

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #21
NOVEMBER 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Amber Aglukark

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

9. New Business
 - e) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board Nomination - Verbal

Motion #24-309

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #20 Minutes dated October 8, 2024

Motion #24-310

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

City Council Meeting #20 Minutes dated October 8, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest regarding:

7. BY-LAW(S)

c) Third and Final Reading of By-law (s)

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

v. By-law No. 993, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 24-003)

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Youth Services Hub and Non-Profit Housing Project – Support Letter Request – Verbal

Gwen Akearok, Executive and Scientific Director, Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre, made a presentation and the following are the highlights:

- Constructed and opened the Inuusirvik Community Wellness Hub
 - Non-profit owned and operated facility
 - Opened one year ago
 - Daycare and early learning centre opened in May 2024
 - Several organizations and government departments have delivered programming
 - Provides a safe place for skill development and learning
 - Impacted the community significantly
 - Programming is phasing into evenings and weekends
 - Successful youth camps were delivered during the summer
 - Building won the Canadian Architect Award of Merit for the innovative use of Inuit science and engineering concepts in the design
- Requesting support for a new development called the Tisi Project
 - Mixed-use community-driven youth wellness hub combined with non-profit staff housing units

- Youth centres are popular and necessary spaces for youth
- Dedicated safe space for youth
- Youth want and need activities and engagement to develop skills to thrive
- Will serve children and youth between the ages of five and 19
- Provide an economical and sustainable home to provide programming to improve health and well-being for children and youth
- Non-profit units on the upper floor of the building
 - Units will be two and three-bedroom
 - Provide adequate room for employees, their families and grandchildren
- Qaujigiartiit has acquired funding to complete the final drawings by March 31, 2025
- Fundraising and applications for funding are ongoing
- Planning for construction material to arrive the end of 2025
- Construction will start in 2026
- Request support for funding applications for various regional and national initiatives

Councillor Sheppard spoke about the benefits and resources the Inuusirvik Community Wellness Hub has provided for the community. Councillor Sheppard indicated that he supports the youth wellness hub as it is a much-needed space for children and youth.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Mayor Awa noted that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) held their annual meeting last week and government support was discussed.

Mayor Awa pointed out that the first Indigenous Veterans Day was held on November 8 to commemorate the service of First Nations, Inuit and Métis members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He commented on the importance of recognizing Indigenous people who were involved in the war.

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)

i.) By-law No. 987, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 24-002)

Motion #24-311

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 987, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 24-002).

Unanimously Carried

ii.) By-law No. 988, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 (GPA 24-002)

Motion #24-312

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 988, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 (GPA 24-002).

Unanimously Carried

iii.) By-law No. 989, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 24-004)

Motion #24-313

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 989, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 24-004).

Unanimously Carried

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

Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest.

Motion #24-314

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 992, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 (GPA 24-001).

Unanimously Carried

v.) By-law No. 993, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA-003)

Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest.

Motion #24-315

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 993, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA-003).

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Submission of Letter to the Utility Rate Review Council (URRC) Regarding Major Project Permit Application (MPPA)

Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning, presented a Request for Decision to Submit a Letter to the Utility Rate Review Council (URRC) Regarding a Major Project Permit Application (MPPA). He explained that Qulliq Energy Corporation has submitted a Major Project Permit Application for the replacement of gensets in Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit.

Mr. Williams noted that Council's direction is required to submit a letter on behalf of the City to the Utility Rate Review Council (URRC), addressing concerns related to the Major Project Permit Application process for essential infrastructure, specifically the proposed genset replacements.

Councillor Sheppard noted that Administration has specific items to highlight. He pointed out that the application will replace one genset, but there are other aged gensets that require replacement. He spoke about the importance of having a reliable and safe power supply that will also be adequate for the anticipated growth in the community.

Councillor Sheppard suggested advocating for additional replacement of gensets and obtaining fulsome information from Qulliq Energy Corporation relating to why the power supply reliability is very bad.

Councillor Stevenson noted that Qulliq Energy Corporation is estimating the replacement of the gensets in the three communities will cost \$33.9 million and customers will be charged to recoup the cost.

Councillor Stevenson spoke about other ways of generating energy in the territory, which are not being explored by Qulliq Energy Corporation due to lack of funds.

Councillor Stevenson felt it was important to include the City's long-term goals, green energy and a reliable energy source transition. He suggested that exploring options should be considered by the Government of Nunavut to move away from generators to allow for a better way, greener and more cost-efficient energy production.

Councillor Sheppard noted that in reviewing the application, there were multiple mistakes relating to areas within Nunavut. He expressed concern as to whether there were other errors in the document.

Mayor Awa pointed out that Nuuk, Greenland is using multiple hydropower plants. He suggested that the submission letter include consideration of hydropower plants and wind power in Nunavut.

Motion #24-316

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council directs Administration to submit a letter to the Utility Rate Review Council (URRC), on behalf of the City of Iqaluit, addressing concerns with aging gensets, frequency stability and reliability.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Kunuk commented that other energy options should be explored that do not use diesel.

b) Request for Decision – Community Development Funding 2024-2025

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision for Community Development Funding 2024-2025. He noted that the Government of Nunavut provides annual funding programs. Mr. Tumilty advised that a funding application for a total amount of \$3.5 million must be submitted for the following:

- Municipal Funding Program - \$2,189,307

- Water and Sewer Subsidy Program - \$1,257,913
- Community Lands Administration Fund - \$100,367

Motion #24-317

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the application to the Government of Nunavut for all three identified funding sources: Municipal Funding Program - \$2,189,307; Water and Sewer Subsidy Program - \$1,257,913 and Community Lands Administration Fund - \$100,367, for the total amount of \$3,547,587.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – Property Tax Exemption for Tundra Buddies Daycare Society

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision for Property Tax Exemption for Tundra Buddies Daycare Society. Mr. Tumilty explained that under By-law No. 935, Council can grant exemption for property tax for non-profit organizations.

Mr. Tumilty noted that By-law No. 935 has a cap on the annual amount of relief in the amount of \$300,000. He advised that providing an exemption to the applicant in the amount of \$11,821 would bring the total exemption amount to \$135,104.

Councillor Sheppard asked if the Tundra Buddies Daycare Society were the property owners or the occupants.

Mr. Tumilty advised that the property is federally owned and is being leased to the Tundra Buddies Daycare Society. He explained that under the federal government *Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act*, the daycare does not qualify and is subject to tax on the property.

Councillor Sheppard wanted to ensure that the exemption being provided would benefit the Society directly and would not be subsidizing the federal government. He commented that the applicant should be the federal government, on behalf of the society, as they are the owner of the property.

Mr. Tumilty explained that staff have discussed the matter with federal government staff, who have indicated they will not pay the property tax as they are exempt. He explained that if the City invoices the federal government, they will in turn bill the daycare and the daycare will have to pay the tax. Mr. Tumilty is suggesting the exemption to avoid the daycare having to pay the property tax, as they meet the requirements of By-law No. 935.

Councillor Stevenson expressed concern with setting a precedent, as the property is owned by the federal government.

Councillor Sheppard suggested that the matter be deferred to allow staff to provide fulsome information. He did not understand why the federal government would not be willing to pay taxes issued to them.

Motion #24-318

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council defers the request for property tax exemption for the Tundra Buddies Daycare Society to allow staff to provide fulsome information.

Unanimously Carried

d) Appointment of Acting Mayor – November 27 to December 2, 2024 – Verbal

Mayor Awa advised that himself, the Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor would be away from Iqaluit from November 27 to December 2. He explained that an Acting Mayor must be appointed during this time and would have signing authority for cheques.

Motion #24-319

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council appoints Councillor Sheppard as the Acting Mayor from Wednesday, November 27 to Monday, December 2, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

e) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board Nomination - Verbal

Mayor Awa advised that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) nominated him as a representative to the Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Mayor Awa commented that this was a unique opportunity to have a stronger voice on issues relating to housing, infrastructure and climate change that affect Iqaluit and other similar communities. He noted that being a representative on the board provides the opportunity to share experiences and challenges faced by northern communities and to advocate for solutions that reflect the realities of a northern climate. Mayor Awa also

pointed out that stronger relationships can be built with other municipalities and valuable resources and ideas can be accessed that will benefit Iqaluit.

Motion #24-320

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council supports Mayor Awa's nomination as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Internet Practices of Canadian Youth” from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Melissa Martineau, National Cybercrime Coordination Centre (NC3), Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

Motion #24-321

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Internet Practices of Canadian Youth” from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Melissa Martineau, National Cybercrime Coordination Centre (NC3), Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Unanimously Carried

- b) **Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “How would an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit based Education System Contribute to the Well-Being and Self-Regulation of Neurodiverse Nunavut Inuit Learners”, October 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025, Jennifer Noah, Piruqatigiit Resource Centre and Lakehead University**

Motion #24-322

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “How would an Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit based Education System Contribute to the Well-Being and Self-Regulation of Neurodiverse Nunavut Inuit Learners”, October 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025, Jennifer Noah, Piruqatigiit Resource Centre and Lakehead University.

Unanimously Carried

c) Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre – Youth Services Hub and Non-Profit Housing Project – Letter of Support

Motion #24-323

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council provides a letter of support to the Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre – Youth Services Hub and Non-Profit Housing Project for the funding applications for the Tisi Project.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24-324

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council adjourns at 6:53 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



FOR:


Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

*HARRY Flaherty, Alternate
Deputy Mayor*



Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 26th day of November 2024.