extended services during construction of Lift Station #1 for a temporary bypass and cleaning.

Motion #22-156

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves a Change Order to EXP for the lift station bypass and cleaning in the amount of \$41,403.70 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

b) Matters Arising from Delegation

Motion #22-157

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approves the placement of a meteorology station with an evaporation instrument on the island in Unnamed Lake, and further, that a meeting be held with Administration to implement protocols around accessing the lake.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

() as per Section 22 (2) (a) CTV Act and By-law 526 Section 67

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22-158

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council adjourns at 6:43 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Kenny Bell
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 24th day of May, 2022.