

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #31
DECEMBER 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi
Councillor Jason Rochon
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Noah Papatsie

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO
Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

PRAYER

Mayor Redfern opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #18-404

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of the agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Public Hearing Minutes – October 22, 2018

Motion #18-405

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Public Hearing Minutes dated October 22, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

b) City Council Meeting #28 – October 23, 2018

Motion #18-406

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting Minutes #28 dated October 23, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

c) City Council Meeting #29 – November 13, 2018

Motion #18-407

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting Minutes #29 dated November 13, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

d) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #04 – November 20, 2018

Motion #18-408

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #04 dated November 20, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) Christmas Games Update

Robyn Pavca and Gideonie Joamie were present from 123 Go to provide an update on the Christmas Games. Mr. Joamie advised that the Christmas Games would start on December 23rd with a community feast during the day. The games will begin on December 24th and will be held every night until January 1st. There will be no games on December 29th. Negotiations are on-going to use Nakasuk School, but they want \$1,000 a night to use the facility, which is a little high for the organization to pay. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached and a brief will be presented to the Iqaluit District Education Authority. He noted that it was agreed by the Recreation Committee and Council that 123 Go would organize the Christmas Games.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that there was a concern with security when using the Nakasuk School and suggested that some of the cost be used to increase security, to ensure the school is returned in the same condition.

Mr. Joamie advised that there is a plan in place to have security at all doors and in the washroom area. There will be people to clean up at the end of the night. He explained that whatever service the City provided will be provided by 123 Go. Mr. Joamie advised that \$12,000 will be received from the Recreation Department and there is a hold back of \$5,000 which would go towards paying the personnel.

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO, advised that the funds are coming from the Wellness Funds, as well as a few other funds to assist and supplement the costs.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that he feels the buildings in Iqaluit should be used by people for people, especially for this type of event. He hopes a good resolution will be found, as it is a good example of a building being used other than its main purpose for a positive use for the community.

Both Deputy Mayor Stevenson and Mayor Redfern offered to provide assistance in obtaining the building for the event. She noted that the Christmas Games are very important for the community.

Mr. Joamie advised that 123 Go will also utilize their own funds as well for the event. He felt positive that an agreement will be achieved to use the school, which will be beneficial for the community.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Rochon thanked the Recreation Department, Municipal Enforcement and the Fire Department for their efforts in making the Santa Claus Parade so great and for participating. He thanked City staff for a great 2018 and wished staff, Council, translators and their families and the community a great holiday season. He noted that 2018 has been a great year because of all the volunteers, leaders, organizations and coaches who make a difference, and together will make 2019 better.

Mayor Redfern advised that the City will be disposing of Joamie Court subdivision lots in January 2019. Nineteen lots will be disposed of by ballot draw that will be held on January 14th, 2109, in the Council Chambers starting at 6:00 p.m.

Two lots will be offered for affordable housing through a Call for Proposal, with details being provided at a later date. Three lots will be offered by direct disposal to Nunavut Housing Corporation and one lot will be provided for Habitat for Humanity, as per the approved conditions.

To be included in the ballot draw, residents must submit a completed application form, a \$300 non-refundable application fee and a notarized Statutory Declaration Form regarding first-time home ownership to the Planning and Development Department, located at Building 2425, no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 7th, 2019.

Details on the available lots, as well as how to apply, can be found on the City's website.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole #07

i) Development Permit Application 18-050 and Request for Variance

A Development Permit Application and Variance was received for the construction of a 29 m² accessory building to be constructed in the front yard of a home in Apex. The variance is being requested because an accessory building in a front yard of a R1A Zone can be no larger than 12 m². The location of the property is next to an open area and will be constructed on the side front area of the property.

Motion #18-409

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That Council approves Development Permit Application DP 18-050 for Lot 7, Block 8, Plan 1986 to allow a 29 m² accessory building, subject to the City's standard conditions, the special conditions of approval as shown on the plans, and approves a variance to Section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw 704 to increase the area of an accessory structure in the front yard of the R1A Zone from 12 m² to 29 m².

Unanimously Carried

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

i) Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment

Motion #18-410

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

First Reading Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard pointed out the amendment is for the following changes:

- Schedule for the decrease in water subsidy over the coming years.
- Garbage rates.
- Fire service related fees for training and other services.

b) Second Reading of By-Law(s)

i) Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment No. 867

Motion #18-411

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Second Reading Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law Amendment No. 867.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard asked about the tire disposal fee of \$70.

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO, explained that the Public Works Department staff advised that is the actual cost to dispose of the tires.

Mayor Redfern noted that under the new Solid Waste Management Plan, the tires will be shredded and used as cover. She commented when tires are purchased in the south, there is an associated tire fee which remains in the province where the tires were purchased.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that when the tires are shredded and used for cover, the cost for disposal will have to be adjusted, as the current cost includes a fee to ship the tires south.

Councillor Matshazi confirmed that the residential water subsidy rate is the correct amount.

Councillor Sheppard advised that the base water rate is two cents per litre. The current subsidy is 1.3 cents per litre. Councillor Sheppard advised that the numbers in the document are correct.

Mayor Redfern noted that the subsidy is the amount that is being reduced.

Councillor Matshazi asked when using this formula, when will the fund be balanced.

Councillor Sheppard advised that it will be just under two years, so in 2021, the fund will be balanced.

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

i) Council Indemnity By-law No. 866

Motion #18-412

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Third and Final Reading of Council Indemnity By-law No. 866.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) Update – Old RCMP Building and Lot

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO, advised that all issues regarding the litigation between the City and Nunastar regarding the Request for Proposal for the purchase of the former RCMP site and their claim for easement over the property have been resolved. As part of the settlement, the City issued an Equity Lease to Nunastar for the former RCMP site for the price it would have received under the Request of Proposal process. Nunastar has indicated that they are excited about the future of Iqaluit and its Astro Hill developments. The transaction enables at least one major development in Astro Hill to proceed in 2019.

The City is pleased that this matter is concluded and looks forward to the redevelopment of the site.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Updated Council Travel Policy

Motion #18-413

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council approves the undated Council Travel Policy.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard noted the largest change to the Council Indemnity Administrative Policy is allowing an advance of up to 80 percent of the per diem rate before travel. The reason for the advance was for equality regardless of financial ability.

Mayor Redfern noted that when travelling to a conference for several days, the cost is high and not all Council members are able to bear high travel costs. She explained this is the standard policy will all levels of government. She noted that the travel expense claim must be completed within 60 days of travel.

b) Discussion Item – Curfew

Councillor Rochon advised that he brought the matter of a curfew up at a recent Council meeting when Staff Sergeant Elliott was present. Councillor Rochon noted that some residents have approached him saying a curfew is an important conversation to have. He felt a curfew is necessary because there are children who are not safe when they are out after midnight and the early morning hours.

Last summer, there were incidents when kids were under people's homes during the night sniffing gas, which could have resulted in an incident. The recent fires are another instance. He noted if the youth are not the ones starting fires and it is the adults, then the youth should not be out when adults are doing these crimes.

Councillor Rochon is not blaming the youth for the crimes, but he felt it is important to keep them safe. He noted that he received some comments that youth may not be safe at home. Councillor Rochon felt if they are not safe at home, then social workers need to be stepping up, and people need to report these instances. He would like to see Council ensuring that youth are protected and safe.

Councillor Sheppard noted that safety is always important when making decisions, but he is strongly opposed to curfews. He noted there are some unfortunate situations relating to

social issues that children are out during the night. He commented that any form of curfew imposed on anyone at any age by government is a violation of the basic *Charter of Rights*. There are issues that need to be addressed in the community, but must be addressed in other ways.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that there is a curfew in place in Cambridge Bay and asked if Staff Sergeant Elliott has provided this information. Deputy Mayor Stevenson would like to know if the curfew in Cambridge Bay was successful, as well as having input from the community regarding a curfew.

Mayor Redfern understood that Staff Sergeant Elliott would have information on the curfew in Cambridge Bay at his next meeting with Council. She noted that Arviat has a curfew. Mayor Redfern advised that through Nunavut Association of Municipalities, an email could be sent to determine how many communities actually have a curfew, with results on their success from both the RCMP and the hamlets. The results from the email could be reported in 2019.

Councillor Matshazi noted that he was interested in how the other communities justify having a curfew if they violate the *Charter of Rights* and how the curfew is still being enforced.

Mayor Redfern advised that the matter will be on the agenda when Staff Sergeant Elliott makes his next presentation to Council. Mayor Redfern will have the Executive Director at Nunavut Association of Municipalities send out an email.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson suggested that Staff Sergeant Elliott be contacted early to give him sufficient time to gather the information.

c) December 25th, 2018 Council Meeting

Mayor Redfern advised that the next Council meeting will be January 8th, 2019.

Motion #18-414

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That the December 25th, 2018 Council meeting is cancelled.

Unanimously Carried

d) Request for Decision – Gravel Fund Closure

Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant, presented a Request for Decision for the closure of the Gravel Fund. The Gravel Fund is not being used and the audited financial statements

dated December 31st, 2017, shows a deficit of \$350,198 in the fund. As required by the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, a fund cannot be in a deficit.

Motion #18-415

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council approves the closure of the Gravel Fund.

Unanimously Carried

e) Request for Decision – Property Tax Exemption

Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant, presented a Request for Decision from the Iqaluit Islamic Centre for a property tax exemption request under the *Property Assessment Taxation Act*. In 2018, Council approved the exemption dated the day of the application. The Iqaluit Islamic Centre is requesting the exemption from the date the Mosque was opened.

Motion #18-416

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

That Council approves the retroactive property tax exemption request from the Iqaluit Islamic Centre.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard confirmed that legally, Council is permitted to make the property tax exemption retroactive, and a staff member advised that it was acceptable.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole #08

i. Land Use Permit Application 18-004 Aniiraq Ski Club

A Land Use Permit Application was received from the Aniiraq Ski Club, in conjunction with the L'école des Trois Soleils, to develop an outdoor education facility on the Road to Nowhere near the Tasiluliariaq Rotary Park. They are requesting approximately one acre of land to set up a platform for tents and locate a converted old sea can for a washroom facility, where waste would be collected and deposited into the sewer system. No parking is required because part of the outdoor education will be orienteering, so the students will walk to the outdoor facility. An application for a Development Permit has also been received, pending approval of the Land Use Permit.

Motion #18-417

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That Council approves the Land Use Permit Application LUB 18-004 to allow Aniiraq Ski Club, in collaboration with L'ecole des Trois Soleils, to develop an outdoor education facility for the 2018/2019 school year.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Redfern wanted to ensure that the conditions discussed at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole will be incorporated in the agreement.

- ii. Survey Sketch SK 18-010 Qulliq Energy Corporation

Motion #18-418

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council approve Survey Sketch SK 18-010 to permit the resurvey of Lot 1, Block 234, Plan 3676, pipeline R/W, Plan 1216, Road R14, Plan 3301, and lots 532-534, Block 72, Plan 911 to accommodate an easement for a district heating pipeline as shown on Survey Sketch SK 18-010.

Unanimously Carried

- iii. Survey Sketch SK 18-011 Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Motion #18-419

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That Council approves Survey Sketch SK 18-011 to permit the resurvey of Lot 5, Block 242, Plan 4610 to accommodate an easement for a snowmobile trail as shown on Survey Sketch SK 18-011.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Redfern wanted to ensure the snowmobile trail will be widened to allow access, so that the trail will not create a problem with vehicles and pedestrians because the trail crosses the road. She suggested that this might be a good opportunity to ensure there is good signage at the location.

Councillor Sheppard noted that there is a snowmobile crossing sign closer to the Road to Nowhere that will have to be removed as well

Mayor Redfern pointed out that directional traffic signage will be required.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Nunavut Research Institute – Annual Summary Report

The Nunavut Research Institute provided the Annual Summary Report on the Prevalence of Anaphylaxis in Iqaluit. This was for Council’s information.

b) Nunavut Research Institute Application

The Nunavut Research Institute submitted an application on “This is What Diversity Looks Like: What Young People Need to Enjoy Privacy and Equality in Networked Spaces.” The purpose of the study is to explore people’s experiences with online privacy and online equality, and to identify things that governments, schools, adults and teens can do to help all youth participate fully and equally online.

Motion #18-420

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That the NRI application “This is What Diversity Looks Like: What Young People Need to Enjoy Privacy and Equality in Networked Spaces” is approved.

Unanimously Carried

c) Nunavut Research Institute Application

The Nunavut Research Institute submitted an application on “Seroepidemiology of invasive Haemophilus influenzae type a (Hia) disease in Nunavut – Part 1: Study of Carriage of Hia in Children.” Serious infections are caused by the bacteria including meningitis, pneumonia and septic arthritis, which mainly affect young children causing loss of hearing or even death. Canadian scientists are working to prepare a new vaccine that can be given to children to prevent this infection. Because the infection is new, more has to be learned about it before a new vaccine can be used.

Motion #18-421

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That the NRI application “Seroepidemiology of invasive Haemophilus influenzae type a (Hia) disease in Nunavut – Part 1: Study of Carriage of Hia in Children” is approved.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Labour Item

Motion #18-422

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council goes In Camera at 7:00 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #18-423

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #18-424

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That Council approves a one-time payment of \$2,000 per current excluded employees who qualify.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #18-425

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

Amy Elgersma
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **12** day of **February**, 2019.