

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #33
DECEMBER 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Sheila Flaherty
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Solomon Awa
Councillor John Fawcett

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Geoff Byrne, Economic Development Officer
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Alison Drummond, Senior Director of Corporate Services
Robyn Mackey, Director of Human Resources
Jason Harasimo, Project Manager

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:

11. Correspondence
 - a) Bell Let's Talk Day - Request for Flag Raising
12. In Camera
 - Legal Item
7. By-law(s)
 - c) Third and Final Reading of By-law(s)
 - i.) By-law No. 906 2021 Mill Rate Amendment of By-law No. 886

Motion #20-392

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) **Council Meeting #32 dated November 24, 2020**

Motion #20-393

Moved by: Councillor Flaherty
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

City Council Meeting #32 Minutes dated November 24, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Nattaq noted that COVID-19 requirements require people to isolate in hubs prior to arriving in Iqaluit. He expressed the importance of isolation and reminded everyone to follow the travel rules that are in place.

Councillor Akumalik commented that Iqaluit is growing very rapidly and there are not many homeowners. He felt homeowners should be supported instead of increasing fees for various things, which could become a burden.

Several councillors wished residents a safe and enjoyable holiday season. This will be a different holiday season with COVID-19 restrictions for isolation and permitted small gatherings.

Councillor Flaherty reminded residents that they can access a number of mental health resources if the need arises.

Deputy Mayor Brewster expressed gratitude on the amount of work carried out this year by both City staff and community groups regarding COVID-19. She noted that a number of funding programs were received and distributed by various organization to help address such things as food security, homelessness, mental health issues, violence against women and gaps in youth services. She appreciated the work carried out by staff to adapt to the changing COVID-19 requirements to keep the community safe.

Councillor Awa expressed concern that gravel will be required for developments, which must be considered for future land planning.

Mayor Bell commented that this has been an unprecedented and challenging year and he was proud of the work by Council and staff. He appreciated and thanked staff for their work and perseverance through the difficult times.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-laws(s)

None

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

i) By-law No. 906 2021 Mill Rate Amendment of By-law No. 886

This item was removed from the agenda.

ii) By-law No. 907 Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment of By-law No. 869

Motion #20-394

Moved by: Councillor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 907 Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment of By-law No. 869.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Funding for Mental Health Programs in Response to COVID-19

Stephanie Clark, Direction of Recreation, explained that Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) has provided \$50,000 to the City as flow through funding for mental health programming.

Ms. Clark advised that work has been carried out with the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation to develop a program for them to support youth mental health training.

Motion #20-395

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves \$50,000 flow through funding, less associated administrative costs, to the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – COVID Response Funds Allocation – Flow Through Funding

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

Stephanie Clark, Direction of Recreation, explained the following three requests:

- COVID Food Security Funding – remaining \$27,000
 - Allocate \$20,000 to the Qajuqturvik Food Centre to be used for the Pijittirniq Food Box Program
 - Allocate \$7,000 to Tukisigiavik to amend their current agreement
- Reaching Home COVID-19 Response – remaining \$23,800
 - Amend the current Contribution Agreement with Uquutaq Society to include \$23,800 for their increased COVID-19 cleaning/sanitization and security requirements in the transitional facility.
- Additional Reaching Home COVID-19 Response - \$1,308,196
 - Amend the current Contribution Agreement with Uquutaq Society to add \$470,000 to support additional COVID-19 requirements for the Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter Program.
 - Amend the current Contribution Agreement with Tukisigiavik to add \$100,000 for their hygiene and vulnerable population food programs.
 - Amend the current Contribution Agreement with the Qajuqturvik Food Centre to add \$85,000 for their food service and delivery program.
 - To create a new Contribution Agreement with the Mayor’s Task Force on Housing in the amount of \$150,000 to hire a consultant to develop a plan of action for homelessness and housing in Iqaluit.

Motion #20-396

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves COVID-19 funding allocations as presented.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Brewster thanked Ms. Clark for the work she has done with community groups to organize and allocate funds.

Councillor Stevenson noted that during budget discussions, \$100,000 was allocated to the Mayor’s Task Force on Housing. He asked if the \$150,000 is an additional allocation.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that at the meeting, it was reported that staff would be looking for external funding. She noted that the \$150,000 would be additional funds for the Mayor’s Task Force on Housing.

Councillor Akumalik returned to the meeting.

c) Distribution of Funds for COVID-19 Community Response – Update

Stephanie Clark, Direction of Recreation, provided the following summary on funds received for COVID-19 Community Response:

- A total of \$2.293 million were received from:
 - Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI)
 - Government of Nunavut
 - Canadian Medical Association Foundation
 - Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
- Majority of funds have been allocated to the community or internal City run programs.
- Funds have been used to purchase materials and cleaning kits.
- Ensure everyone has access to sanitation, supplies and masks.
- Recreation Department has been leading the distribution.
 - With the closure of facilities, staff were reassigned to be involved in community outreach.
- \$50,000 was received from QIA recently to provide mental health programming specific to the youth centre.
- \$75,000 was recently received from Community Centres Canada for elders programming at the Elder's Qammaq

d) Request for Decision – City Branded COVID-19 Masks

Geoff Byrne, Economic Development Officer, advised that as requested by Council, staff looked at Iqaluit branded COVID-19 masks. He explained that several options were received and staff are recommending a 4-ply cotton mask with a single colour logo. He noted that the Government of Canada are recommending that masks have at least three layers.

Motion #20-397

Moved by: Councillor Fawcett

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approves to purchase 1,000 cotton 4-ply masks with a single-coloured City logo at a cost of \$4,345 plus tax and shipping.

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

Councillors spoke both in favour of and opposed to City logo masks. Comments were made that some individuals may want to purchase the masks.

**e) Request for Decision – Long Term Water Storage – Pre-Feasibility Study
Final Option Recommendation**

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Council is being requested to approve the preferred option identified through the recently completed Pre-Feasibility Study for Long Term Water Storage.

Ms. Elgersma noted that the study identified three options for the supplementary storage. It is recommended to use the option of a combination to excavate and berm a hydraulically independent reservoir in close proximity to Lake Geraldine. It is estimated that the cost will be \$64,325,000.

Motion #20-398

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approves pursuing the preferred long-term water storage option identified through the recently completed Pre-Feasibility Study, which includes a combination of excavated and bermed, hydraulically independent reservoir in close proximity to Lake Geraldine at an estimated cost of \$64 million.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard clarified that this is the direction for long-term water supply storage and there is no commitment of money at this time.

Ms. Elgersma explained that the Pre-Feasibility Study identified the options and Council is asked to approve the preferred option. She noted that approval will enable staff to begin work on the next phase, which includes a number of studies to be completed in 2021. The approved 2021 budget includes monies to carry out the next phase of the project. She pointed out that the City will be requiring external funding sources to fund the majority of the project.

f) Request for Decision – New City Hall 1085 Construction Phase 3 Pricing

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the new City Hall 1085 was carried out in phases. The final phase is Phase 3 at a cost of \$100,000 and does not include the access controls, key fobs for the entrances and intrusion alarm system.

Ms. Elgersma noted that occupancy will be received by December 31, 2020, and the move in date will take place by January 8, 2021. She explained that additional time will be required to complete the audio-visual project in the Council Chambers.

Motion #20-399

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Council approves the new City Hall 1085 Phase 3 construction in the amount of \$100,000.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification on the change order amount of \$26,996.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the change order amount is not included in the Phase 3 price of \$100,000. The \$26,996 change order was for the thermal insulation for the HVAC and was previously approved.

Councillor Sheppard asked about the cost for the access control and intrusion alarm system and if that will be the final part of the construction.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the access control and intrusion alarm system is the final part of the construction and it is estimated to cost \$20,000.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Bell Let's Talk Day – Request for Flag Raising

Motion #20-400

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves to raise the Bell Let's Talk Day Flag on January 28, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Labour Item
- Legal Item

Motion #20-401

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council goes In Camera at 6:48 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #20-402

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT


Motion #20-403

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

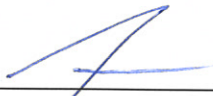
Council adjourns at 8:30 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Kenny Bell
Mayor



Amy Elgersma
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 26th day of January 2021.

