

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #16  
AUGUST 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard, Chair  
Mayor Solomon Awa  
Councillor Swany Amarapala  
Councillor Paul Quassa  
Councillor Kimberly Smith  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**ABSENT**

Councillor Ookalik Curley  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rod Mugford, City Administrator  
Brianna Longworth, Deputy City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant  
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison  
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer and Acting Communications and  
Customer Service Manager  
Tamilore Adeleke, Acting Director of Engineering and Capital Planning  
Mathew Dodds, City Planner  
Ayomide Oyefeso, Project Officer  
Deborah Nakawungu, Lands Administrator

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Add:

9. NEW BUSINESS
  - c) Request for Decision – Wastewater/Sewer Line Cleaning and CCTV Assessment

**Motion #23-255**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

a) **City Council Meeting #15 Minutes dated August 8, 2023**

**Motion #23-256**

Moved by: Mayor Awa  
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

City Council Meeting #15 Minutes dated August 8, 2023.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. DELEGATIONS**

None

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**5. STATEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Sheppard wished to extend thoughts to friends, family and colleagues in the Northwest Territories who have been evacuated due to the wildfires. He spoke about the close ties to the City of Yellowknife. Deputy Mayor Sheppard indicated that he sent an offer of support to Mayor Rebecca Alty in Yellowknife, offering the support of resources from the City of Iqaluit, including the fire department and municipal enforcement officers, should those resources be required in the City of Yellowknife at any time.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard also extended congratulations to all of the caribou hunters who returned home safely last week with their catch and the ability to provide fresh meat for many residents of the community.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**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 – Intersection Design Study**

Tamilore Adeleke, Acting Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the Intersection Design Study.

Ms. Adeleke indicated that the presentation was as follow-up to the request for approval made at the August 8, 2023 Council meeting. She noted that the follow-up was to confirm that the full scope of the project included the high school entry and exit loop and the Saputi and Niaqunngusariaq Road intersection. Ms. Adeleke confirmed that the project scope included those areas for the specified amount of \$55,562 plus GST.

Councillor Amarapala asked for clarification on the amount of the project and whether it changed when the two streets were added to the scope of the work. Ms. Adeleke indicated that the amounts did not change and noted that she was misinformed.

**Motion #23-257**

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council awards R.V. Anderson Associates Limited the contract to undertake the High School Intersection Design Study project in the amount of \$55,562 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer, presented a Request for Decision for sponsorship of the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce - Nunavut Trade Show to be held in Iqaluit from September 18 to 21, 2023.

Mr. Byrne stated that the City of Iqaluit had been a strong supporter of the trade show in the past and he indicated that he would like to continue that this year.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard noted that this was in line with what the City has done in previous years, with the same level of support and in-kind contributions. He indicated that he felt the City should absolutely support the request.

Councillor Quassa inquired about Option 1 on the Request for Decision. Mr. Byrne clarified and explained Option 1.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the City intended on having a booth at the trade show and if a table would be purchased for the gala event.

Mr. Byrne explained that annually within the sponsorship, the City does get a booth. He noted that in years past, the booth was next to the door. He stated that the City uses the booth to promote recruitment opportunities within the city, as well as to inform residents of things that are happening and to ask questions of the City.

Mr. Byrne indicated that he was unsure as to whether gala dinner tickets were received in the past. He noted that it was not something the City implored in the past, but he stated that they could explore the option.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that it would be a good idea to have some of the City's upcoming projects, such as the traffic study, as well as recent studies, at the table during the trade show for community members. He also indicated that he would be in support of the City booking a table at the gala and having either staff or members of Council there as well.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard suggested that it would be beneficial to have some of the hands-on information from the water consultations that were done recently at the table, as it was a good opportunity to get the information to a lot of people.

Mr. Byrne noted that in past years, that was normally done. He indicated that last year, the information from the cabin consultations was at the booth. He stated that once the motion was approved by Council, he would get in contact with departments who have ongoing projects and ask them to bring those forward.

**Motion #23-258**

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala  
Seconded by: Mayor Awa

Council approves supporting the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce - Nunavut Trade Show and provide an in-kind contribution totalling \$6,350.40 to waive the fee for the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Complex, provide staff support (Public Works, Recreation and Economic Development) to assist with set up and take down, and additional daily garbage collection from the AWG Complex.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Request for Decision – Wastewater/Sewer Line Cleaning and CCTV Assessment**

Tamilore Adeleke, Acting Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the Wastewater/Sewer Line Cleaning and CCTV Assessment.

Ms. Adeleke noted that to help facilitate planning towards the sewer infrastructure upgrades, an assessment of the existing system was required. She stated that the assessment would outline the current conditions and location of the sewer infrastructure.

Ms. Adeleke indicated that the area identified as the main focal point for the assessment was Lower Iqaluit. She noted that Public Works experiences increased breaks, leaks and some serious failures in the wintertime, as well as potential movement due to permafrost, as a result of the age of the infrastructure in this area.

Ms. Adeleke stated that the successful completion of the scope of work would support the mandate to upgrade the infrastructure in the City of Iqaluit.

Councillor Smith asked for clarification surrounding the scope of work, as the RFD was for partial work. She asked if the RFD was for the cleaning and identification of problem areas and the full scope of the project would be the actual repair work required.

Ms. Adeleke indicated that the partial scope was for Happy Valley, with Lower Iqaluit included as the full scope of work. However, due to cost restraints, the work had to be reduced to Lower Iqaluit only, as this was identified as the key area in the city. Ms. Adeleke did confirm that this was for the cleaning and assessment only. She noted that any upgrades or rehabilitation that was required would be a separate project.

Mayor Awa inquired about the budget and whether the federal government would be providing any funding for the project.

Ms. Adeleke indicated that discussions with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) were held last year to fine tune the agreement. She noted that currently, they are in the final stages of signing and reviewing the funding agreement. She stated that there was a 100 percent chance of the funding coming through, as the City got verbal approval to go ahead with the tendering process.

Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification on whether the cameras were for long-term use or just a one-time use to assess the system. Ms. Adeleke indicated that this was a one-time use to assess the current conditions of the system. She noted that this would enable the City to plan for future upgrading of the sewer infrastructure system.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the cameras would then belong to the contractor and not Public Works or the City. Ms. Adeleke did not give a verbal answer, however, Councillor Stevenson indicated that he understood.

Councillor Amarapala wanted clarification that the scope of work was just for Lower Iqaluit and not for the Happy Valley subdivision as funding was not available, as she indicated that her papers included Happy Valley subdivision.

Ms. Adeleke indicated that the cost of the project was just for Lower Iqaluit. She noted that the request for Happy Valley was if Council was comfortable with funding that aspect of the project. She stated that the funding from CIRNAC could only cover the Lower Iqaluit subdivision.

Councillor Amarapala asked if a quote was provided from the contractor to see what the cost would be to include Happy Valley as well. Ms. Adeleke indicated that the combined cost for Happy Valley and Lower Iqaluit would be \$438,000. She noted that the cost would be \$247,000 for Lower Iqaluit only.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard indicated that the City should stick within the approved funding, given the other capital budget issues. He stated that there was a disparity between the recommendations and the options in the Request for Decision. He noted that he wanted it made clear that the contract was being awarded specifically for the Lower Iqaluit portion of the project, which was the recommended option.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard stated that when reading the main body of the Request for Decision, it seemed like consideration was being given to both portions of the work, and therefore it was confusing as to how the RFD was being presented.

Mayor Awa asked for clarification as to which option the motion was for. Deputy Mayor Sheppard confirmed that the motion on the floor was specifically for Option 2, which would only cover Lower Iqaluit, in the amount of \$247,980 plus GST. He noted that this would be covered by a \$250,000 grant from CIRNAC.

**Motion #23-259**

Moved by: Councillor Quassa  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council awards Tower Arctic Limited the contract to undertake the Wastewater/Sewer Line Cleaning and CCTV Assessment project for the most critical section of the City's infrastructure, namely Lower Iqaluit, and not inclusive of the Happy Valley section of the city, in the amount of \$247,980 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

**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 - Verbal

**Motion #23-260**

Moved by: Mayor Awa  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council goes In Camera at 6:22 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #23-261**

Moved by: Councillor Quassa  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:12 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #23-262**


Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Mayor Awa

Council adjourns at 7:12 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
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Kyle Sheppard  
Chair

  
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Brianna Longworth  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.