

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #28  
DECEMBER 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Kenny Bell  
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Joanasi Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie  
Councillor Solomon Awa

**ABSENT**

Councillor Shelia Flaherty

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Acting City Clerk  
Jennifer Jarvis, City Planner  
Robyn Mackey, Director of Human Resources  
Shawn Byrne, Labour Relations Senior Advisor  
Graham Hastie, Auditor, Lester Landau

**PRAYER**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Add:

7. By-laws – First Reading – Land Disposal By-law for Lot 118, Plan 674
12. In Camera – Legal Item

Change order - #10. Committee Reports before #7. By-laws

**Motion #19-348**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

**a) City Council Meeting Minutes #19 dated August 27, 2019**

**Motion #19-349**

Moved by: Councillor Awa  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting Minutes #19 dated August 27, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

**b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
#03 dated April 15, 2019**

**Motion #19-350**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #03 dated April 15, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
#05 dated June 17, 2019**

**Motion #19-351**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #05 dated June 17, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
#01 dated January 28, 2019**

**Motion #19-352**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #01 dated January 28, 2019 as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

Deputy Mayor Brewster noted on page one, Julie Hanson-Akaviak's name is spelled incorrectly and should be spelled Akavak.

**e) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
#08 dated November 28, 2019**

**Motion #19-353**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #08 dated November 28, 2019.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest for item 10(b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #09, motion recommended to Council regarding the Land Disposal By-law, Lot 118, Plan 674, and for item 7(a)(i) First Reading of By-laws for Land Disposal By-law Lot 118, Plan 674.

**3. DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Akumalik wished the residents and staff a Merry Christmas.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Bell Let's Talk Day – Flag Raising, January 29, 2020**

**Motion #19-354**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves to raise the Bell Let's Talk Day Flag on January 29, 2020.

**Unanimously Carried**

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #08**

**Motion #19-355**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Development Permit DP 19-002 to construct a mixed-use building on the site subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions in attachment 3, and the plans in attachment 4.

**Favour – Brewster, Akumalik, Awa, Lucassie, Sheppard, Nattaq  
Opposed – Stevenson  
Carried**

**Motion #19-356**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves Survey Sketch SK 19-002 to create easements over the sanitary line that extends over the southeast corner of the lot and over the private drive aisle that extends along the east property line and provides access to the lots to the north.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-357**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves Development Permit Application DP 19-044 to amend DP 17-001 on a portion of Lot 1, Block 205, Plan 2997 subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions in attachment 2, and in accordance with the plans in attachment 3.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-358**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the Development Permit Application DP 19-049 to permit the construction of an accessory building on Lot 5, Block 205, Plan 2761 subject to the City's standard conditions and in accordance with the plans in attachment 2. Further, Council approves a variance to Section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw 704 to increase the gross floor area of an accessory building from 40 m<sup>2</sup> to 55.7 m<sup>2</sup>. Further, Council approves a variance to Section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw 704 to increase the maximum height of an accessory building from 4 m to 5.6 m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-359**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard



Council approves Survey Sketch Application SK 19-014 to subdivide Lot 1, to create three parcels of land for development (SK-1, SK-2, SK-3), a road parcel (SK-R) as shown on the Sketch Plan dated October 28, 2019, in attachment 2.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Stevenson noted that during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting, he declared a conflict of interest on this matter. Since that meeting, he has clarified that he is not in conflict and will remain present for the vote.

**Motion #19-360**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council directs staff to meet with QIA to negotiate the possibility of a land exchange of the road parcels for an equal amount of land through an equity leasing type of mechanism.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Awa asked if a meeting has been held with QIA. Ms. Elgersma advised that a meeting has not yet been held.

Deputy Mayor Brewster noted that during the discussion at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting, it was for an exchange of land or an equity lease.

Councillor Sheppard noted that Council is not permitted to give fee simple title in exchange for land, therefore an equity lease is required.

It was noted that the staff was requested to provide an update and report after meeting with QIA to determine if there will be an exchange of land. Mayor Bell explained the motion is required to give staff direction when meeting with QIA, and staff will report the outcome of the meeting to Council.

**b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #09**

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict and left the meeting.

**Motion #19-361**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves that the Land Disposal By-law for Lot 118, Plan 674 be given First Reading.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

**Motion #19-362**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs staff not to issue the Development Permit for Lots 9 and 10, Block 21, Plan 3333 until all of the parking requirements found in the Zoning By-law 704 have been satisfied.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Awa felt it was important that staff advise the public that all the requirements in Zoning By-law 704 must be followed before the application is presented to the Committee and Council.

Mayor Bell explained that there is a provision in the Zoning By-law that allows for variances. He suggested that Councillor Awa's concern be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

**Motion #19-363**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves DP 19-039 to allow the development of two stacked row dwellings totaling 22 units, including a variance to Section 12.3 of the Zoning By-law 704 to increase the building height from 10.5 m to 11.6 m. The development is subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions in attachment 3, and as shown on the plans in attachment 4.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-364**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs staff not to issue the Development Permit for Lots 7 and 8, Block 24, Plan 4716 until all of the parking requirements found in the Zoning By-law 704 have been satisfied.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-365**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council approves DP 19-041 to allow the development of two stacked row dwellings totaling 24 units, including a variance to Section 12.3 of the Zoning By-law 704 to increase the building height from 10.5 m to 11.6 m. The development is subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions in attachment 2, and as shown on the plans in attachment 3.

**Unanimously Carried**

**7. BY-LAWS**

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

- i.) Land Disposal By-law for Lot 118, Plan 674

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

**Motion #19-366**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

First Reading Land Disposal By-law for Lot 118, Plan 674.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

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

None

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

None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None



9. **NEW BUSINESS**

b) **City Council Meeting #01 January 14, 2020**

Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Acting City Clerk, advised that the translation services will be closed for the annual shut-down until January 6, 2020, and does not provide staff with sufficient time to have documents translated for the January 14, 2020 Council meeting. Therefore, staff is recommending cancelling the January 14, 2020 Council meeting.

**Motion #19-367**

Moved by: Councillor Lucassie  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

City Council Meeting #01 dated January 14, 2020 be cancelled due to time requirement for translation of documents.

**For – Nattaq**  
**Opposed – Sheppard, Lucassie, Awa, Akumalik, Stevenson, Brewster**

**Defeated**

Councillors expressed concern with the long period of time between today's meeting and January 28, 2020. It was suggested that the meeting not be cancelled at this time and determine closer to the date if it is necessary to cancel. It was also pointed out that some business can be conducted without translated material. It was noted that interpreters would be present at the meeting and the meeting could be held verbally.

Councillor Lucassie pointed out that there are five Inuktitut councillors and it is their right to have the meeting and material provided for them in Inuktitut.

It was explained that the meeting could be held verbally with interpreters, with no written documents provided in either English or Inuktitut.

c) **City Council Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings – Prayer**

Councillor Nattaq noted that he asks for guidance when saying a prayer at the beginning of the meeting and does not specify any particular domination. He noted that Council made a decision several years ago to continue with a prayer.

Councillor Stevenson thanked Councillors Nattaq and Akumalik for saying prayers at the beginning of meetings, which are inclusive as possible. He explained that in 2015, following a ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada to eliminate prayers during municipal council meetings, Council held a discussion and agreed to continue with a prayer, which was considered showing respect.

Councillor Stevenson did not feel it is appropriate to be praying for a meeting, but will accept the majority. He felt to be the most fair and respectful, the prayer item on the agenda be modified to a personal prayer, where a moment of silence would be held and each councillor could silently say a prayer if they so wished.

Councillor Sheppard read the rationale regarding the Supreme Court's decision to eliminate prayers at municipal council meetings.

**Motion #19-368**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council directs administration to amend any by-laws to remove the word prayer and to offer an alternative, being a moment of silence.

**For – Akumalik, Stevenson, Brewster, Sheppard**

**Opposed – Awa, Nattaq, Lucassie**

**Carried**

Councillor Sheppard commented that this is a matter of equality and inclusion and the law of the country should be followed. He felt by providing a moment of silence, it will allow all councillors the opportunity to pray if they so wish.

Deputy Mayor Brewster noted Council has a responsibility to staff, delegates and other councillors, and must be respectful to everyone. She felt there should be a time of reflection.

Councillor Nattaq noted there is a difference between prayer and a moment of silence.

It was clarified that during the moment of silence, it is each councillor's personal opinion what they wish to do.

**d) City Staff Holiday Hours**

Councillor Akumalik asked if it was necessary to have administration staff return to work on December 27, 2019. He noted that public work staff have a union agreement that they must adhere to.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, asked Council to consider the impact to the community, as it would be three days with no trucked water and sewer, garbage collection, and that there are recreation facilities are opened with public bookings. She expressed concern with offering the day off to some employees and not others, or to give the day to everyone, which would be a long time without essential services.

Councillors expressed concern that employees must be treated fairly and equally. It was also pointed out that there are union agreements that must be adhered to.

A question was raised asking about early dismissal on December 24 and 31. Ms. Elgersma advised that on both days, any staff that are working are dismissed at noon. Municipal trucked services start at 6 a.m. to ensure that residents have trucked water and sewer, and garbage collection.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Qikiqtani Inuit Association – Call for Nomination to Iqaluit Community Lands and Resources Committee, Request for an Inuk Council Member to sit on Qikiqtani Inuit Association Community Lands and Resources Committee**

Councillor Sheppard nominated Councillor Nattaq, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Akumalik nominated Councillor Awa, who accepted the nomination.

Mayor Bell asked for a vote by ballot and Councillor Awa was declared Council's representative on the Qikiqtani Inuit Association Community Lands and Resources Committee.

### **Motion #19-369**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Councillor Awa is Council's representative on the Qikiqtani Inuit Association Community Lands and Resources Committee.

**Unanimously Carried**

## **12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- a) Human Resources – Excluded Employee Benefit Package  
b) Legal Item

### **Motion #19-370**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council goes In Camera.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-371**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council returns to regular session.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-372**

Moved by: Councillor Awa  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves Human Resources to change providers from Northern Employee Benefits Services (NEBS) to Great West Life (GWL) for excluded staff.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-373**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council goes In Camera.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #19-374**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council returns to regular session.

**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #19-375**


Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson



Council adjourns at 9:00 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
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for Kenny Bell  
Mayor

  
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Amy Elgersma  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

