

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #15
AUGUST 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith, Chair
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard – via teleconference
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson – via teleconference

ABSENT

Mayor Solomon Awa
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Samuel Tilley

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director Policy,
Legislation and Protective Services
Brianna Longworth, Acting City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Acting Deputy City Clerk/Executive Assistant
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects
Murray Amirault, Senior Advisor, Engineering and Capital Projects

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

3. DELEGATIONS

- b) Derelict Cars in the City – Verbal – Joanasie Akumalik

Change:

9. NEW BUSINESS

- b) Request for Decision – Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce Nunavut Trade

Show 2024 Sponsorship - Presented by Rod Mugford, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer not Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer

Remove:

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

a) Legal

Motion #24-222

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #06 Minutes dated July 16, 2024**

Motion #24-223

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #06 Minutes dated July 16, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

b) **Public Hearing #04 Minutes dated July 23, 2024**

Motion #24-224

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Public Hearing #04 Minutes dated July 23, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

c) **City Council Meeting #14 Minutes dated July 23, 2024**

Motion #24-225

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

City Council Meeting #14 Minutes dated July 23, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest regarding:

- 7. BY-LAW(S)
 - b) Second Reading of By-law(s)
 - iii. By-law No. 992, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA 24-001
 - iv. By-law No. 993, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 898 – ZBA 24-003

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Reports – May and June 2024

Staff Sergeant Darrell Gill, Iqaluit RCMP, presented the May and June 2024 Monthly Reports.

b) Derelict Cars in the City – Verbal

Joanasie Akumalik, a long time resident of Iqaluit, spoke about his concern regarding the derelict cars around the city and asked Council to create a Derelict Vehicle Program. He noted that the derelict cars are unsightly and unsafe. Mr. Akumalik noted that some residents are disposing of derelict vehicles in various places around the city. He pointed out that people are vandalizing the derelict vehicles and some are using them for shelter.

Mr. Akumalik spoke about the high cost to dispose of derelict vehicles, ranging from \$575 to \$1,080, as there are additional charges for the battery, oil tank and tires.

Mr. Akumalik was aware that the City is working on a strategy to deal with the derelict vehicles and asked if the City could request input from residents so that they are able to share their views.

Mr. Akumalik spoke about a program many years ago, when the Public Works Department clearly marked derelict vehicles, which were then hauled away and disposed of. He suggested that a similar program be reinstated to clean up the derelict vehicles.

Mr. Akumalik asked Council to remove the cost to dispose of derelict vehicles for a three-year term in order to allow time for residents to clean up derelict vehicles. He further suggested that the disposal fee could be removed for a period of time each summer.

Mr. Akumalik commented about the Unsightly By-law, which can be enforced to remove derelict vehicles.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Nattaq commented that there were not enough play spaces.

Councillor Nattaq acknowledged the comments made during the Public Hearing regarding the dust and wanted to ensure the resident that Council is concerned about this matter. He noted that residents must be patient during development as dust will be prevalent.

Councillor Nattaq suggested that consideration should be given to paving the road as suggested many years ago.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i.) By-law No. 995, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871

Motion #24-226

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 995, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 996, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871

Motion #24-227

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 996, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 995, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871

Motion #24-228

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 995, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 996, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871

Motion #24-229

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 996, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 5, Block 7, Plan 2871.

Unanimously Carried

- iii.) By-law No. 992, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA
24-001

Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest. There being no quorum, the item was deferred until the next meeting.

- iv.) By-law No. 993, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 – ZBA 24-003

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c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 990, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 9, Block 46,
Provisional Plan 4876 and Road R130, Provisional Plan 4876

Motion #24-230

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 990, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 9, Block 46, Provisional Plan 4876 and Road R130, Provisional Plan 4876.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 991, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 9, Block 46, Provisional Plan 4876

Motion #24-231

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 991, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 9, Block 46, Provisional Plan 4876.

Unanimously Carried

- iii.) By-law No. 963, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA 23-002 – Lot 982, Plan 4331; Lot 667, Plan 1671; Lot 669, Plan 1672; and Portion of Lot 666, Plan 1973 (West 40) – Future West 40 Industrial Subdivision

Motion #24-232

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 963, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA 23-002 – Lot 982, Plan 4331; Lot 667, Plan 1671; Lot 669, Plan 1672; and Portion of Lot 666, Plan 1973 (West 40) – Future West 40 Industrial Subdivision.

Unanimously Carried

- iv.) By-law No. 964, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 – ZBA 23-004 – Lot 982, Plan 4331; Lot 667, Plan 1671; Lot 669, Plan 1672; and Portion of Lot 666, Plan 1673 (West 40) – Future West 40 Industrial Subdivision

Motion #24-233

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 964, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 – ZBA 23-004 – Lot 982, Plan 4331; Lot 667, Plan 1671; Lot 669, Plan 1672; and Portion of Lot 666, Plan 1673 (West 40) – Future West 40 Industrial Subdivision.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Memorandum of Understanding with Aniiirajak Ski and Adventure Club

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Aniiirajak Ski and Adventure Club. He noted that the MOU was presented at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting in June and staff were asked to revise the wording in Clause 5 and 6. The following are the changes:

- Clause 5 – removed the word “strong”
- Clause 6 – reads “ASAC agrees to relocate their operations to the newly identified parcel within 18 months following the issuance of their “Temporary Land Use Permit” outlined in item 3 of this MOU.”

Mr. Dodds advised that staff met with representatives from the Aniiirajak Ski and Adventure Club to discuss some of the items presented at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting. He noted the issue regarding unwelcoming behaviour towards users of the ski area in the wintertime and the general area around the ski facility relating to dog walkers. Mr. Dodds indicated that the representatives apologized for the behaviour and stated that they are working to address the behaviour.

Motion #24-234

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves and executes the Memorandum of Understanding with Aniiirajak Ski and Adventure Club as presented.

Unanimously Carried

**b) Request for Decision – Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)
Nunavut Trade Show 2024 Sponsorship**

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Request for Decision for the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce Nunavut Trade Show 2024 Sponsorship. He advised that the City was being requested to become a Platinum Sponsor for the Nunavut Trade Show being held in Iqaluit from September 17 to 19, 2024.

Mr. Mugford further advised that the City was being requested to provide a \$10,000 sponsorship (Platinum Level) as well as an in-kind contribution of \$6,582.24, which will waive the fee for the Arctic Winter Games Complex and provide staff support to assist with setup/takedown, additional garbage collection and the Community Booth.

Motion #24-235

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council supports the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce Nunavut Trade Show Sponsorship with Option 3, which includes a \$10,000 sponsorship and an in-kind contribution, resulting in a total cost of \$16,582.24, and further, that this option maximizes the City's support for the trade show by ensuring substantial economic and community benefits, while fostering important regional and international relationships.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – Citywide Metal Waste Collection Program

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Request for Decision for a Citywide Metal Waste Collection Program. He explained that the program aims to address the metal waste in Iqaluit by removing old vehicles, ATVs and other metal debris. Mr. Mugford indicated that the program would run for eight weeks, which includes waiving tipping fees for residents, along with providing assistance for transporting larger items to the designated metal dump location.

Councillor Nattaq asked if old barbeques would be included in the metal waste collection.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised that the metal waste collection applied to all metal debris.

Councillor Sheppard commented that the problem with derelict vehicles and metal waste has become bad, which is due to the lack of enforcement and policy in the city. He noted that this has to be a one-time event where the City is taking on the responsibility. He pointed out that it is not the City's responsibility to subsidize the disposal of waste metal.

Councillor Sheppard felt the motion should include that staff engage with the Government of Nunavut on a policy to implement an import tax on vehicles with the revenue coming to the City. He noted that the revenue could be used to offset the cost to dispose of the metal waste. Councillor Sheppard commented that the City cannot allow the metal waste to become this bad again.

Deputy Mayor Smith agreed that collection of metal waste should not be carried out by the City, but unfortunately residents have refused to be responsible and dispose of metal waste. She agreed with an import tax or suggested an annual disposal fee be charged when renewing vehicle registration.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he does not agree with the City waiving the fee to dispose of metal waste as it is not a responsible choice. He noted that the amount of metal waste has created a problem and some residents are not being responsible to dispose of metal waste.

Councillor Stevenson spoke in favour of both suggestions regarding an import tax and annual disposal fee charge. He felt that staff should investigate these suggestions with the Government of Nunavut.

Councillor Nattaq commented that the problem with derelict vehicles will continue based on the number of vehicles currently in Iqaluit and the number of new vehicles coming into Iqaluit each year. He pointed out that only a few residents pay the fee to dispose of their vehicles. Councillor Nattaq felt a decision has to be made regarding the number of derelict vehicles.

Councillor Nattaq pointed out that when some people leave Iqaluit, they also leave their vehicles, which creates a problem.

Councillor Sheppard expressed concern regarding the lack of information on the number of derelict vehicles. He commented that there is no information as to whether or not businesses will be using the program. Councillor Sheppard felt that staff needed to determine the demand and need for metal waste disposal.

Mr. Mugford advised that staff could gather information based on Council's concerns to be presented at a later meeting.

Motion #24-236

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council defers the Citywide Metal Waste Collection Program to provide Administration time to gather further information and engage with the Government of Nunavut regarding revenue generating opportunities to offset the metal waste disposal cost.

Unanimously Carried

d) Presentation – Apex Cemetery Expansion

Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, made a presentation regarding the Apex Cemetery Expansion. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Cemetery established in 2014
- Issues with drainage, ground and surface water, which have been significantly reduced
- Approximately two years of burial plots remaining
- Expand the cemetery to provide approximately 10 years of burial plots
- Known risks of flooding and drainage issues have been addressed through design
- Design proposal has been completed and tender is ready to be called
- To alleviate surface water issues
 - Area will be built up and graded
 - Ditching around the cemetery
- Addition of second gate and parking spaces
- Phase 1 will allow for 470 burial plots
- Phase 2 will allow for 238 burial plots
- Expansion allows for 24 additional infant burial plots
- Expansion will be adjacent to the existing cemetery
- Phase 1 will be tendered to be awarded by Council in September 2024
 - Stage 1 (2024) – placement of rock, culverts and markers
 - Stage 2 (2025) – recompact base, grade, install gate and pre-dig one year of burial plots
- Council approved a budget of \$3 million for the project
- Phase 1 is estimated at \$1.95 million
- Phase 2 anticipated to begin in 2030

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if there would be infill to allow for plant life to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Kerr advised that currently, the plan is to build the area up, which will be similar to the existing cemetery. He noted that there was no provision for soil for plant life.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

This item was removed from the agenda.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

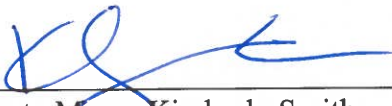
Motion #24-237

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 7:09 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Chair



Brianna Longworth
Acting City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 27th day of August 2024.

