

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #01
MAY 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL – Via Teleconference

Councillor Kyle Sheppard, Chair
Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Shelia Flaherty
Councillor Simon Nattaq

ABSENT

Councillor Malaiya Lucassie
Councillor Solomon Awa

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION – Via Teleconference

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Geneva Chislett, Controller
Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove:

3. Delegations – Property Tax Inequity

Motion #FIN20-01

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a. **Property Tax Inequity**

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **City of Iqaluit 2019 Financial Statements**

Councillor Sheppard noted that 2019 was a strong financial year with a surplus and no deficits in the reserve funds.

Motion #FIN20-02

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Committee recommends to Council to accept the 2019 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Bell commented that 2019 ended financially stable due to budgeting measures put in place to ensure there would not be a huge deficit. He noted that lobbying efforts will continue with the Federal Government for funding.

There were questions regarding the review of the 2019 Financial Statements by the auditors. Councillor Sheppard advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible at this time to have the auditors complete a review. If any councillors had a particular question, they should submit the question in writing to staff, which will then be forwarded to the auditors for a reply.

Councillor Stevenson commented that the positive financial position shows Council is capable of dealing with the finances and can request funding that is needed for various projects.

b) **Capital Plan Budget Amendment**

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a number of capital project amendments to the spending plan. The amendments are required for:

- Projects that were not completely finalized last year. These projects will not require additional funds and will show as carry-forward projects.
- Changes are due to availability of materials and labour.
- Priority items that need to be addressed.

Ms. Elgersma noted that the Capital Spending Plan format has been changed to show available funds in each of the reserves. She explained that the Minor Equipment Reserve Fund amount should be \$140,169.

Ms. Elgersma reviewed and explained in detail the following changes to the Capital Spending Plan:

- Arnaitok Arena design
- Fire hall design
- City Hall Building 1085 renovations
- Lab equipment upgrades
- Hydrotechnical investigation at the dam
- Solid Waste Project
 - New Waste Transfer Station
 - Fire training ground
 - Landfill at West 40 relating to the Landfill Closure Plan
- New item - waterline repair and replacement, which is a main waterline that affects Lower Iqaluit and some of Lower Base

Motion #FIN20-03

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Committee recommends to Council to approve the amended 2020 Capital Spending Plan.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked the following questions which were answered by Ms. Elgersma:

- Is there a prospect for a Director of Public Works and Engineering?
 - The job competition for the Director of Engineering has closed and interviews will be carried out soon.
 - A Project Officer position will be advertised in May, with the intention of hiring at the end of summer.
 - There is also a job competition for a Director of Public Works.
 - It is the goal to develop the Engineering Department this year so it is stable and strong.
 - Working closely with the Project Management Team, who are assisting and providing support as required on engineering matters.
- When is the plan to pave Joamie Court?

- The plan is to pave Joamie Court next year.
- It is hoped to add some additional paving projects to take advantage of mobilization of paving equipment.
- When will the next phase of the Solid Waste Management Plan be carried out?
 - The Waste Transfer Station design work and planning will be carried out this year.
 - Design for the new landfill will also be carried out this year.
 - Post-closure work and fire training groundwork will continue this year.
 - There will be a more detailed update at a future meeting on the project.

Ms. Elgersma noted the following:

- The City was successful in the application for Climate Change Funding for drainage improvements for the downtown core. Design work will be carried out, with anticipated construction being carried out next year.
- Planning for significant road improvements.
- Akilliq Drive upgrade project including paving.
 - Government of Nunavut will provide a one-time lump sum.
 - Additional funding will be required.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

() As per Section 22 (2) (a) CTV Act and Bylaw 526 Section 67

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #FIN20-04

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Mayor Bell

Committee adjourns at 12:50 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kyle Sheppard
Chair

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 12th day of May, 2020.