

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #31
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Solomon Awa
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Sheila Flaherty
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor John Fawcett – via teleconference
Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

1. Minutes
 - d) Special City Council Meeting #29 dated November 5, 2021

Motion #21-361

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

- a) **Emergency City Council Meeting #26 dated October 26, 2021**

Motion #21-362

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Emergency City Council Meeting #26 Minutes dated October 26, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

b) City Council Meeting #27 dated October 26, 2021

Motion #21-363

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

City Council Meeting #27 Minutes dated October 26, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

c) Emergency City Council Meeting #28 dated November 2, 2021

Motion #21-364

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Emergency City Council Meeting #28 Minutes dated November 2, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

d) Special City Council Meeting #29 dated November 5, 2021

Motion #21-365

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Special City Council Meeting #29 Minutes dated November 5, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Graham Steele, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut, and Nastia Mullen, Law Program graduate, were in attendance to provide an overview of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPPA) which promotes good government, protects information and ensures there is transparency.

Commissioner Steele noted that ATIPPA does not currently apply to municipalities in Nunavut, however, legislation is in place for municipalities to implement ATIPPA. He briefly explained staffing and software requirements, and noted once in effect, it will apply to historical documents, with a few exemptions.

Councillor Sheppard felt ATIPPA should be incorporated in the Strategic Plan and implemented before the next Municipal election.

Councillor Flaherty agreed with Councillor Sheppard and asked that ATIPPA be added to the next Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole agenda.

A number of councillors asked various questions relating to how ATIPPA worked, which Commissioner Steele answered.

In relation to the question regarding funding, Commissioner Steele indicated that he would speak to staff at Community and Government Services to request funding for records management and staff training.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Akumalik noted that Mayor Bell is working very hard with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM). He also thanked Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer, for organizing the NAM Meet and Greet.

Councillor Akumalik congratulated Laakkuluk Williamson Bathory, Inuk artist who won the Sobey Art Award.

Councillor Akumalik extended condolences to family members on the recent passing of residents.

Councillor Nattaq thanked Administration and City employees for their hard work during the water quality issue.

Councillor Flaherty acknowledged November 8th as National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day on November 11th.

Councillor Fawcett advised that he would be leaving Iqaluit for personal reasons and his last meeting will be the December Council meeting. He gave notice now so the calls for expression of interest can be for two seats.

Mayor Bell welcomed 19 of the 25 mayors to Iqaluit for NAM and thanked staff for their work organizing the various events.

Mayor Bell thanked the residents for their patience during the water quality issue. He also thanked the Government of Nunavut and Government of Canada for their support.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

a) Mayor's Housing Task Force – Housing Action Plan 2022 to 2031 Executive Summary

Daniel Morin, Planning and Community Development Specialist, Rural Development Network, was present via visual conference to present the Housing Action Plan 2022 to 2031. The following are the highlights:

- Response to the housing crisis in Iqaluit
- Provides implementable actions for the City and partners to improve the housing situation
- Developed through the task force
- Barriers to available housing
- Vision to develop an additional 1,400 housing units over the next 10 years
- 700 housing units will be below market housing and requires non-profit and government support
- Ten-year timeline will be in two phases
 - Present to 2026 – policy changes, investments, and investments required to support housing developments
 - 2026 – 2031 – continued building of housing, data collection and policy refinement and tracking
- To achieve the goal of constructing 1,400 units, there are seven strategies and 17 corresponding actions

It was commented that the overall plan presented was a good base for implementation, however, there were some concerns regarding the details of the plan. It was also noted that work has started in various areas, but a considerable amount of work is needed to get to the first step of the plan.

Mayor Bell noted that Council is being requested to accept the Housing Action Plan 2022 to 2031, however, Council will not be bound by the actions in the plan, as there is still a lot of work to do.

Councillor Sheppard commented that if Council is being asked to support the plan, then Council should have the detailed report and not just the Executive Summary.

Motion #21-366

Moved by: Councillor Flaherty
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council appoints Deputy Mayor Awa to the Mayor's Housing Task Force.

**Abstained – Awa
For – Stevenson, Akumalik, Flaherty, Nattaq, Sheppard, Fawcett
Carried**

Deputy Mayor Awa abstained from voting.

Motion #21-367

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Council accepts the Housing Action Plan 2022 to 2031.

Unanimously Carried

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

i. Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction By-law No. 921

Motion #21-368

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction By-law No. 921.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Flaherty asked if biodegradable bags will be accepted, as it is not included in the by-law. She also asked for clarification regarding prepared foods that are not pre-packaged.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that biodegradable bags are considered single-use plastic bags due to the fact that when the bags break down, the microplastics can be harmful and will contribute to problems in the landfill. The exemption for single-use baked goods refers to a food location where a wrap is required for a food item to ensure it is sanitary.

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

i. Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction By-law No. 921

Motion #21-369

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Awa

Council approves Third and Final Reading of Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction By-law No. 921.

Unanimously Carried

ii. Land Acquisition By-law No. 919 for SK-IQAL-235 (40-2) 21-001

Motion #21-370

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of Land Acquisition By-law No. 919 for SK-IQAL-235 (40-2) 21-001.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act - Verbal

Motion #21-371

Moved by: Councillor Fawcett
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council directs Administration to work with the Government of Nunavut and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut on funding, training and file management systems, with the goal of coming under the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* by January 2023.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard suggested that Nunavut Municipal Training Organization be included as a party who provides support and training.

b) Compassionate Funerals - Verbal

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that two by-laws relating to the cemetery and funeral services have been prepared for Council's consideration and are under final legal review.

Ms. Elgersma explained that the Cemetery and Funeral Services By-law would replace the current Cemetery By-law No. 328 and will give the City authority to license funeral service providers that allows oversight for the delivery for funeral services. There is currently no association or regulatory body that oversees the funeral service providers in the territory.

The second by-law provides a mechanism for the City to offer a low-cost funeral service subsidy program called the Compassionate Funerals Program, which would allow the City to subsidize funeral costs, less any other benefit or assistance program, to reimburse the basic cost of a funeral through a City licensed funeral provider.

Councillor Sheppard asked if the proposed by-laws would be presented to Council so that they would be effective for 2022. Ms. Elgersma advised that was correct.

Motion #21-372

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council to reimburse funeral expenses for compassionate funerals, as defined by Administration's proposal, less any other benefit or assistance that the estate may be eligible to recover.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #21-373

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council adjourns at 7:27 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Kenny Bell
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 30th day of November 2021.