

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #02  
JANUARY 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson, Chair  
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi  
Councillor Jason Rochon  
Councillor Noah Papatsie  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant  
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager  
Stephanie Clark, Recreation Services Manager  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Ella Levin, Budget Analyst  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

**PRAYER**

Councillor Papatsie opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:07 p.m.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #19-14**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Adoption of the agenda as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

Deputy Mayor Stevenson took a minute to introduce to Council a new employee. Her name is Ella Levin and she will be working in the Finance Department as a Budget Analyst.

**1. MINUTES**

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole #07 - November 5, 2018

**Motion #19-15**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #07 dated November 5, 2018.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole #06 – December 5, 2018

**Motion #19-16**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated #06 dated December 5, 2018.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Staff Sergeant Elliott was in attendance to present the Police Report from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, and made the following comments:

- There was a good involvement with the Christmas Check Stop program. Numerous check spots were initiated in the community during the Christmas season at various times. The RCMP worked at times with By-law, supporting the GN Liquor and Cannabis Commission initiative for promoting safe rides. Members attended various Christmas functions at various locations in the city and

handed out over 1,000 taxi vouchers to help people get home safe. This campaign ran from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 until January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. No impaired drivers were identified through the check stops over the Christmas season; however, one was picked up on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the first night after the campaign ended.

- There were two major incidents in mid to late December that involved the Critical Incident Command being called into service. The Containment Team and Crisis Negotiation Team were successful in resolving one incident. The second incident involved firearms being discharged at the members and police vehicles. There was a concerned threat to the public and to the members for their safety. Members responded with lethal force and stopped the threat. At this time, one individual remains in hospital, the other individual is before the court, and the matter remains before the court. The aftermath of the second incident has impacted the members who were involved. An independent investigation is being completed by the Ottawa Police Service. At this time, the report remains outstanding. Members of the detachment were relieved that no innocent people were injured during the event.
- Staff Sergeant Elliott thanked those individuals who opened up their homes to the members to maintain containment on the residence in question, and was thankful for the support given to the members that evening as temperatures were -45C with the wind chill.
- Staff Sergeant Elliott commented that the RCMP was involved through the holiday season with a very successful Elders dinner at the Cadet Hall. Members and families of the RCMP put on a good meal and the event was well received. The following day, members helped a local community group with the handing out of Christmas hampers. Members helped build the hampers and were involved with delivering about a third of the hampers. This initiative was also very well received in the community. Staff Sergeant Elliott and another member attended the Community Feast on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, which was well supported and appreciated, given that the night before was the incident with the firearms that was previously spoken about.
- Staff Sergeant Elliott is scheduled to start a leave on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will return on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Sergeant Shay is the operation's NCO. He has been in the community for a couple of years and is well-versed as to where the detachment is at operations-wise. He will be covering Staff Sergeant Elliott's position while he is away.
- Staff Sergeant Elliott provided the year-end statistics for 2018 in his report. The total calls for service in 2018 were 8,651. These represent the main crime types that are reported. However, there are many other calls for service that the RCMP does receive outside of what is on the list. The total of all types of calls for service would be 13,733. A lot of that is minor things that are not reported on the stats sheets, but still takes time for members to deal with.
- Staff Sergeant Elliott also provided the various statistics for the previous years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, just to give a reflection that the additional calls for service are over and above what is reported of the main crime types. He discussed briefly the section of the report relating to prisoners being held and the fact that it was up slightly over the course of the year.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his presentation and asked if Council had any questions for him.

Councillor Matshazi thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his presentation. He asked Staff Sergeant Elliott if he had a chance to study the RCMP patrols and if not; if he thought it was something that could be done.

Staff Sergeant Elliott asked if Councillor Matshazi was speaking about foot patrols. He indicated that those were primarily spearheaded for the summertime months, from June until September. During the colder winter months, foot patrols are less effective as there is less foot traffic out and about.

Councillor Matshazi asked if the foot patrols would return for the upcoming summer and Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated it was his intent to have this remain in place. He also said he hoped this year would be a bit more robust, as last year was the launch of the program and some kinks have since been worked out.

Councillor Papatsie thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his presentation. He also thanked him for everything the RCMP does for the City and the Nunavut Territory. Councillor Papatsie spoke to Staff Sergeant Elliott about whether the RCMP could work with City administration in regards to his concern over people wearing darker clothing and not being seen, especially since it is now dark during part of the day. Councillor Papatsie indicated the concern is to make sure that there are reflectors on those parkas that are not bright colours.

Staff Sergeant Elliott agreed that it is an advantage, even for those people walking on the sidewalks. He said any type of reflective clothing would be a positive. He said he would speak with their media team and perhaps put out a couple of periodic reminders through their social website, to remind the public that it enhances their safety and provides an opportunity for motorists to see someone before it is too late.

Staff Sergeant Elliott passed along to Council the fact that there is a working group led by Family Services of the Government and the RCMP sat on this board. The RCMP participated in providing their input to the board as well. The board was set up to try to find a location for the homeless or destitute people who had been sheltering at the hospital. The numbers have grown significantly where it became impedance at the hospital. The group was successful as of the 14<sup>th</sup> to alleviate the hospital as a place for them to conjure at night. They temporarily had set up at the food centre for a few nights, until they got Building 534, the old mental health building ready to go, and are now housing some of the people there. Staff Sergeant Elliott acknowledged that it was an overwhelming community effort from many different agencies to come up with the ideas and planning to make this happen.

Councillor Matshazi asked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his opinion on community policing. He asked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his thoughts on whether or not the system is effective

yet and if he felt he is working closely with the community and if the community is engaged in police-related issues.

Staff Sergeant Elliott agreed that there is good community support. He believes it all starts with the RCMP, through mayor and council, in identifying issues or concerns that are raised from the community. Additionally, plans are set up to deliver on programs or steps that can be taken to mitigate risk. Staff Sergeant Elliott spoke about Mayor Redfern looking to re-establish the public safety committee, with respect to taking the community policing aspect a bit further. It is hoped that there will be progress between now and March 31<sup>st</sup>. The idea and thought is to take one particular area and start there. The vision is to get one or two particular areas up and running and very sound. The hope is then to spread out and have representatives from each area as a working group to share information, etc.

Staff Sergeant Elliott feels there is good support with the community. He indicated that people do call when stuff is happening in their areas. He feels that this is just another way to enhance the confidence, and hopefully having the calls coming in before there are more severe types of crime taking place.

Councillor Matshazi encouraged Staff Sergeant Elliott and his staff to prioritize his vision and turn it into reality. He feels it is a very important program that the RCMP would implement and it would close the gap between the authorities and the community. Councillor Matshazi indicated that he would like to see the police and the community work together seamlessly. He feels it will help reduce some of the issues that the RCMP could potentially face, if the program is made a priority.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked Staff Sergeant Elliott about what the strategy is from the RCMP for curbing the illegal sale of cannabis in the City of Iqaluit now that it is legal, but illegal selling seems to be continuing.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that it was something he would not be able to discuss publicly. He said he could certainly meet with councillors privately outside of the council meeting to indicate some of what is being done, but could not discuss it in this type of a format.

Staff Sergeant Elliott did advise that that there is work being done, but could not speak publicly about it.

Councillor Rochon inquired about whether Staff Sergeant Elliott could attend an In-Camera meeting when he was back from holidays and brief Council on what is being done. Staff Sergeant Elliott agreed that was something he could do.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson once again thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for attending the meeting and thanked him for his thorough and informative presentation.

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Sheppard addressed Council as follows: Today, the federal government made a long awaited apology to the Ahlarmiut in Arviat. The forced relocations that the Ahlarmiut faced, and the consequences that arose because of it, continue to be felt by the few remaining survivors who are still with us today, as well as their descendants, many of whom now reside in our community or have at one time or another, including some close friends of mine. Most Canadians are unaware of this dark chapter in our colonial history, but I would encourage everyone to learn of this time, and to acknowledge the wrong that was done. I learned of these events from a good family friend, Elaine Uppahuak Prusky whose grandmother Mary Anowtalik and other family members lived through the entire experience, and I was happy to see that she was able to attend today's apology in Arviat alongside her grandmother and her own daughter. I don't imagine that there is anything that would bring closure to an experience like that, but I truly hope that today's apology will help bring about some healing for the very deserving recipients, as well as acknowledgment from a wider group of Canadians that these events of 70 years ago did happen and had consequences that are still felt today.

Councillor Matshazi wished to acknowledge the commitment to the strategic planning process that was adopted when they first started their term. He indicated that since it is the last year of their term, he is hoping that Council is going to make the strategic planning a standing issue and is hoping to see it on the agenda as an automatic agenda item, as opposed to it being a request each time.

Councillor Matshazi is also hoping that by the end of their term, it is something that has become a fabric of the meetings and it will be made an inherent part of the administration processes in the city, as opposed to ad-hoc. He feels it is important that the City has a strategic plan because it will guide Council in terms of how they will execute their business and how they will serve the residents. It also brings about accountability as to what Council sets out to do, and for residents to hold Council accountable on what they set out to do.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**7. BY-LAWS****a) First Reading of By-law(s)**

i) 2019 Mill Rate By-law

**Motion #19-17**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

First Reading of the 2019 Mill Rate By-law.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii) Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment

**Motion #19-18**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

First Reading of the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment.

**Unanimously Carried**

iii) Zoning By-law Amendment (Brewery)

**Motion #19-19**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

First Reading of the Zoning By-law Amendment (Brewery).

**For – Rochon, Papatsie, Sheppard  
Opposed – Akumalik  
Carried**

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

i) 2019 Mill Rate By-law No. 868

**Motion #19-20**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Second Reading of the 2019 Mill Rate By-law No. 868.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

**Motion #19-21**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Second Reading of the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment No. 869.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Sheppard indicated the only changes to the Fees and Charges By-law compared to the recently amended By-law is the addition of the new business license pricing.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson advised a public hearing has to take place before there can be a second reading of the Zoning By-law Amendment for the brewery. The public hearing is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Request for Decision - Municipal Core Funding  
Stephanie Clark, Recreation Services Manager

Stephanie Clark, Recreation Services Manager, indicated to Council that the Recreation Department is looking to submit an application to CGS - Sport Nunavut for \$20,000 for renovations to the youth centre. She indicated that the department is looking at updating part of the program facility. It is part of a new grant and contribution policy that allows municipalities to receive up to \$20,000 per annum for construction and acquisition in sport and recreation facility improvements.

Ms. Clark indicated that a motion from Council is required in order to support the application and is required prior to the application being submitted.

She indicated the specifics of where the money would be used: upgrading the fixtures in the kitchen area in the way of industrial kitchen equipment. She advised that the funding would allow the Recreation Department to improve the overall look and feel of the youth

centre, ensure the health requirements are met, and offer more programming specifically around food and nutrition.

Ms. Clark indicated the key action items that are connected to the strategic priorities are as follows:

- prioritize, build and rebuild the community's foundation.
- ensure the infrastructure meets the function needs of a thriving and prosperous community.

Councillor Papatsie asked about accessibility for this project. He also indicated that accessibility should be a part of the discussion every time there is a proposal.

Ms. Clark indicated that accessibility requirements will be met within the new design. She also noted that the youth centre is currently accessible and has a ramp to get into it and it has supports as well if needed.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson spoke about the audit that was completed on the youth centre and the A.W.G. Arena. He indicated that while it did not come out perfectly, it did point out where the flaws were for accessibility at the time.

He agreed with Councillor Matshazi's idea of having accessibility as part of a request for decision, specifically in planning and lands requests, and felt it should become a standard, whereby a check is in place that accessibility has been acknowledged and dealt with in the planning stages. This will ensure that the City does not end up with buildings where accessibility is not being met.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked Ms. Clark for confirmation that the funding is for this fiscal year, and if the application goes in before March 31<sup>st</sup> that the money wouldn't come until sometime in May, if the application is successful. Ms. Clark did confirm that the money is for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson also confirmed that the money would therefore have to be spent before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and Ms. Clark agreed.

**Motion #19-22**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council supports the Recreation Department's application for core funding under the Government of Nunavut Department of Sport and Recreation.

**Unanimously Carried**

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Niksiit Committee  
Councillor Papatsie, Vice Chair

Councillor Papatsie advised Council that the Niksiit Committee met on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to re-allocate the remaining, unspent 2018 funds in the amount of \$36,674.93. He provided the recommendations to Council as to what is being requested to be allocated.

Councillor Sheppard expressed his support for the Humane Society, but was concerned about whether or not allocating the funds to the Humane Society was within the program parameters of the wellness funding. He indicated that he had some concerns raised to him by other parties that perhaps that is not an eligible expense under the wellness funding. He was looking for verification on this point.

Sherri Rowe, Financial Consultant, advised that it is an eligible expense under the funding agreement.

Councillor Rochon inquired as to how one would know if the money was actually going to help low income families or residents who wouldn't necessarily have the money to be able to afford to get their dogs spayed and neutered. He felt that was part of the concerns that residents had approached him about, was that they felt like sometimes some of the free services were being utilized by two-income families or people that are making a considerable income were using the free service and therefore taking away business from the veterinarian.

Councillor Papatsie advised that part of the funding is being used for other communities and not just in the City of Iqaluit. He indicated there are other communities as well that are feeling the same effects as the City.

Ms. Rowe indicated that one thing the committee looked at before making the approval of this funding to the Humane Society is that this is not a service that is going to take away from people taking their animals to the vet. She advised that they are not trying to approve something that would compete with private business. She said it is just about licensing. It is trying to get the dogs licensed so that when they get picked up, they know who the dogs belong to and that they are not running wild. She reiterated again that this is about licensing the dogs and not about any health services being provided to the dogs.

Councillor Sheppard agreed with that. However, he was wondering about the actual proposal that was submitted and whether there was any income test in the proposal or any controls. For example, any controls in the proposal as to who can benefit from this. He stated that from a community wellness aspect, there are targeted groups in town that should receive the funding. He said he would like some more information as to how the program was going to be administered and asked if the information was made available.

Ms. Rowe indicated that she could not confirm if the program was going to be income tested. She said while she couldn't answer the question tonight, she could get back to Council on that.

Councillor Sheppard indicated that he would be unable to support the motion as presented. He inquired as to whether they could delay the consideration of item number 1 on the proposal.

Councillor Matshazi echoed Councillor's Sheppard's position. He explained that this issue once came up before with issues related to the business that the Humane Society does. He indicated that the issue of income testing was discussed. He stated that he agreed with Councillor Sheppard's position that they should be provided with more information before making a decision.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson spoke to the idea that Councillor Sheppard brought up, that the program may not necessarily benefit community wellness if it's not being targeted at low income people. He felt that if there is a problem with licensing dogs, then therefore there is a struggle to get dogs out of the shelter. And because there are more dogs on the road and they are not being taken care of, and there is more time being spent on dealing with dogs because they can't be returned home, even if people are accessing the program who shouldn't be accessing it and who could afford their tags, community wellness is still being improved overall if the impact of stray dogs on the community is being reduced.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson indicated that stray dogs are something that people have been talking to him about ever since he's been on council. He feels it is an obvious problem at certain times of the year more than others. He feels that is the overall benefit to the community, if Council is making the Humane Society a more effective organization to be able to get dogs from being picked up and back into the hands of their owners. He indicated that if the owner can be found for dogs that are picked up, then the owner has to deal with the consequences of having not taken care of their dog properly.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson feels this all goes to community wellness and the improvement of the community as a whole.

Councillor Sheppard agreed that Deputy Mayor Stevenson's comments were valid. He just felt that Council may not be using public funds in the best way possible. He explained that if 70 high income people took advantage of the program somehow, that would not be the highest invest use of that funding. He again reiterated that he would like to see more information before making a decision.

Councillor Sheppard did agree that the program is still a help, but questioned whether it provided the most help. People with means to license their dogs should be licensing their dogs already without public money doing it for them. He felt that if the public funds were going to be used, they should be directed to the highest and best use possible. He explained that that was his issue with the current proposal.

Councillor Matshazi understood Councillor Sheppard's position and agreed that it is a valid one. His concern is that Council might seem to be condoning action that people don't take responsibility for their pets. He feels it might set a precedent whereby people might think that the City will take care of things for them and high income people may take advantage of the program, when low income people should be targeted.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson explained that in the proposal that is attached, the Humane Society will target areas of town that have lots of loose dogs and a significant number of animals that are not registered. They will also take advice from Municipal Enforcement as to what areas have the greatest needs. He felt that the Humane Society is trying to target the program to the places where one might find lower income people not registering their dogs already. He explained that perhaps Council did need more explicit details on that, but does feel that it was touched on.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked Sherri Rowe if it was possible to break the motion up into four separate motions and still allocate the money. Ms. Rowe explained that this was the final funding for the fiscal year, so chances are at this late date, if Council had to come back, there might be a problem getting that money out the door and would potentially have to return the funding back to the Government of Nunavut.

Councillor Rochon asked whether the motion could be voted on, but with a recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked for clarification from Councillor Rochon as to what the recommendation would be.

Councillor Rochon explained that perhaps the Humane Society tries its best to target low income families with the 70 dogs.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked whether Councillor Papatsie would be okay with amending his motion to include a recommendation that the Humane Society expressly target low income people with this money.

Councillor Papatsie agreed, as did Councillor Rochon.

**Motion #19-23**

Moved by: Councillor Papatsie

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council approves the following Niksiit Committee recommendations:

1. Iqaluit Humane Society Get Me Home funding proposal in the amount of \$5,465.00 to expressly target low income people.
2. Alianait School Clown Presentation & Public Workshop funding proposal in the amount of \$2,000.00.

3. Uquutaq Society funding proposal for service delivery in the amount of \$10,000.00.
4. Nunavut Literacy Council funding proposal in the amount of \$19,209.93.
5. City of Iqaluit Community Wellness Plan.

**Unanimously Carried**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Two information items were presented.

- a) NRI Annual Summary Report – *COMPASS Study*
- b) NRI Annual Summary Report - *Implementation of a Maternal Pertussis Immunization Program: Improving Coverage among Inuit Women*

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #19-24**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council adjourns at 6:58 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Romeyn Stevenson  
Deputy Mayor

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Amy Elgersma  
A/ Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **26** day of **February**, 2019.