

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #31  
DECEMBER 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Solomon Awa  
Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Swany Amarapala  
Councillor Ookalik Curley  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kimberly Smith  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**ABSENT**

Councillor Paul Quassa

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant  
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning  
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

Mayor Awa noted that Councillor Quassa was not in attendance as he was out of town.

**SWEARING IN**

Swearing in an appointed councillor will be done under:

9. New Business
  - a) City Councillor Appointment – Motion Requested – Swearing In

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Change:

**12. IN CAMERA**

1. Separate into two separate items – making five In Camera items

**Motion #22-440**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

**a) City Council Meeting #29 Minutes dated November 22, 2022**

**Motion #22-441**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

City Council Meeting #29 Minutes dated November 22, 2022.

**Unanimously Carried**

**b) Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated November 24, 2022**

**Motion #22-442**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated November 24, 2022.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Special City Council Meeting #30 Minutes dated November 25, 2022**

**Motion #22-443**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Special City Council Meeting #30 Minutes dated November 25, 2022.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### 3. DELEGATIONS

#### a) 123 Go – Christmas Games

This item was not dealt with as the presenter was not in attendance.

#### b) Arctic Inspiration Prize (AIP) – Prize Partner

Darlene Nuqingaq, Nunavut Region Manager, invited Council to join the Arctic Inspiration Prize (AIP) Team as a Prize Partner by contributing \$10,000 yearly for a three-year period, with the possibility of renewal. She noted that the other two territorial capital cities are already a Prize Partner and contribute \$10,000 yearly.

Ms. Nuqingaq provided information on AIP and the following are the highlights:

- Indigenous owned corporations, businesses and organizations in Nunavut and the north contribute annually
- Inspires southern organizations and businesses to do the same
- AIP motto “For the North, By the North”
- Largest prize in Canada
- Provides 12 laureates from six northern regions with up to \$3.7 million of seed funding for innovative projects
- There are three categories
  - \$1 million category has one winner
  - Up to \$500,000 category has up to four winners
  - Up to \$100,000 youth category has up to seven winners
- In 2020, the Iqaluit Music Society won \$1 million for the Imaa – Like This Project
- This year, Iqaluit has two finalists
  - Youth category – Mac Pavia, Team Leader
  - \$1 million category- Iilitaqsinik (formerly known as the Nunavut Literacy Council)
- Over the past 12 years, many Iqaluit teams have benefitted from the AIP
- AIP encourages diverse teams to work together to create a positive change in various areas
- Prize Partners have their logo on the AIP website and displayed at awards ceremonies
- Initial prize seed money has led to other funding so projects are sustained and grown

Deputy Mayor Sheppard indicated that Iqaluit had past laureates. He noted that over the years, the community has greatly benefitted from various services. Deputy Mayor Sheppard commented that the City has already approved the 2023 budget and pointed out that the City is developing a Giving Policy, which could be used to help AIP in future years.

Mayor Awa thanked Ms. Nuqingaq for the presentation and advised that Council would consider the request.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

None

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND Tabled ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i.) By-law No. 949 Land Disposal for Lot 940, Plan 3596, Butler Building

**Motion #22-444**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 949 Land Disposal for Lot 940, Plan 3596, Butler Building.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii.) By-law No. 950 Land Disposal for Portion of Lot 193, Plan 576

**Motion #22-445**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 950 Land Disposal for Portion of Lot 193, Plan 576.

**Unanimously Carried**

iii.) By-law No. 951 Land Acquisition for Lot 21, Plan 674

**Motion #22-446**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 951 Land Acquisition for Lot 21, Plan 674.

**Unanimously Carried**

iv.) By-law No. 952 to Amend the Land Administration By-law No. 897

**Motion #22-447**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 952 to amend the Land Administration By-law No. 897.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

i.) By-law No. 949 Land Disposal for Lot 940, Plan 3596, Butler Building

**Motion #22-448**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 949 Land Disposal for Lot 940, Plan 3596, Butler Building.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii.) By-law No. 950 Land Disposal for Portion of Lot 193, Plan 576

**Motion #22-449**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 950 Land Disposal for a portion of Lot 193, Plan 576.

**Unanimously Carried**

iii.) By-law No. 951 Land Acquisition for Lot 21, Plan 674

**Motion #22-450**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 951 Land Acquisition for Lot 21, Plan 674.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

i.) By-law No. 945 Debt Forgiveness By-law

**Motion #22-451**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 945 Debt Forgiveness By-law.

**Unanimously Carried**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **City Councillor Appointment – Motion Requested – Swearing In**

**Motion #22-452**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council appoints Swany Amarapala to Council.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Amarapala was sworn in as an appointed councillor.

**b) Request for Decision – Arctic Winter Games Arena Floor Repairs –  
Phase II**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award the contract for Administration and Inspection Services for Phase II of the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena floor repairs.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the Request for Proposal for the AWG Arena floor repairs included a quote for a contract for Administration and Inspection Services in the amount of \$93,000.

Mr. Ghosh noted that additional funding for the project was obtained and would be used for the Administration and Inspection Services Contract.

**Motion #22-453**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council awards the contract for Administration and Inspection Services for Phase II of the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena floor repairs to Concentric Associates International Incorporated in the amount of \$93,000 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Request for Decision – Lift Station No. 1 and Septage Receiving Station –  
Preparation of Pre-Purchase Packages and Early Procurement of Long  
Lead Time Equipment**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for preparation of pre-purchase packages and early procurement of long lead time equipment for upgrades to Lift Station No. 1 and Septage Receiving Station.

Mr. Ghosh noted that this item was not included in the 2023 budget and has two items:

- Design and tender document to be prepared by Stantec in the amount of \$54,000
- Procurement in the amount of \$1.4 million

Mr. Ghosh is recommending that the design and tender documents be prepared and at a later date, a decision can be made on procuring the components. He explained that the timeline to call the tender would be October or November 2023 so that the components would be on the first sealift in 2024.

Councillor Stevenson noted that a tender would be called in 2023 for an unbudgeted 2024 item. He also expressed concern that Council would be awarding a tender for a large amount of money right before or after a Council election.

**Motion #22-454**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves a Change Order to Stantec Consulting Limited to complete pre-purchase packages for Lift Station No. 1 and Septage Receiving Station in the amount of \$54,585 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Request for Decision – Solid Waste Facility Upgrades – Landfill Lagoon Construction Options**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for landfill lagoon construction options.

Mr. Ghosh advised that initial investigation on the lagoon site found the same soil conditions as in Cell No. 1. He advised that there are two very expensive options. However, there is a less expensive third option: to conduct a soil investigation, which would provide information in order to make a recommendation on the best way to proceed.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the original contract was \$11.73 million and with the concerns with the lagoons, the cost would increase by 35 percent.

**Motion #22-455**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves an additional engineering cost in the amount of \$35,000 plus GST to undertake a borehole program to better define the conditions under the lagoons.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Stevenson noted that geotechnical studies were carried out in 2016 on the site and asked Mr. Ghosh if he reviewed the studies and if they differed from the current results. He also noted that the site is very large and asked if the lagoons and cells could be constructed in a more suitable area on the site.

Mr. Ghosh advised that during the design phase, a consultant was engaged to carry out soil investigations, however, due to the time of year, all of the access points could not be accessed and an aerial survey was carried out. It was noted that the Request for Proposal to design the facility included a condition that additional boreholes would have to be drilled. Mr. Ghosh noted that a few additional boreholes were drilled but they were not extensive throughout the site.



Mr. Ghosh explained that he has discussed the results of the boreholes with consultants who advised that there could be variations in boreholes that are 50 metres apart. Mr. Ghosh did question the explanation and he would like to engage a forensic analysis or consultant to review the matter to determine the root cause, however, there would be an additional cost.

Councillor Stevenson clarified that moving infrastructure to another area was pending a forensic analysis.

Mr. Ghosh explained that in order to move forward and be ready for the next construction season, he is recommending undertaking a borehole program. Mr. Ghosh would like to review the documents from the work that was carried out a few years ago to better understand the situation, which will help him to determine if a forensic analysis should be undertaken.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard noted that there has been a change in the permafrost and asked if it was practical to construct infrastructure on a permafrost base and if so, how would the risks be mitigated from the permafrost sinking deeper.

Mr. Ghosh explained that a consultant has been engaged to provide a thermal model for the leachate pond and the results are not yet available.

**e) Request for Decision – Planning and Development Lands Administration Support Services**

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Request for Decision for Planning and Development Lands Administration Support Services. Mr. Mugford explained that Northern Futures provides contracted Planning and Development support services and the contract amount for 2022 is not sufficient to provide the level of service for Planning and Development and Lands Administration.

Mr. Mugford noted that the original contract was for the development review and planning advisory support. He noted that since September, the Lands Administration position has been vacant and has been supported by Northern Futures.

Mr. Mugford explained that approval is required for a Change Order in the amount of \$258,000 to increase the Service Contract for Planning and Development and Lands Administration for 2022.

**Motion #22-456**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the Change Order request to Service Contract SC-00240.

**Unanimously Carried**

**f) Request for Decision – Dispatch Systems (CAD, RMS, Radio) –  
Recommendation of Award**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the implementation of a new radio system and tower construction.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the lowest bidder tender amount was \$769,610 and the budget amount for the project is \$350,000. He is recommending finding additional funding for the project, as there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP who are collaborating on the project.

**Motion #22-457**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council awards the Construction Services Contract to complete the erection of the radio tower and implementation of a new radio system on the Dispatch Systems (CAD, RMS, Radio) Requirements Study Project to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$769,610 plus GST.

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

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked for the details of the tender. Mr. Ghosh explained that the tender includes the supply of the tower and associated equipment, as well as installation. He noted that a temporary tower would be erected until the permanent tower was in place.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard expressed concern that capital projects are 100 to 150 percent over the budget amount. He asked what items would be cut from the 2023 Capital Spending Plan to cover the additional cost of the project.

Mr. Mugford advised that the 2023 Capital Spending Plan has not been amended. He noted that Administration would review the project costs and report back to Council.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole #02  
Report – November 24, 2022

**Motion #22-458**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council implements Nunavut's Black History Society Calls of Actions as follows:

1. Encourage and seek qualified Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) candidates for employment.
2. Ensure equitable and proportional representation is followed.
3. Provide a signed letter to the Nunavut Black History Society outlining the City's current response and capabilities to the Calls of Action, and further request consultation regarding the three requested motions in Section 6.
4. Provide Nunavut Black History Society with a written letter of support for funding applications related to breaking the cycle of systemic racism.
5. Work with the Public Safety Committee to develop an Anti-racism Communications Campaign.
6. Seek external funding for costs related to additional staff training and communication campaigns around anti-racism.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-459**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council adopts the Communications Policy as amended, and further, that the definition of media relation will be reviewed by Council.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-460**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council accepts the 2023 Economic Development projects as presented, and further, that a written report outlining the projects be presented to Council.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-461**

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council directs staff to further pursue the idea of a circular economy and in particular, a ReStore.

**Unanimously Carried**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission Letter – Motion Requested**

**Motion #22-462**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council approves a community visit by the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission between March 5 and March 25, 2023.

**Unanimously Carried**

**b) Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) Annual General Meeting – November 2022 - Information**

A letter was received from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) advising that Mayor Awa was elected to the NAM Board as an Alternate Regional Director Qikiqtaaluk.

This was for Council's information.

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

**Motion #22-463**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council goes In Camera at 7:02 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-464**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-465**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Stantec's proposal to complete an analysis of fisheries and hydrological information of Apex River to support the request to Department of Fisheries and Oceans for increased water withdrawal for a cost of \$91,114.12 plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #22-466**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council directs staff to begin the application process as outlined and form a partnership group, similar to the 2021 approved affordable housing project, and to seek out additional partnership expressions of interest from all non-profit organizations that would meet the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's application requirements under the Rapid Housing Initiative.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Stevenson provided an explanation for new councillors regarding delegations making presentations to Council. He explained the process to follow if any councillors wanted to proceed with a motion regarding their request.

Mayor Awa noted that there would be a Councillor Orientation in January 2023.

Mr. Mugford noted that Council has requested Administration to develop the Councillor Orientation. Since then, Government of Nunavut Community and Government Services has offered to provide the Councillor Orientation.

Mr. Mugford asked for Council's direction on how to proceed and if Administration should develop the Councillor Orientation or accept Community and Government Services offer.

Councillor Stevenson noted that in the past, there have been several different presenters for Councillor Orientation. He felt that Administration providing the Councillor Orientation would be acceptable.

Mayor Awa asked that Administration provide the Councillor Orientation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22-467

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council adjourns at 8:22 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



*[Signature]*  
Solomon Awa *Kyle Sheppard*  
Deputy Mayor

*FOR Katrina Sarmiento*  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron *Katrina Sarmiento*  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.