

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
MARCH 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Kimberly Smith, Chair
Mayor Solomon Awa – via teleconference
Councillor Swany Amarapala
Councillor Ookalik Curley
Councillor Paul Quassa
Councillor Samuel Tilley
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson – via teleconference

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison
Kent Driscoll, Communications and Customer Service Manager
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Stephen McGean, Acting Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
Conor Goddard, Recreation Services Manager

Mayor Awa advised that he was away and attending the meeting via teleconference. He also advised that both Deputy Mayor Sheppard and Alternative Deputy Mayor Stevenson were away.

Mayor Awa suggested that a councillor in the Council Chambers should chair the meeting and suggested that Councillor Smith be appointed Chair.

Motion #23-70

Moved by: Councillor Quassa
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Councillor Smith be appointed Chair.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Smith took the chair.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councillor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #23-71

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Quassa asked to add the following item:

- 9. NEW BUSINESS
 - f) Apex Dock Update

1. **MINUTES**

- a) **City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated February 28, 2023**

Motion #23-72

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated February 28, 2023.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

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. 955, Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment

Motion #23-73

Moved by: Councillor Quassa

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 955, Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 956, Northwest Deposit Quarry Administration Agreement By-law

Motion #23-74

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 956, Northwest Deposit Quarry Administration Agreement By-law.

Unanimously Carried

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

- i.) By-law No. 955, Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment

Motion #23-75

Moved by: Councillor Quassa
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 955, Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked why the amendment was required.

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the previous Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Schedule "A" did not reflect the updated changes to fees and charges. He also noted that a new category for equipment rental fees was added.

- ii.) By-law No. 956, Northwest Deposit Quarry Administration Agreement By-law

Motion #23-76

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 956, Northwest Deposit Quarry Administration Agreement By-law.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked for an explanation on the need for the agreement.

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, noted that staff from the Planning and Development Department was not in attendance to provide an update. Mr. Mugford understood that the agreement had to be updated regarding location and addition of fees within the agreement.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Iqaluit Emergency Services Facility Study - Presentation

Jeff Penner, Senior Associate and Community Architect, Verne Reimer Architecture and Jared Wright, Project Manager, Colliers Project Leaders, were in attendance via teleconference to present the Iqaluit Emergency Services Facility Study. The following are the highlights of Mr. Penner's presentation:

- Verne Reimer Architecture and WSP were commissioned to complete the study
- Emergency services facility is insufficient for the growth of Iqaluit
- Operations Centre includes dispatch centre, base for apparatus storage and staff facilities
- Project provides a Planning Report that includes:
 - Site selection
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Environmental and topographical reports
 - Detailed function program
 - Conceptual design
- Facility will be located on Federal Road
 - Based on various studies and reports
- Main floor design plan
 - Apparatus bays and rooms for firefighting equipment
 - Administration and staff facilities
 - Design will allow for expansion if needed in the future
- Second floor design plan
 - Staff facilities – sleeping quarters and change facilities
 - Dedicated dispatch centre
 - Training facilities
- Conceptual design was proposed
 - Additional studies are needed for wind, snow and extreme climate
 - Sufficient space is needed between the road and building for apparatus turning
 - Simplified design can be explored
- Project status
 - Report submitted for review by stakeholders, project manager, fire chief, Administration and Council
 - Improvements based on meeting with fire chief
 - Included in final report
 - Next step is Request for Proposal for Detailed Design Services
- Project schedule anticipates construction completion in October 2025
- Project cost estimated for \$29,887,000
- Concerns and recommendations
 - Incremental and inflation costs
 - Current facility is not sufficient to serve the community
 - Close proximity to the Operations Centre

Councillor Quassa wanted clarification that the building could be expanded in the future and that the lot was large enough for an expansion.

Mr. Penner explained that future growth was considered and the proposed design included space for additional staff, apparatus and equipment.

Mr. Penner is recommending that the exact site size be determined to ensure that there is room for building expansion.

Councillor Quassa asked if the proposed building would allow for additional fire trucks. Mr. Penner explained that the proposed building size was based on general sized vehicles and actual vehicle measurements would be taken to ensure that there was sufficient room for the vehicles.

Councillor Stevenson asked who owned the site for the proposed facility. Mr. Penner advised that based on the site analysis, the proposed site is Inuit Owned Land.

Councillor Stevenson commented that the recommendations should include an agreement to use the Inuit Owned Land for the facility.

Councillor Curley asked for an explanation on the project schedule relating to the various classes, which Mr. Penner provided.

Mayor Awa asked a question relating to the project cost.

Mr. Penner explained that building material costs were higher due to shipping. He noted that it was important to have a building that was efficiently sized and constructed. Mr. Penner indicated that some things could be reduced during another stage of the project.

Councillor Tilley asked if there was another location for the facility, as future development is further away from Federal Road and during an emergency, time is of the essence.

Mr. Penner advised that several other sites were considered, taking into account various factors, including response time, site location and availability.

Councillor Amarapala asked about project costs relating to freight and accommodations. Mr. Penner advised that accommodations referred to housing costs for trade workers.

Councillor Amarapala asked if local companies would be considered before bringing in trade workers.

Mr. Penner advised that local trades would be used before bringing in other trade workers. He explained that local contractors would have the opportunity to bid on tenders and have local trade workers for the project. Mr. Penner noted that the tender could include requirements to use local trade workers.

Councillor Amarapala asked if there were budget allocations for the project and if there was a need for the facility.

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, explained that there has been a need for a facility for a number of years and the Capital Spending Plan included money for the design and feasibility for the facility.

b) Request for Decision – Drainage Improvements – Palaugaa Drive

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for Palaugaa Drive drainage improvements. He noted that at the June 28, 2022 Council meeting, Dillon Consulting Limited was awarded the Drainage Improvement Contract Phase 4 in the amount of \$131,130.30.

Mr. Ghosh explained that the tender included the provision for the City to provide accommodations for contractor staff and subsequently, a change has been made that this would no longer be provided. Mr. Ghosh explained that a Change Order in the amount of \$177,942.70 was required for accommodations, contingency for support hours, accommodations and vehicle rental, if required and approved by the Engineering Department

Mr. Ghosh advised that once the tender was issued, Dillon Consulting Limited would be required to answer any technical questions.

Motion #23-77

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council approves Change Order 2 to Dillon Consulting Limited - Service Contract 446 in the amount of \$177,942.70 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – Aquatic Centre – Chlorine Upgrades

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award a tender for the upgrades to the Aquatic Centre chlorination system. Mr. Ghosh advised that one tender was received, which was over budget. He explained that additional funds would have to be sourced for \$11,400 and a contingency amount of \$25,000.

Mr. Ghosh explained that the existing chlorination system was failing and short-term repairs were carried out.

Motion #23-78

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council awards Natic Projects (2007) Inc. the contract for the Aquatic Centre chlorination system upgrades in the amount of \$159,800 plus GST, and further, that the Capital Spending Plan budget amount be increased by \$36,400.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Amarapala asked how often the existing chlorination system was failing. Conor Goddard, Recreation Services Manager, explained that the system failure was increasing on a regular basis.

d) Request for Decision – Sewer Upgrades Lower Iqaluit PT.A2 to LS1

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision regarding sewer upgrades in Lower Iqaluit PT.A2 to Lift Station 1. He explained that the design has been completed and a tender was ready to be issued.

Mr. Ghosh advised that a Change Order was required for the consultant to provide services during the tendering process, contract administration and site inspections. He noted that the Change Order includes both the sewer line and lift station.

Mr. Ghosh noted that it was anticipated that the tender would be awarded in May and the access vaults would arrive in September or October. The entire construction work would not be completed this year, therefore, some of the Change Order amount would be carried over to 2024.

Motion #23-79

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala

Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council approves Change Order 1 to Stantec Consulting Limited in the amount of \$583,829 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

e) Long-term Cemetery Strategy Update

Jared Wright, Project Manager, Colliers Project Leaders, was in attendance via teleconference to present an update on the Long-term Cemetery Strategy Project. The following are the highlights:

- New project in 2022 Capital Spending Plan
- Request for Proposal scope of work included:
 - Options analysis including public perception, operations and topography
 - Preferred site
 - Preliminary design of a new cemetery with a 50-year life span
- Dillon Consulting Limited submitted a proposal

- At the January Council meeting, Council inquired about the remaining capacity and useful life of the current Apex Cemetery
 - A meeting was held with staff in February and it was determined that the current developed area would reach capacity in approximately two years
 - Public Works Department indicated that developing the adjacent area around the cemetery would increase capacity for approximately 10 years
 - It was determined that a detailed design to expand the existing Apex Cemetery should be carried out
- Project would be Apex Cemetery Expansion Project
- Next step would be the design phase
- Long-term Cemetery Strategy Project should be considered four years prior to the useful life of the Apex Cemetery expansion

Councillor Quassa asked if Apex residents had been consulted regarding the expansion of the Apex Cemetery.

Mr. Wright advised that Apex residents would be consulted during the design process. The consultation process would be similar to what was carried out in 2021, during the design process for the improvements to the Apex Cemetery.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the original plan was to expand the existing Apex Cemetery.

Motion #23-80

Moved by: Councillor Quassa

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council directs Colliers Project Leaders to provide a detailed design to expand the existing Apex Cemetery.

Unanimously Carried

f) Apex Dock Update

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, explained that a letter was received as a result of a meeting between Premier Akeegok and Mayor Awa. He noted that after reviewing the letter, the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation received correspondence from Apex residents inquiring about a boat launch.

Mr. Mugford noted that in the past, a request for a boat launch in Apex was brought to previous Council's attention and at the time, Council did not move forward on the matter. Mr. Mugford explained that there was available funding for small craft harbours that can be accessed by the City and not the Government of Nunavut. If the City applies for the

small craft harbour funding, there is additional funding that can be accessed through the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Mugford pointed out that should the City apply for the funding, the City would be responsible to issue a Request for Proposal and any associated administration costs. Mr. Mugford further noted that once the boat launch was constructed and operational, the City would then be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs of the boat launch.

Mr. Mugford explained that Council would have to decide if they wanted to undertake the project and operation and maintenance of the boat launch.

Councillor Quassa commented that other communities have docks and they are able to apply to the Government of Nunavut for funding yearly. He noted that there is a large number of Apex residents that do have boats.

Mr. Mugford noted that it would be beneficial to have a boat launch in Apex to reduce the number of boats travelling to the causeway or Lower Iqaluit to launch their boats. He felt that perhaps staff could look into the matter if Council so wished.

Motion #23-81

Moved by: Councillor Quassa
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council directs Administration to conduct further investigation, analysis and feasibility for the construction of a boat launch in Apex.

**For – Amarapala, Quassa, Tilley, Awa, Stevenson
Opposed – Curley
Carried**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Committee Meeting #01 February 22, 2023 Report

Councillor Tilley provided a summary of the Recreation Committee Meeting #01 held on February 22, 2023. He noted:

- There were two new committee members
- Discussed Recreation Spaces By-law
- Updated the Community Giving Policy
- Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation, announced her resignation effective March 17, 2023

Councillor Smith thanked Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation, for her service and work. She wished her good luck and success in her future endeavours.

Motion #23-82

Moved by: Councillor Quassa
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Council accepts the Recreation Committee Meeting #01 February 22, 2023 report.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-83

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Council adjourns at 7:18 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



A blue ink signature of Kimberly Smith, written in a cursive style.

Kimberly Smith
Chair

A blue ink signature of Tammy Ernst-Doiron, written in a cursive style.

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 28th day of March 2023.

