

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #09  
MARCH 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern  
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi  
Councillor Jason Rochon  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Noah Papatsie  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rod Mugford, City Clerk  
Jennifer Jarvis, City Planner  
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

**PRAYER**

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #19-91**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended: Add 7(b)(i) and 7(c)(ii) Second and Third Reading of Water and Sewer Development Charges By-law No. 873 and 10(a) Recreation Committee Report.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

- a) Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes #04 - February 21, 2019

**Motion #19-92**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes #04 - February 21, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Public Hearing Minutes - February 26, 2019

**Motion #19-93**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Public Hearing Minutes - February 26, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

- c) City Council Meeting Minutes #05 - February 26, 2019

**Motion #19-94**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting Minutes #05 - February 26, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

Mayor Redfern wished to thank and acknowledge staff for having minutes presented to Council in a timely manner.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### 3. DELEGATIONS

a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Staff Sergeant Elliott

Staff Sergeant Elliott was in attendance to present the Police Report from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and made the following comments:

- There has been a steady work-flow for the members, but the calls for service are down due to the colder weather, which is normal for this time of the year.
- A new member has arrived in the community. Corporal Cory Abbott and his family arrived from Terrace, BC on March 11, 2019. He is a welcomed addition to the force. Corporal Abbott comes with several years of plain clothes experience. It was a lateral transfer at a Corporal rank and he comes with supervisory experience in the area of crime reduction.
- There will be a large turnover of the membership during the calendar year. There are 11 members slated to move, out of the 24 constables. It is slightly higher than normal, as the events from December 2018 had a negative impact on two of the members. Staffing personnel have replacements identified through to May 2019. The normal process is to have those members who are leaving identified three to four months in advance and have replacements coming in as those members leave.
- Senior Management will provide relief from a relief unit on the floor in the detachment to ensure there are sufficient resources to meet the calls for service during times of unforeseen shortages.
- This week has continued to be busy with the search for 18-year-old Ambar Roy. The search continued on March 26<sup>th</sup>, but no further specifics could be disclosed. Staff Sergeant Elliott will meet with the search team after the Council meeting for their briefing and to discuss what was found and what was not found.
- If Ambar Roy would have been located during the search today, that information would have already been provided and RCMP would be acting on it, however, nothing of that nature has been provided so far.
- Corporal Abbott will take notes on behalf of Staff Sergeant Elliott if he is unable to attend the briefing. Once the information from the briefing is obtained, the family will be informed before any media goes out.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that he touched base with Administration last week, and he would like to schedule an in-camera session to discuss the City's priorities for the direction the RCMP would like to go in regards to the community and the community policing initiatives for the next year. He stated that he looks forward to discussions with Council to set directions and work out the top priorities for the community, and from Council's perspective to brainstorm and come up with initiatives to work on the plans.

Mayor Redfern thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his report, and opened the floor to Council for questions.

Councillor Nattaq indicated that he has missed a few meetings. He wished to encourage Search & Rescue to do their due diligence in the search for Ambar Roy. He noted that ravens congregating or seeing fox tracks could be a sign. He indicated he was speaking from his own experience that even if ravens are gathering in the air, it could be evidence. He noted that searchers should not just drive around on their snowmobiles, but look for signs and evidence first.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated that he had made some notes. He indicated that Jimmy Noble is co-ordinating the search. He assured Council that Mr. Noble has touched on all of Councillor Nattaq's points with the people who are going out to search. He noted that the team leaders of each group are experienced. Staff Sergeant Elliott stated they are going off lots and doing lots of sweeping to find the tracks, and the search has been second to none. He indicated that he tries to explain to the younger members that it takes time to conduct a search and it is not just driving around. You have to look, and know where to start to sweep. He stated that the younger members also learn not to damage something or contaminate an area before they take a good look, and to be careful first and look for the signs.

Councillor Akumalik welcomed back both Mayor Redfern and Councillor Nattaq. He also welcomed Corporal Abbott and his family to Iqaluit. He was happy that Staff Sergeant Elliott wanted to discuss community priorities. Councillor Akumalik mentioned that he has been stressing foot and bike patrols. He indicated there was some foot patrol in the summer and he felt it was very helpful. He stated that he felt a snowmobile patrol would also be good.

Mayor Redfern wished to highlight some things from the Crime Statistics Report that was presented to Council. There were significant increases in the following crimes from 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- Arson - a 100 percent increase from 2016 to 2017; from 4 to 8, to now 23.
- Assaults
- Uttering Threats
- Impaired Operation

Mayor Redfern asked Staff Sergeant Elliott to speak to the increases and whether or not there is any information as to the potential reasons or causation behind those increases.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that overall, the crime statistics increased by another 1,100 calls over the year. He noted this was naturally going to bring increases in the various events that are tracked on the report, as well as the totality of the calls.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated that there are several new members in the detachment this year and perhaps this could be why there is an increase in impaired operation, as they are



out checking more vehicles. He noted that there are also more people calling in reports of impairment.

Staff Sergeant Elliott felt the message is coming across that impaired operation is not an acceptable practice, whether you're in the north or the south. He believes that it may be a spike due to people calling in more.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated the RCMP did plan several initiatives during the past year in the impaired driving aspect. Check stops were run throughout the year, but were unsuccessful during the whole Christmas season, as not one impaired driver was stopped, however, the day after the check stop program was finished, there was one impaired.

Staff Sergeant Elliott spoke about the increase in assaults. He indicated that he has reflected back several times over the course of the year and feels that due to alcohol, they are seeing more aggressive people when they are doing arrests. He can't say whether or not that is attributed to the liquor store, as there was illicit alcohol in the community before.

Staff Sergeant Elliott discussed the increase in arson rates. He stated there were a fair number of arsons in November right around and subsequent to the major fire at Northmart, and that there were six arsons in total on that night alone. He indicated that he did not have an explanation as to why there is the increase, other than the one individual was on a mission to cause terror on the night of the fire at Northmart. He noted that they continue to work with the fire department doing presentations on fire safety to keep people aware. He noted there were 11 members working on the night of the Northmart fire and they were trying to identify people that were out and about. He stated there were still four more fires even with that many members working.

He explained that a lot of times if there is a will to commit arson, it doesn't matter if there are 40 members out working, people will still try and find that, but the RCMP has to come up with solutions to mitigate that. He indicated that so far in the first quarter, there was one arson, and there has been a drastic drop back down to the normal range, however, there are no guarantees for the rest of the year.

Staff Sergeant Elliott noted that they will continue to do their due diligence in trying to curb this type of activity.

Mayor Redfern inquired that due to the increase in the crime rate in Iqaluit, is it resulting in an increased number of RCMP members being assigned to this detachment to handle the volume.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated there is a proposal going forward once again to the Government for additional resources to the detachment. He noted that last year the request went in for additional resources, however, the request was denied. He indicated the data is there to support the additional resources, and indicated that perhaps this could be discussed further in the in-camera session.

Councillor Akumalik noted that March and April are usually blizzard months. He questioned whether the crime rate goes up or down during a blizzard.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated that he felt it was reduced as people are staying inside due to the weather. He noted that from his experience, they generally run into concerns during the stage where people can't get out on the land as the snow is gone, but the ice is still in the bay, because people start to feel closed in. He indicated that during his 30 years in the RCMP that is a consistency, whether it's up north or down south. He noted it's the same in the fall when the boats have to come in, but there is not enough snow to go out on the land.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated that during a blizzard, the city becomes very quiet and that it is difficult for people to be out in the weather. He noted that even the bad guys don't like to be out when the weather is not favourable.

Councillor Nattaq spoke about the section of the report on Diversion to Justice. He stated that when dealing with young people, and even adults, if the offence is not that serious, rather than going through the whole court system, these people could use just a good scolding. He indicated that he just wanted to provide some friendly advice.

Staff Sergeant Elliott stated that it is a priority of his and it's a constant reminder to the members to be thinking that route, but more so his supervisors to provide that guidance and direction. He said the court papers can be done up, but it is no extra work as the same information has to be provided for the diversion process. He noted that he has been a supporter of the diversion process for many years. He stated the diversion process has been out in the policing world for many years and it does work. He indicated that while there are no cases of diversion on this report, he will work to see that number increase.

He noted that the Government has the resources and the people trained to deal with both adult and youth in the diversion process.

Mayor Redfern agreed with Councillor Nattaq and indicated it was a very important point that he raised.

Councillor Papatsie welcomed Councillor Nattaq back to Council. He stated that they look for solutions to these problems. He feels the solutions are the students, and they have to be taught about arson and that it is against the law. He noted that as parents, and as a community, we have to teach our children to help each other.

Councillor Papatsie also thanked the Search & Rescue people, and the RCMP for the work that they do. He sent condolences to the parents of Ambar Roy. He indicated that there are reports indicating Ambar Roy was dropped off by taxi on the Road to Nowhere. He stated the community has to work together so everyone can understand what is going on and be more informed in the community.

Councillor Papatsie noted that when people with disabilities are brought into the RCMP station by the RCMP, and if they are arrested, they should be informed on what to do with their problems.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that he made some notes and he will follow-up with some of the points raised by Councillor Papatsie.

After hearing no further questions from Council, Mayor Redfern once again thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his report.

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Nattaq indicated that he has had surgery recently. He noted that it was not cancer that was operated on. He stated he will be going to Ottawa for further tests soon. He indicated that he is much better now and has more energy than before his operation. He indicated he will be following his doctor's orders for the next two months and will be spending that time in Ottawa and will not be allowed to travel by airplane during that time.

Mayor Redfern stated that it was wonderful to see Councillor Nattaq at the meeting. She noted it was very good news on his surgery and everyone understands that he still has more treatment and medical procedures to undergo.

Councillor Nattaq indicated he would be attending the meetings on March 27<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Redfern welcomed and introduced Rod Mugford as the new City Clerk. She noted that Rod comes from Alberta, where he recently worked as a Human Resources Manager. She stated that he worked previously at the City of Iqaluit as the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer from 2007 to 2009.

Mayor Redfern took the opportunity to thank Tracy Cooke for her time, energy and expertise as City Clerk. She noted there will be a bit of an overlap with Mrs. Cooke and Mr. Mugford, but expressed that Mr. Mugford will be more than capable of fulfilling the duties of City Clerk.

Mayor Redfern indicated the Baffin Mayors' Forum is taking place this week in the City of Iqaluit at the Cadet Hall. She noted the first day of the forum has been completed. Mayor Redfern circulated the agenda of the forum to Council. She stated that if there was an issue that any councillor wished to bring forward, they are welcome to either attend or they can convey their issue through her.

Mayor Redfern noted the Language Symposium is also happening this week. She indicated this is a well-attended event dealing with the very important issue of advancing Inuktitut in the territory.

She mentioned that the new Iqaluit Visitor's Guide is now out, and that it is always good to promote the community.

Mayor Redfern stated that the new City's website address is now live. The new web address is [www.iqaluit.ca](http://www.iqaluit.ca). She noted it is much easier and better than the previous web address. She indicated that all e-mail systems will also be moved to that address, which should help tremendously.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**7. BY-LAWS**

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

None

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

i) Water and Sewer Development Charge By-law No. 873

**Motion #19-95**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Second Reading Water and Sewer Development Charge By-law No. 873.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Third and Final Reading of By-Laws(s)**

i) Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer By-law No. 875

**Motion #19-96**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard



Third and Final Reading Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer By-law No. 875.

**For – Sheppard, Stevenson, Nattaq, Rochon, Matshazi, Papatsie,  
Opposed – Akumalik  
Carried**

ii) Water and Sewer Development Charge By-law No. 873

**Motion #19-97**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Third and Final Reading Water and Sewer Development Charge By-law No. 873.

**Unanimously Carried**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Appointment of Secretary for Board of Revision - Rod Mugford

**Motion #19-98**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Rod Mugford is appointed Secretary of the Board of Revision.

**For – Sheppard, Stevenson, Nattaq, Rochon, Matshazi, Papatsie  
Opposed – Akumalik  
Carried**

Deputy Mayor Stevenson, Chair of the Board of Revision, indicated that it has been general practice that the City Clerk is the Secretary of the Board of Revision. He noted that while there was no City Clerk, the secretary had been Tammy Ernst-Doiron.

Councillor Akumalik indicated that it is very hard for him to see a non-Inuit coming into force without hiring any Inuit at all, and noted that he has a problem with that.

Mayor Redfern indicated that even when the City has an Inuit Employment Plan, it is up to Inuit to apply for those positions. She stated that it is also up to the hiring committee

to ensure that people are qualified to do the work. She noted that it is incredibly important to have an Inuit Employment Plan and that is why the City has developed one. She indicated the next phase for that work is going to be underway, to complete Phase II of the plan, but more importantly is the implementation of the plan.

Mayor Redfern stated that it doesn't mean the City isn't seeking and trying to recruit Inuit for positions, but it also doesn't mean that positions remain vacant simply because there are no Inuit that apply. She indicated that people need to have the skill set to be able to do the job.

Mayor Redfern noted that the City Clerk position has been vacant for a long time. She stated that the position has been re-advertised at least four or five times and has remained open for over two years.

Mayor Redfern thanked Rod Mugford for moving to the community to take up the position.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) Recreation Committee**

Councillor Akumalik, Chair of the Recreation Committee, noted that the Committee met on March 11<sup>th</sup>. He presented Council with their report. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Winter break camps in February were full at the aquatic centre and the arena.
- An outdoor rink in the Nakasuk parking lot was installed and has been well used.
- A delegation of students attended the Recreation Committee meeting and requested that a rink be installed in Apex. The Committee supported the request and it was approved by Council on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The rink has since been installed and is very popular.
- There will be two new camps run during the April break. One will be at the Aquatic Centre and the other at the Arctic Winter Games Complex.
- Programs at the Aquatic Centre and drop-ins continue to be popular. The Corporate Pass Program is growing.
- There are new programs taking place in the fitness studio and there are new registrations happening.
- There is new training underway for personal trainers, as well as new training for group fitness instructors.
- There are 44 youth registered for the Breakers Swim Team.
- There are 284 swimmers registered in swimming lessons and the Aquatic Leadership programs.
- There is new programming and partnerships happening in the Youth Centre focussed on meditation, fitness, media and technology.
- Northwestel has confirmed their sponsorship of the multipurpose room at the Aquatic Centre.

- The 2019 Recreation Guide has been printed and will be delivered this week. Residents will also be able to view it on the City's website. Guides will be available at the recreation facilities.
- The Recreation Department has moved all of its program registration online and can be accessed on the City's website. Anyone without a computer can register in-person with support from staff.
- The Recreation Department is working closely with Toonik Tyme to run some events during the festival, including an elder's craft fair, family sliding and skating, a mini putt events, as well as baseball.

Councillor Akumalik indicated he was happy Council was able to implement the rink in Apex and that Amy was able to fast forward things.

Councillor Nattaq noted that it is getting warmer, and around Apex, past the community, there used to be a sliding area. He wasn't sure if that has been recognized by the City yet, but he noted that it's almost an annual activity there now. He stated that he would like to encourage the Recreation Committee to recognize the sliding area past Apex and maybe help to co-ordinate activities. He feels that if the Recreation Committee recognizes the area, they could get more support.

Mayor Redfern requested that the Recreation Committee add that to their next meeting agenda.

Mayor Redfern indicated that the civic holiday for Toonik Tyme will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She noted that it is a full day civic holiday. She indicated that in the past, it was a half day holiday, and there was a half day holiday on the day that Iqaluit became city status. She noted that a few years ago, Council amalgamated that and made the first full day of Toonik Tyme a holiday. Mayor Redfern feels it is important for the City to actively educate and inform all employers, so that people can take the full day off. Mayor Redfern noted that the Toonik Tyme Committee has organized activities for the Friday morning.

Mayor Redfern thanked Councillor Nattaq for bringing up the sliding, as that is one of the activities that are incorporated in the events. She agreed with Councillor Nattaq that it is important to have the Recreation Committee possibly designate that as a sliding area.

Councillor Papatsie spoke about making sure elders are made to feel welcome at the aquatic centre. He feels the crime rate could be lowered by doing this.

Mayor Redfern indicated she believes there are dedicated swim times for elders in the schedule. She also noted there is a bus that takes the elders to the aquatic centre when and if they want to participate in that particular scheduled swim. She stated there is an elder's room and sometimes they just enjoy watching other people use the facility. She thinks it is wonderful to see the elders participate in activities.

Mayor Redfern suggested reaching out to the elder's City Co-ordinator and see if there is anything else that the elders need or want to actively participate in other activities.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) NRI Application

**Motion #19-99**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded: Councillor Sheppard

That the NRI application "Exploring work and identity dynamics in Nunavut." is approved.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) NRI Annual Summary Report - "*Disparities in Accessibility to Radiotherapy within High and Low Income Countries.*"

Presented as an information item.

c) NRI Application

**Motion #19-100**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the NRI application "Access to Justice for Family Violence in Nunavut: A Research Project & Awareness Campaign." is approved.

**Unanimously Carried**

d) NRI Application

**Motion #19-101**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded: Councillor Rochon

That the NRI application "Nunami Ilinniarniq - Inuit Community Control of Education through Land-based Education." is approved.

**Unanimously Carried**



e) NRI Annual Summary Report - "*Making I-SPARX fly in Nunavut.*"

Presented as an information item.

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #19-102**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council adjourns at 6:55 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

Amy Elgersma  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 14 day of may 2019.

