

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #01
JANUARY 26, 2021 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
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Geneva Chislett, Controller
Alison Drummond, Senior Director of Corporate Services
Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief

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:

9. New Business

e) Request for Decision – Building 901 – Arnaitok Complex Accessibility Upgrades

Motion #21-01

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Council Meeting #33 dated December 8, 2020**

Motion #21-02

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Awa

City Council Meeting #33 Minutes dated December 8, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

b) **Emergency City Council Meeting #34 dated December 10, 2020**

Motion #21-03

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Emergency City Council Meeting #34 Minutes dated December 10, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Awa thanked Council for appointing him as a member on the Nunavut Parks Committee. Councillor Awa advised that there have been a number of meetings and the committee is planning to operate the Nunavut Parks. He explained that in reviewing the area designated as Nunavut Parks, the city boundary line falls within the Nunavut Park. He noted that Council has passed a motion that no cabins will be constructed until a by-law has been developed. This has raised a question relating to ownership of the land and who will have to provide approval for construction. Councillor Awa asked that staff look into the matter of land sharing with Nunavut Parks.

Councillor Flaherty acknowledged that the first meeting of Council this year falls during the same week as Bell Let's Talk Day, which is on January 28th. She noted that the earth's population is 7.6 billion, of which 165,000 are Inuit. She expressed the importance of mental health in the community and the need for more initiatives for mental health and well-being. She asked the community to hashtag on social media the phrases Bell Let's Talk, resilience in life and mental health matters.

Councillor Flaherty also discussed several priorities for 2021, including governance training, working on the Strategic Plan for the upcoming year, and she inquired on the status of the Inuit Employment Plan.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

a) Mayor's Housing Task Force Update - Verbal

Deputy Mayor Brewster advised that a Housing Task Force meeting will be held on January 27th, at which time a number of sub-committees will present recommendations. As well, the scope of work for the consultant will be presented for feedback and approval to call a Request for Proposal.

Councillor Flaherty asked if the City applied for the Rapid Housing Initiative.

Mayor Bell explained that the Rapid Housing Initiative was to buy back old hotels and apartment buildings that could quickly be turned into emergency housing. He pointed out that there are no buildings in Iqaluit that would fall under the initiative. He noted that there is a vacant building near the airport, but it has been vacant in excess of 20 years and would cost a huge amount of money to bring the building up-to-date. However, there have been conversations with the Government of Nunavut to update the building.

Councillor Sheppard advised that there are groups in the city who are applying for the Rapid Housing Initiative.

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

- i) By-law No. 898 General Plan Amendment of By-law No. 703

Motion #21-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 898 General Plan Amendment of By-law No. 703.

Unanimously Carried

ii) By-law No. 899 Zoning Amendment of By-law No. 704

Motion #21-05

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Awa

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 899 Zoning Amendment of By-law No. 704.

Unanimously Carried

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

Motion #21-06

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 906 2021 Mill Rate Amendment of By-law No. 886.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Municipal Enforcement 4th Quarter Statistical Report

Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief, reviewed the 4th Quarter Statistical Report for 2020. He noted that there were 101 violation tickets which totalled \$26,875 in fines.

The following questions were posed and answered by Mr. Mugford:

- Thanks were extended to the By-law Enforcement Officers for their hard work.

- The public has become more aware of the presence of the By-law Enforcement Officers in the city.
- Were the three complaints regarding the dog attack/dog bites under the care of the owner?
 - One dog was in a foster home on behalf of the Iqaluit Humane Society. All steps were taken under the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law to lay charges. The dog is no longer at the foster home and is at the Iqaluit Humane Society.
 - Two dogs were with their owners.
 - One dog was roaming free.
 - One dog was not on a leash and did not respond to the owner's verbal commands.
- What are the rules in relation to euthanatizing if a dog bites an individual?
 - Direction is taken from the Environmental Health Officer regarding who is responsible to quarantine the dog for ten days.
 - At the end of the quarantine period, if the dog does not display signs of being rabid, a request is forwarded to the Court of Justice to have the case heard and a decision made.
 - The decision could be to have the dog euthanatized or to follow the stringent guidelines set out in the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law.
- Is there a requirement for foster dog homes to have a level of equipment?
 - The Responsible Pet Ownership By-law does not include requirements to foster animals.
 - The City has a Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Iqaluit Humane Society and does not include training for an individual who fosters a pet.
 - The City could require that certain equipment must be provided to the individual who fosters a pet.
- Can the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law be added to a future agenda so that amendments can be made to include provisions to provide equipment, such as leashes and muzzles to individuals who foster pets?
 - Amendments to the Pet Ownership By-law will be presented to Council for review.
- Have the stringent guidelines been put in place for the dog that bit a child?
 - The dog is in the control and care of the Iqaluit Humane Society.
 - It is in a cage away from other animals.
 - The dog receives exercise and cannot be walked by men or children.
 - Steps have not been taken to deem the dog vicious, as the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law requires the dog to be known to attack. This is the first attack that is known.
- What is the process to have the Court of Justice make a decision regarding the dog, as this is a public safety issue?
 - Several councillors agreed that the necessary steps must be taken to euthanize the dog.

Motion #21-07

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs staff to follow the extent of the law to have the dog in question that bit a child euthanized as soon as possible.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Bell was not required to vote, but wanted it noted that he was in favour of the motion.

Mayor Bell noted that the report included abandonment of four vehicles on the side of the road and in two instances, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) was scratched off. He asked if the VIN on the motor was located to determine the ownership of the vehicle.

Mr. Mugford advised that the vehicles will be taken into custody and staff will locate the VIN on the motor to determine the registered owner in order to take the appropriate action. He noted that this process will also be used in the future if the need arises.

Mayor Bell felt that the registered owner should also be responsible for towing the vehicle and the time spent to locate the VIN on the motor.

b) 2021 Council Calendar

Mayor Bell explained that he met with staff to determine meeting dates for the year. He noted that there may be times that emergency or special meetings will have to be held and some meetings may have to be cancelled. Mayor Bell explained that based on the Council Procedures By-law No. 526, Council meetings are required to be held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and can only be cancelled by motion of Council.

Councillor Nattaq noted that he is required to travel for medical appointments and he will advise the City Clerk of his absence prior to meetings being held.

A question arose regarding the Governance Training scheduled in May. It was explained that the date was chosen in hopes that the COVID-19 travel restrictions will be lifted, to allow an individual to come to Iqaluit to provide in-depth Governance Training.

Motion #21-08

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves the 2021 Council Calendar as presented and further authorizes the Mayor to make changes as required.

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

Councillor Fawcett asked that the 2021 Council Calendar be made public so everyone is aware of the various meetings and dates.

c) Lighting of Qulliq – Verbal

Councillor Flaherty suggested that at the first meeting of a new year, an invitation be extended to an elder to light a Qulliq. Councillor Flaherty was not aware that such a request required a motion of Council.

Mayor Bell suggested that a Qulliq be lit at the first Council meeting at the new City Hall, as well as the first Council meeting of each year.

Motion #21-09

Moved by: Councillor Flaherty

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council approves that an elder light a Qulliq at the first Council meeting of each year.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson clarified that the cost of lighting the Qulliq will be funded by the budget.

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the budget includes money for a grand opening event for the new City Hall, which can include the cost of lighting a Qulliq.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that the City should purchase a sizeable Qulliq that would be displayed in the Council Chambers.

d) Request for Decision – Scrap Metal Removal – RFP for an Alternative Approach to Vehicle Disposal

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that there is a considerable amount of scrap metal at the landfill and the budget includes funds to crush and prepare vehicles to ship south. The cost for residents to dispose of a vehicle, including the tires, battery and body of the vehicle is \$805.

Ms. Elgersma suggested to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Alternative Approach for Vehicle Disposal for a multi-year contract. The RFP would require the contractor to be responsible to receive the vehicles, crushing, storing, removing the battery and fluids, and shipping the scrap metal south annually. The alternate approach would save money for both the citizens and the City.

Motion #21-10

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council directs Administration to develop and release a Request for Proposal for an Alternative Approach to Receive and Dispose of Vehicles.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked if the RFP could include accepting and disposal of tires that are not on vehicles.

Ms. Elgersma explained that the intent was removal of the scrap metal, as there is a market for metal and battery casings. She noted that a separate provision could be included in the RFP for disposal of various size tires.

Councillor Akumalik spoke about the high cost to dispose of vehicles.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the Fees and Charges By-law No. 813 has a provision for a resident to make an application to the City if they are unable to pay the fee.

It was suggested that a landing fee be charged on all new vehicles. Mayor Bell advised that this would have to be discussed with staff at the Government of Nunavut to put into effect.

Councillor Awa pointed out that the Solid Waste Transfer Station included the purchase of a vehicle crusher.

Ms. Elgersma explained that the plan for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station included the purchase of a vehicle/scrap metal crusher. She noted that having a third-party process and ship the scrap metal will give staff the opportunity to determine if it is more feasible for a third party or the City to manage the scrap metal.

Councillor Fawcett asked about the removal and disposal of fluids from vehicles.

Ms. Elgersma explained that it is required that the fluids are removed prior to the vehicle being delivered to the landfill site. She commented that the RFP does include a provision that the contractor adheres to all environmental standards and guidelines.

Councillor Fawcett asked who is responsible for the removal of fluids and where are the fluids kept and disposed of.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the fluids are removed at a garage and if they are not removed, the City charges a fee to remove the fluids. Any fluids removed by the City are stored and sent south for hazardous waste disposal.

e) Request for Decision – Building 901 – Arnaitok Complex Accessibility Upgrades

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that a tender was issued for the accessibility upgrades to Building 901. Two bids were received but were in excess of the budget amount. The City contributed \$100,000 towards the project and \$1 million was approved through the Enabling Accessibility Funding Program. A funding amendment for an additional \$245,000 has been submitted and is pending approval.

Ms. Elgersma noted that the lease for Building 2425 expires on June 30, 2021, with no chance for extension.

Motion #21-11

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council awards Building 901 Arnaitok Complex Accessibility Upgrades to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$1,287,700 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Fawcett asked if Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. is registered under the Inuit Firm Database.

Ms. Elgersma advised that NNI was not part of the Request for Proposal as the funds were not from the Government of Nunavut.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Nunavut Research Institute Application – “The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Food Sovereignty and Food Security on Nunavut Communities.”**

Motion #21-12

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Nunavut Research Institute Application – “The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Food Sovereignty and Food Security on Nunavut Communities.” - Scientific Research License from Sidney Horlick, University of Alberta.

Unanimously Carried

b) Girl Guides of Canada Monuments or Light Displays

Motion #21-13

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves to recognize Girl Guides celebrating World Thinking Day – a day of international friendship on February 22 by lighting a display/item provided by the Girl Guides.

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

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Legal Item

Motion #21-14

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Fawcett

Council goes In Camera at 7:43 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #21-15

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT


Motion #21-16

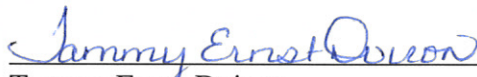
Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Council adjourns at 8:10 p.m.

Unanimously Carried




Kenny Bell
Mayor


Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 9th day of February, 2021.

