

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #28  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Solomon Awa, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Ookalik Curley  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Paul Quassa  
Councillor Kimberly Smith  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief /Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Add:

9. NEW BUSINESS
  - i) Council Orientation Discussion

**Motion #22-390**

Moved by: Councillor Quassa  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

a) **City Council Meeting #27 Minutes dated October 25, 2022**

**Motion #22-391**

Moved by: Councillor Quassa  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

City Council Meeting #27 Minutes dated October 25, 2022.

**For – Curley, Quassa, Sheppard, Smith, Stevenson, Tilley  
Opposed – Nattaq  
Carried**

b) **Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated October 24, 2022**

**Motion #22-392**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated October 24, 2022.

**For – Curley, Quassa, Sheppard, Smith, Stevenson  
Opposed – Nattaq, Tilley  
Carried**

Councillor Nattaq voted against the approval of the minutes due to the increase in taxes.

Councillor Tilley voted against the approval of the minutes because he was approached by hunters to vote against tax increases, as they have to pay bills instead of going hunting.

Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk, explained that the minutes of a meeting are a record of the actions taken during a meeting. She went on to explain that if a councillor is opposed to a certain action, then they would vote against the motion when it is made.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

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

Acting Staff Sergeant Robert Daley, Iqaluit RCMP, presented the September 2022 Monthly Report and provided answers to various questions.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard thanked the RCMP for dealing with all of the calls regarding the tampering with Halloween candy, being kind to the children involved, and extended appreciation to the officers for replacing the candy that was taken from the children.

Councillor Quassa asked for more information on the Getting to Know Elders program.

Acting Staff Sergeant Daley explained that they are developing projects or tasks for new members to connect with the community by learning history, Inuit culture and Inuit expectations of the RCMP in order to have a positive impact.

Councillor Nattaq expressed concern regarding the interaction that he had with police officers not listening to him, talking over him and not responding to calls.

Acting Staff Sergeant Daley commented that not all officers stationed in Nunavut have understanding and respect and that is the reason for the projects or tasks - to learn about the community and residents. He apologized for the lack of respect Councillor Nattaq received, which is not acceptable and is not reflective on all of the members in Iqaluit.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Quassa welcomed all of the mayors from Nunavut attending meetings in Iqaluit.

Mayor Awa noted that the Nunavut Planning Commission would be meeting next week in Iqaluit and Deputy Mayor Sheppard would be attending on behalf of Council.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i) 2023 Mill Rate By-law No. 948

**Motion #22-393**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves First Reading of 2023 Mill Rate By-law No 948.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

- i) 2023 Mill Rate By-law No. 948

**Motion #22-394**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Second Reading of 2023 Mill Rate By-law No. 948.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

- i) By-law No. 947 Council Indemnity Amending By-law No. 866

**Motion #22-395**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 947 Council Indemnity Amending By-law No. 866.

**Unanimously Carried**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Vacant City Council Seat – Verbal**

Mayor Awa noted that there is a vacant Council seat and asked Council what they wanted to do fill the seat.

Councillor Quassa commented that currently, there are four elected councillors and four newly appointed councillors. Councillor Quassa preferred to not fill the vacant seat at this time as there is an election in October 2023. He reported that residents are asking if the appointed councillors are the majority of Council.

Councillor Smith agreed that it would be in the best interest to wait until the election. She asked if not filling the vacant seat would be a breach under the *Nunavut Elections Act*.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that Council may choose to appoint a councillor, which has been done in the past; choose the next person from the original voters list; or keep the position vacant for the remainder of the term.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard agreed that the seat should be left vacant, however, he would like confirmation from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer that the seat can remain vacant for the remainder of the term.

Ms. Elgersma advised that an opinion can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Awa advised that the matter of filling the vacant Council seat would be deferred until the next Council meeting, to allow staff time to obtain an opinion from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

**b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole – Vice Chair – Verbal**

**Motion #22-396**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Councillor Tilley was appointed as Vice Chair to the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Taxi Review Committee – Vice Chair – Verbal**

**Motion #22-397**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Councillor Tilley was appointed as Vice Chair to the Taxi Review Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Public Safety Committee – Chair – Verbal**

**Motion #22-398**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Mayor Awa was appointed as Chair to the Public Safety Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

**e) Recreation Committee – Chair – Verbal**

**Motion #22-399**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Councillor Smith was appointed as Chair to the Recreation Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-400**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Councillor Tilley was appointed as Vice Chair to the Recreation Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

Deputy Mayor Sheppard requested Council's consent to add the Appointment of the Mayor's Representative for the Search and Rescue Committee.

Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk, noted that Councillor Quassa was appointed as the Mayor's Representative for the Search and Rescue Committee.

It was indicated that Councillor Quassa wanted to be replaced.

**Motion #22-401**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council amends the agenda by adding 9. New Business – j) Appointment of the Mayor’s Representative for the Search and Rescue Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

**f) Request for Decision – Long-term Water Supply Project**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award the contract for engineering consultant for the design of the weir, which is needed for the long-term water supply project.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the work is required in order to obtain flow data, which is required when submitting the application to the Nunavut Water Board.

Councillor Smith asked for clarification on the required extensive and historical data.

Mr. Ghosh noted that only sporadic data has been collected over the past couple of years. He explained that by installing the weir, data will be collected regularly that can be combined with the sporadic data and presented with the application to the Nunavut Water Board.

Councillor Nattaq expressed once again his concern regarding Ski-doo’s travelling on the water supply during the winter and asked if the design should include fencing. He indicated that since 1960, the lake is used as a major trail to access the land in the winter for hunting. He felt that if the Unnamed Lake was used as a secondary water supply, it would also need fencing.

Councillor Tilley asked if the request to award the contract for engineering services was because the cost was in excess of the Purchasing By-law.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that this item had been included in the 2023 Capital Budget under the Disaster and Mitigation Adaptation Funding. She advised that the award requires Council’s approval, as it is not in the 2022 Capital Budget.

Councillor Tilley noted the staff recommendation is to award the contract to construct the weir, subject to future year budget approval. He asked for clarification as to whether the Request for Proposal was for a design build weir.

Mr. Ghosh advised that the Request for Proposal was not a design build. He provided background information on the project for clarification. Mr. Ghosh explained that Tetra Tech Canada Inc. will design the weir, and pending future year budget approval, they will produce a Request for Tender to construct the weir based on their design.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked how much of the project would be managed in-house or whether the project consultant would monitor the project.

Ms. Elgersma explained that this portion of the project needed to be fast tracked to ensure that the required flow data is obtained. She pointed out that a Request for Decision would be presented to Council to award project management services, which will provide all of the milestones and actions for the project.

**Motion #22-402**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council awards Tetra Tech Canada Inc. a contract to complete design services for the weir design in the amount of \$117,766 plus GST, and further, subject to future budget approval, awards Tetra Tech Canada Inc. a contract to complete services during construction for the weir in the amount of \$225,438 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

**g) Authorization for Mayor to Act on a Part-time Basis Appointment – Verbal**

**Motion #22-403**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves that Mayor Awa can act on a part-time basis for the remaining term of office, which expires in October 2023.

**Unanimously Carried**

**h) Remuneration for Part-time Mayor Appointment – Verbal**

**Motion #22-404**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the part-time mayor position salary at \$5,000 per month and does not provide any benefits or lieu hour entitlements.

**Unanimously Carried**

**i) Council Orientation Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Sheppard noted that with the number of new councillors, he felt it would be beneficial to have an informal Council orientation in early January 2023. He felt that the orientation could be carried out by staff and councillors.



**Motion #22-405**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council directs Administration to start planning for an informal Council orientation to be held in early January 2023.

**Unanimously Carried**

**j) Appointment of Mayor's Representative for the Search and Rescue Committee**

**Motion #22-406**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Councillor Nattaq was appointed as the Mayor's Representative for the Search and Rescue Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Legal
- Labour

**Motion #22-407**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council goes In Camera at 7:07 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-408**

Moved by: Councillor Quassa  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:27 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-409**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council amends the agenda to remove the In Camera labour item.

**Unanimously Carried**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #22-410**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council adjourns at 7:29 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



Solomon Awa  
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 22nd day of November 2022.