

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #07
MARCH 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Sheila Flaherty

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Rod Mugford, City Clerk
Jennifer Jarvis, City Planner
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Sr. Interpreter/Translator

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:

12. In Camera – One item - Legal

Remove:

New Business

9. d) Heavy Fuel Oil Tax – Briefing

Motion #20-66

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES.

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes #04 dated February 11, 2020

Motion #20-67

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Awa

City Council Meeting Minutes #04 dated February 11, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #05 dated February 18, 2020

Motion #20-68

Moved by: Councillor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Special City Council Meeting Minutes #05 dated February 18, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Engineering and Public Works Meeting Minutes #04 dated July 31, 2019

Motion #20-69

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Engineering and Public Works Meeting Minutes #04 dated July 31, 2019.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Nunavut Arctic College – Consultations for 10-Year Strategic Plan**

Susan Gardener and Sue Ball, Nunavut Arctic College Board of Governors, were in attendance to explain that consultations on the 10-Year Strategic Plan are being carried out across Nunavut. Consultations will be held in Iqaluit on March 16, 2020 at the Apex School and on March 19, 2020 at the Nunavut Arctic College. She noted that five outcomes were identified and explained each:

- Specialization
- Accessibility
- Accountability
- Responsiveness
- Stability

b) **Toonik Tyme**

Members from 123 Go were in attendance regarding Toonik Tyme from April 9 to April 19, 2020. The committee is requesting that April 17th be declared the Civic Holiday instead of April 9th.

Mayor Bell pointed out that the Toonik Tyme By-law says the first day of Toonik Tyme will be a Civic Holiday. He noted that April 9th falls on Good Friday this year and is already a Federal holiday.

Mayor Bell commented that an amendment to the By-law would enable the Toonik Tyme Committee to recommend to Council a date to declare a civic holiday.

Mayor Bell explained if Council wishes to amend the Toonik Tyme By-law, it will be placed on Council's agenda on March 24, 2020 for First and Second Reading, and the Third and Final Reading would be carried out at the April 14, 2020 Council Meeting.

Council agreed that the Toonik Tyme By-law amendment be placed on the March 24, 2020 Council agenda for First and Second Reading.

Mayor Bell noted that at this time, the Toonik Tyme Civic Holiday will remain as the first day being April 9th.

c) **Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association**

Alexia Cousins, Vice President, Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association, was in attendance regarding the annual Toonik Tyme Hockey Tournament. She explained they are hoping to host as many communities from Nunavut as possible. Other Nunavut communities consider this a big event, similar to Iqaluit participating in a tournament in Ottawa. The Association was unable to secure a contract with the airline for a reduced airfare. The Association budget for the event includes some funds which can help offset airfare costs

for travel from other communities in Nunavut. The Association is requesting if it is possible to waive the ice rental and canteen fees for the Toonik Tyme Tournament, and these funds would be used to offset airfare for players from other communities to enable them to attend the tournament. She explained that in some instances, communities only have two or three players and once in Iqaluit, they are amalgamated with other teams.

It was agreed that the matter be placed on the March 12, 2020 Recreation Committee Meeting agenda.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Brewster recognized International Women's Day on March 8th and spoke on the importance of being treated equally.

Mayor Bell thanked Councillors Awa and Nattaq for meeting with The Honourable Dan Vandal, Northern Affairs Minister.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

- i. By-law No. 888 General Plan Amendment By-law No. 703

Motion #20-70

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law 888 General Plan Amendment By-law No. 703.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Bell advised that By-law 888 includes an amendment that a Public Hearing will be held on March 24, 2020.

b) Second Reading of By-laws(s)

None

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

- i. 2020 Mill Rate By-law No. 886

Motion #20-71

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council approves Third and Final Reading of 2020 Mill Rate By-law No. 886.

Unanimously Carried

- ii. Property Class Amendment By-law No. 887

Motion #20-72

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council approves Third and Final Reading of Property Class Amendment By-law No. 887.

Unanimously Carried

- iii. City of Iqaluit By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced

Motion #20-73

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council approves Third and Final Reading of City of Iqaluit By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Property Tax Assessments – Reduction and Rebates

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that last summer there was a fire at a condominium in the Plateau which destroyed a number of units and the property is no longer usable as a residence. She explained that tenants have inquired about tax adjustments. Ms. Elgersma advised that staff have reviewed the *Property Tax Act* and determined that Section 85 –where the damage or destruction is so significant to render the taxable property unfit for further use or occupation, the Minister of Finance, by order, or the Council of a municipal tax authority, by by-law, may on the application of the assessed owner, reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes.

Ms. Elgersma requested Council's direction to determine if staff should draft a by-law for Council's consideration to reduce the assessed value for the taxes on the building component. She noted that some municipal units bring the matter to the Board of Appeals and others use a percentage.

Ms. Elgersma noted that in past years, there has been no adjustment for those families who have lost their units. Therefore, a by-law would have a clear policy to make the decision.

Councillors made the following comments that should be considered when staff are drafting a by-law:

- A pro-rated amount for the time the building was no longer liveable.
- Make sure the burnt units are replaced or removed as soon as possible.
- Consider other reasons why buildings are not inhabitable.
- Factors that determine no longer permanently inhabitable.
- Timeline to re-build, perhaps two years.

Mayor Bell noted that staff will consider the comments made by councillors when drafting a by-law to present to Council for review and discussion.

b) Request for Decision – Excess Funding

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that staff are recommending reallocating the excess funds originally granted to Qajuqturvik Food Centre and from the previous year's carry-forward to groups that will use the funds before March 31, 2020.

Ms. Elgersma also suggested using some of the funds to support the Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association rather than providing free ice time. Ms. Elgersma explained that the Director of Recreation spoke to Ms. Cousins, who indicated they would require \$15,000. Ms. Elgersma advised there are funds available to cover the request in the carry-forward funds.

Ms. Elgersma recommended the following organizations receive funding:

- Iqaluit Community Theatre - \$5,414
- Tukisigiarvik's Nunamuit Care Camp Program - \$10,000
- First Steps Daycare -\$10,000
- Iqaluit Music Club - \$10,000

- Mamaqtuq Nanook Cooking Club - \$2,000
- Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association - \$15,000 – pending receiving an acceptable application tomorrow

Motion #20-74

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council accepts the recommendation as presented.

Unanimously Carried

Ms. Elgersma clarified that staff contacted various groups who already received funding, as well as those who did not receive funding this year. The groups being recommended for funding advised they could spend the funds prior to March 31 and explained what the funds would be used for. Therefore, no organization was denied funding.

c) Request for Decision – Sport Nunavut 2020

Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation, advised that annually the Department of Recreation applies for operational funding for programs and facility improvements from Sport Nunavut. The request for funding is for Swim at Schools Program, Breakers Swim Team, Christmas Games, Volunteer Appreciation, and Physical Literacy Programs in the amount of \$37,000.

Motion #20-75

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council supports the Recreation Department's Application for Funding under the Government of Nunavut Department of Sport and Recreation Grants and Contributions Program.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Bell requested that Inuit Games be included as a regular event and be held throughout the year and not just at Christmas Games.

d) Heavy Fuel Oil Tax – Briefing

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Committee

Motion #20-76

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council requests consent for Councillor Awa to provide his CLARC (Community Land and Resources Committee) Report.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Awa advised at a recent CLARC meeting, it was explained that the beach area is Inuit Owned Lands, however, it is inside the city's boundaries. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) will try to keep the area clean and they will not build any cabins or shacks. The beach area is used for a drinking party area, and CLARC is requesting the City's Municipal Enforcement to patrol the area.

Mayor Bell noted that discussion has been held with QIA regarding this matter.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission

A letter was received from The Honourable George Hicks thanking Council for their support for retail cannabis stores in Iqaluit.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Legal Item

Motion #20-77

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council goes In Camera at 7:48 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #20-78

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council resumes regular session at 8:49 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #20-79

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council awards Colliers Project Leaders for the Engineering Department Project Management as per the Request for Decision.

For – Brewster, Sheppard, Nattaq, Akumalik

Opposed – Lucassie, Awa

Carried

Motion #20-80

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approves the Project Management Services for the five-year capital plan be awarded to Colliers based on their technical and financial proposal submission.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #20-81

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council directs Administration to satisfy the outstanding Colliers' invoice as reviewed previously.

For - Brewster, Sheppard, Nattaq, Akumalik, Awa

Opposed - Lucassie

Carried

Motion #20-82

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs the HR Department to enter into an agreement to have McLennan Ross provide legal services during contract negotiations.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20-83

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council adjourns at 8:51 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kenny Bell
Mayor

Rod Mugford
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 14th day of April, 2020.