

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #19  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Solomon Awa  
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith  
Councillor Amber Aglukark  
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**ABSENT**

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer  
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk  
Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director Operations and Protective Services  
Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects  
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development  
Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #24-282**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Adoption of agenda as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated September 10, 2024**

**Motion #24-283**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated September 10, 2024.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) **City Council Meeting #17 Minutes dated September 10, 2024**

**Motion #24-284**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

City Council Meeting #17 Minutes dated September 10, 2024.

**Unanimously Carried**

c) **Special City Council Meeting #18 Minutes dated September 16, 2024**

**Motion #24-285**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Special City Council Meeting #18 Minutes dated September 16, 2024.

**Unanimously Carried**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

7. BY-LAW(S)
  - c) Third Reading of By-law (s)
    - ii. By-law No. 998, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 1, Block 232, Plan 3591

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Aglukark noted that September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation to honour the children and families affected by the residential school system. She commented that it is a day that weighs heavy on many people's hearts, but a time filled with potential for understanding and healing. Councillor Aglukark went on to say that people remember the children who were taken from their families, lives disrupted, and generations affected by the dark chapter of history. She commented that each child represents a story of family and community that has endured unimaginable pain. Councillor Aglukark wanted to honour their memory and the strength of the families who continue to seek healing.

Councillor Aglukark noted that reflections should also consider moving forward together as a community. Reconciliation requires more than acknowledgement; it calls for action and commitment from everyone. She went on to say that spaces must be created to share stories and voices of families and survivors that can be lifted and respected.

Councillor Aglukark noted that education plays a crucial role in the journey through teaching children about the history of residential schools and the impact in order to empower advocates for change. She felt it is important to encourage open dialogue and foster an environment where everyone feels safe to express their thoughts and feelings.

Councillor Aglukark felt when thinking of today's children with their laughter, dreams, and bright future, it is a reminder of the actions taken that will shape the world they inherit. She commented about the responsibility to ensure that children learn about respect, inclusivity and understanding. Councillor Aglukark noted the importance of committing to build a future where children grow up knowing the truth of history and understand the importance of empathy, compassion and connection.

Councillor Aglukark invited everyone to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of reconciliation. She suggested that during the reflection, consideration be given on how to contribute to the community to honour the past, while moving forward in strength. Councillor Aglukark felt it was important that this generation bridge the gap, foster healing and understanding for children today and future generations.

Councillor Aglukark thanked everyone who commits to the essential work on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and moving forward for a more inclusive future.

Deputy Mayor Smith thanked Councillor Aglukark for a very strong statement.

Deputy Mayor Smith reminded residents that maintenance would be taking place on emergency lines on September 25 between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. She advised that anyone needing fire and ambulance services should call 223-4422 and anyone requiring RCMP services should call 979-0123.

Mayor Awa advised that he visited Nuuk, Greenland and Timmins, Ontario. While in Nuuk, Mayor Awa visited the incinerator where household community waste is burned. He explained that using an incinerator requires less landfill space. Mayor Awa requested that consideration be given to use an incinerator in Iqaluit. Mayor Awa noted that this matter would be discussed at the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) Annual Conference.

Mayor Awa noted that the world was turning to clean energy and observing environmental sustainability. Mayor Awa felt that both the Nunavut and federal governments should consider funding similar projects for Nunavut.

Mayor Awa noted that he also attended a summit in Timmins, Ontario on substance abuse, which included both alcohol and drug abuse. He indicated that at the summit, community leaders were asked what could community leaders do to reduce substance abuse? Mayor Awa commented that most participants agreed that the focus should not only be on helping those already addicted but preventing people from becoming addicted to substance abuse.

Mayor Awa felt that it was important to understand the root cause of the addiction, help those to overcome addiction, and support families.

Mayor Awa advised that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) Annual Conference would be held from November 4 to 7, 2024 in Iqaluit.

Councillor Nattaq commented that he visited the incinerator in Nuuk several years ago, and at that time, the heat from the incinerator was used to heat buildings. Councillor Nattaq felt it was important to give consideration for an incinerator in Iqaluit.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**7. BY-LAWS**

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

- i.) By-law No. 999, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986

**Motion #24-286**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 999, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii.) By Law No. 1000, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986

**Motion #24-287**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1000, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

i.) By-law No. 999, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986

**Motion #24-288**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 999, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii.) By-law No. 1000, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986

**Motion #24-289**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1000, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 1986.

**Unanimously Carried**

iii.) By-law No. 972, Development Agreement Cost-Sharing By-law

**Motion #24-290**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 972, Development Agreement Cost-Sharing By-law.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Third Reading of By-law(s)**

i.) By-law No. 972, Development Agreement Cost-Sharing By-law

**Motion #24-291**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 972, Development Agreement Cost-Sharing By-law.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii.) By-law No. 998, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 1, Block 232, Plan 3591

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

**Motion #24-292**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 998, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 1, Block 232, Plan 3591.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting following the vote.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision – Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut Winter Program Application**

Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation, presented a Request for Decision for the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut Winter Program Application. Mr. McNeil advised that the funding would provide support and training for the successful implementation of various winter program for children ages 5 to 12, which includes a winter break camp and after school programming.

**Motion #24-293**

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council supports the application to Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut for the Winter Youth Programs.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) **Request for Decision – Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Assessment**

Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, presented a Request for Decision for Sewer Cleaning and Closed-circuit Television (CCTV) Assessment. Mr. Kerr indicated that this contract was out for tender early in the year and it came in over budget. He noted that a budget amendment was needed in order to award the contract.

**Motion #24-294**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council awards Tower Arctic Ltd. the contract to complete the Sewer Line Cleaning and CCTV Assessment Project in the amount of \$1,173,708 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

c) **Appointment for Member at Large on Development Appeal Board – Verbal**

Mayor Awa advised that there was a vacancy on the Development Appeal Board and a call-out was held for a Member at Large. Councillor Stevenson, Chair of the Development Appeal Board, recommended that John Topic be appointed as a Member at Large.

**Motion #24-295**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council appoints John Topic to the Development Appeal Board for a three-year term from 2024 to 2027.

**Unanimously Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Recreation Committee Meeting #02 – September 5, 2024 Report**

**Motion #24-296**

Moved by: Councillor Tilley  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council directs staff to develop a new system for recreation program registration.

**For – Tilley, Smith, Aglukark, Nattaq, Kunuk  
Opposed – Sheppard  
Carried**

Councillor Sheppard asked for additional information regarding the development of the new system for recreation program registration. He noted that the City was currently undertaking a holistic software review for all systems and asked if this could be included in the review.

Deputy Mayor Smith explained that the Recreation Committee wanted to develop an equitable solution for signing up for recreation programs, instead of being first come, first serve, which is filled within minutes of registration opening. Deputy Mayor Smith did not feel the development of a new system related to software. She commented that staff would have to look at developing a new system before any associated cost would be known.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Hydrology Modelling for McKeand River South” from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025, Heather Shilton, Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation**

**Motion #24-297**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley



Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Hydrology Modelling for McKeand River South” from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025, Heather Shilton, Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Legal

**Motion #24-298**

Moved by: Councillor Tilley

Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council goes In Camera at 6:32 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #24-299**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:11 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #24-300**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 7:13 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



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Mayor Solomon Awa  
Chair

A blue ink signature of Brianna Longworth, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Brianna Longworth  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.