

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #22
AUGUST 23, 2022 at 5:59 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Solomon Awa
Councillor Ookalik Curley
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

ABSENT

Councillor Paul Quassa
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant/Acting City Clerk
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer
Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning
Nisar Ghani, Superintendent - Landfill

Mayor Bell welcomed Premier P.J. Akeegok, The Honourable Adam Lightstone and Major Sean Brinkema to the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 5:59 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #22-287

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Public Hearing #04 Minutes dated August 9, 2022**

Motion #22-288

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Public Hearing #04 Minutes dated August 9, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

b) **City Council Meeting #19 Minutes dated August 9, 2022**

Motion #22-289

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

City Council Meeting #19 Minutes dated August 9, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

c) **Emergency City Council Meeting #20 Minutes dated August 12, 2022**

Motion #22-290

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Emergency City Council Meeting #20 Minutes dated August 12, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

d) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #07 Minutes dated August 16, 2022**

Motion #22-291

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #07 Minutes dated August 16, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Report – July 2022**

Staff Sergeant Robert Gallant, Iqaluit RCMP, presented the July 2022 Monthly Report and provided answers to various questions.

Councillor Nattaq advised that his canoe was damaged in July and is not usable, however, he did not report the incident.

Staff Sergeant Gallant explained that Councillor Nattaq should contact the RCMP and report the damage, even though the crime happened a month ago.

There was a discussion regarding the proactive beach patrols, which are resulting in less calls for service.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Awa extended his praise to the team on the successful bowhead whale hunt.

Councillor Smith advised that she would be absent for the September 13th Council Meeting and the September 20th Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Councillor Nattaq advised that the dock is completed and the road leading to the dock requires upgrades and funding support.

Councillor Curley noted that she has been visiting other communities in August and September and she tries to arrange her visits around meetings. She advised that she would be away from August 26 to September 7, 2022.

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)**

- i) Traffic Safety By-law No. 943, Amendment to By-law No. 894

Motion #22-292

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves First Reading of Traffic Safety By-law No. 943, amendment to By-law No. 894.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) Impounded Vehicle and Equipment By-law No. 944

Motion #22-293

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves First Reading of Impounded Vehicle and Equipment By-law No. 944.

Unanimously Carried

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

- i) Traffic Safety By-law No. 943, Amendment to By-law No. 894

Motion #22-294

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Second Reading of Traffic Safety By-law No. 943, amendment to By-law No. 894, and further, that the fine in Section 2.26 be set at \$1,000.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Nattaq noted that some people are not stopping at stop signs and if they do stop, they are not aware of who has the right of way, which causes safety concerns.

Deputy Mayor Awa pointed out that the Inuktitut wording on stop signs and speed limit signs must be improved.

Councillor Stevenson asked for a summary on why the amendments were needed.

Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief, explained that amendments to the Traffic Safety By-law were needed due to an increase in complaints and incidents that are happening in the community, that were not addressed in the previous by-law.

Mr. Mugford pointed out that at a previous meeting, safety concerns were raised regarding traffic stopping haphazardly, which has been included under Section 2.18. He also explained that Municipal Enforcement has limited powers under the *Traffic Safety Act*, which allows them to lay charges, but are unable to prosecute. Mr. Mugford noted that legislation will soon allow Municipal Enforcement the ability to prosecute under the *Traffic Safety Act*.

Mr. Mugford advised that a review of the traffic signs, in conjunction with the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and universal signage and pavement markings, is underway. He noted that a report will be provided regarding the language that is required on traffic signs, as well as a master plan to achieve uniform traffic signage.

Councillor Smith felt that the fine set out in Section 2.26 for passing a school bus when red lights are engaged should be increased from \$500 to \$1,000, as this is a dangerous act. She expressed concern when children cross the street behind the bus instead of in front of the bus.

Mr. Mugford advised that the fine has been increased from \$375 to \$500, but Council has the ability to set the fine amount. He noted that people are not willing to provide a statement when they witness vehicles passing a school bus when the red lights are engaged, therefore drivers cannot be charged.

Mr. Mugford explained that he has sent correspondence to the Iqaluit District Education Authority (IDEA) regarding safety when loading and unloading children and is hoping a meeting will be held within the next month.

Mayor Bell agreed that the fine amount in Section 2.26 should be set at \$1,000.

Deputy Mayor Awa suggested that Section 2.30 should include the required length between two travelling vehicles. He also suggested that Section 2.32 should include unattended fire hoses or fire suppression equipment.

Mr. Mugford explained that a distance or measurement is not possible to include as it would be difficult to prove the distance or measurement in court. He noted that it is the officer's opinion that the driver was unreasonably close when there is a motor vehicle collision which was the result of travelling too close.

Mr. Mugford explained that Section 2.32 is to protect fire hoses and equipment and allows charges if a driver does not follow direction at a fire scene.

Councillor Curley asked that the community be advised of the by-law and associated fines. Mayor Bell explained that City staff are on the radio every Thursday to provide updates and information to the community.

Mayor Bell inquired about the time frame to have vehicles removed from the side of the road. Mr. Mugford explained that the Traffic, Parking and Walkways By-law is enforced and tickets are issued for parking on roadways. He noted that a vehicle is towed immediately if it is impeding traffic, otherwise a 72-hour notice is affixed to the vehicle and if it is not removed, it is towed and impounded.

ii) Impounded Vehicle and Equipment By-law No. 944

Motion #22-295

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Second Reading of Impounded Vehicle and Equipment By-law No. 944.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson inquired about the reason for the Impounded Vehicle and Equipment By-law No. 944.

Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief, explained that the by-law provides additional authority to the Traffic Safety By-law No. 943. The by-law allows Municipal Enforcement to hold an impounded vehicle past 24 hours, when there is an outstanding fee or fine in the form of a Summary Offence Ticket. The impounded vehicle or equipment is not released until payment of the Summary Offence Ticket is made.

Councillor Stevenson asked if outstanding fines and tickets are required to be paid prior to driver license and vehicle registration renewals.

Mr. Mugford explained that once the court levies a conviction and a fine is issued, the information is compiled and sent to the Government of Nunavut Economic Development and Transportation Motor Vehicle Services, which requires payment of outstanding fines prior to renewal of a license and/or registration. He noted that at this time, he is unable to directly enter the information into the Government of Nunavut's computer system due to remote security concerns.

Deputy Mayor Awa asked if there was a time limit to hold impounded vehicles. Mr. Mugford advised that there are a number of factors that must be considered prior to disposing of impounded vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Awa asked about the procedure to dispose of vehicles. Mr. Mugford explained that once the disposal of assets inventory from all departments have been completed, the list will be presented to Council for approval.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

- i. Land Disposal By-law No. 942

Motion #22-296

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Curley

Council approves Third and Final Reading of Land Disposal By-law No. 942.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Local Radio Application to Government of Nunavut – Verbal

Mayor Bell explained that the City of Iqaluit is the only community in Nunavut that does not have a local radio station.

Motion #22-297

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council directs staff to apply to the Government of Nunavut Department of Culture and Heritage for funding for community radio.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Smith felt that having a local radio station would enable Council and Committee meetings to be aired instead of just being streamed on Facebook.

Councillors spoke in favour of the radio station and it was hoped that Council and Committee meetings would be aired in both English and Inuktitut.

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 19 to 22, 2022.

Motion #22-298

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves supporting the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce - Nunavut Trade Show and provide an in-kind contribution totalling \$5,191.20 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.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Awa pointed out that private sector sponsorship is noted based on their level of support. He asked if the City of Iqaluit sponsorship would also be noted. Mr. Byrne advised that the request would be made.

c) 2022 Water Shortage Emergency Update – Verbal

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, provided the following update on the water shortage emergency and the steps taken to fill Lake Geraldine Reservoir prior to winter:

- Following the City's declaration of a Local State of Emergency, The Honourable Joanna Quassa, Acting Minister of Community and Government Services declared a State of Emergency under Nunavut's *Emergency Measures Act*.
- Requested the Water Board issue the emergency amendment to the City of Iqaluit's Water License to allow the City to take the necessary steps to fill Lake Geraldine Reservoir prior to winter.
- Confirmation was received yesterday that a recommendation was submitted to approve the emergency amendment.
- A fisheries baseline assessment has been completed as requested by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- Road resurfacing and upgrades have been completed to Qikiqtaalik Lake.
- A request was submitted and approved to borrow hoses from the Government of Nunavut Community and Government Services.
 - The first load was picked up and delivered to Qikiqtaalik Lake yesterday.
- The City's generator was serviced and tested and will be used.
- HDPE pipe was also delivered to the site and is being mobilized.
- Pumps have been sourced and will be flown up within the next few days.
- Canadian North has assisted in expediting the essential equipment.
- Pending ministerial approval, pumping operations will commence on September 1.

Deputy Mayor Awa asked if the City needs to extend their Local State of Emergency. Ms. Elgersma explained that when the Minister of Community and Government Services declares a territorial State of Emergency, it supersedes the City's Local State of Emergency.

Councillor Stevenson asked what pumps were used in 2019. Ms. Elgersma explained that in 2019, the pumps were rented from down south and returned. At the time, it was determined that there was a cost benefit to rent the pumps. She explained that staff are looking into purchasing the pumps so they will remain in Iqaluit and available to use if a similar problem arises in the future.

Councillor Nattaq pointed out that the creeks that flow into the lake have dried up and it will probably be the same next season. He felt that it was important to have pipeline and equipment available to use when needed.

Ms. Elgersma explained that staff and consultants will review and determine the necessary steps should this happen again in the future.

Deputy Mayor Awa noted that a long-term water supply will be required to fill Lake Geraldine Reservoir. He commented that the lack of water hinders development in the city. Deputy Mayor Awa suggested that a meeting be held with the Hunters and Trappers Organization to consider what water can be taken from the Sylvia Grinnell Lake.

Mayor Bell noted that Ms. Elgersma has met with the Hunters and Trappers Organization and they oppose taking any water from the Sylvia Grinnell River.

Ms. Elgersma reminded Councillors that there is a presentation from Nunami Stantec, which summarizes the long-term water supply options from the Sylvia Grinnell River and Qikiqtaalik Lake. Ms. Elgersma pointed out that Council would have to make a decision soon regarding the long-term water supply.

Councillor Nattaq commented that perhaps water can be taken from the river prior to fish coming upstream and before they go downstream.

Mayor Bell asked if the recent rain has helped the water situation. Ms. Elgersma explained that whenever the water was high enough to allow pumping within the permit, there was still a decrease of water in the reservoir due to the amount of water being used. She noted that with the combination of rain and pumping, the level of water in the reservoir remains steady. She advised that pumping from Qikiqtaalik Lake is still required.

d) Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Agreement Authorization – Verbal

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that there is funding under the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for the long-term water supply. She

noted that based on the Signing Authority and Expenditure Approval By-law No. 904, the Chief Administrative Officer and Mayor are required to sign federal agreements.

Ms. Elgersma explained that work has been underway with Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund staff, as well as a legal review by City counsel. She advised that the City's legal counsel has recommend that based on the amount of the funding for the project, that Council should approve a resolution.

Motion #22-299

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Council enters into an agreement with Infrastructure Canada under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund in the amount of \$214 million for the City of Iqaluit's Long-term Water Supply Project.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole #07 Report

Motion #22-300

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves:

1. Development Permit Application DP 22-027 to allow the development of an 18-unit stacked row dwelling, subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions of approval in Attachment 1, and as shown on the plans in Attachment 3.
2. Variance to Section 6.1 (a) of Zoning By-law No. 899 to reduce the minimum number of parking spaces from 21 to 18.
3. Variance to Section 4.1 (c) of Zoning By-law No. 899 to reduce the minimum setback for an accessory structure (retaining wall) to a rear lot line from 1.0 metre to zero metres.
4. Variance to Section 4.1 (d) of Zoning By-law No. 899 to increase the maximum height for an accessory structure (retaining wall) from 4.0 metres to 4.3 metres.
5. Variance to Section 10.8 of Zoning By-law No. 899 to increase the permitted maximum height for a stacked row dwelling from 10.5 metres to 10.8 metres.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Nunavut Research Institute – Application “Cannabis in our Communities - A Focus on Inuit Youth and Maternal Health and Well-being”, Reyna Uriarte, Manager of Health and Wellness Department, Pauktuutit Women of Canada**

Motion #22-301

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

Motion #22-302

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council goes In Camera at 7:13 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #22-303

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:47 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #22-304

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Council awards the contract for staff housing assessment to Scion Advisory Services in the amount of \$42,375 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #22-305

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Council selects the city model for the City of Iqaluit Waste Management Operational Business Plan.

**For – Awa, Curley, Smith
Opposed – Nattaq, Stevenson
Carried**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22-306

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 8:49 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



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Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor

*done by
Solomon Awa*

Handwritten signature of Tammy Ernst-Doiron in blue ink.

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

A/CITY CLERK

Approved by City Council on the 13th day of September 2022.