

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #03
NOVEMBER 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Kyle Sheppard, Chair
Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Sheila Flaherty
Councillor Solomon Awa
Councillor John Fawcett

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Alison Drummond, Senior Director of Corporate Services
Geneva Chislett, Controller
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #FIN20-14

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Mayor Bell

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

- Additional staff positions to help meet the strategic objectives will ensure service levels can be achieved.
- Summer student clean-up crew positions will be added to help beautify the city and ensure the public can enjoy the outdoors.

Capital Budget:

- Infrastructure needs exceed the Capital budget.
- Hard decisions were made to develop the 2021 Capital Spending Plan.
- At the Budget Priorities Workshop, a number of large capital projects were identified as essential in order to sustain the needs of the population and future development.
- Apex pumping provides a stop gap measure to supply adequate water.
- Funding is required from the City and other levels of government to address the long-term water supply and sewer capacity requirements for future development.
- Water must remain the top priority.
- Progress has been made on the repairs to the water system but more is needed.
- Proposed to purchase an excavator to allow staff to make necessary repairs in a timely manner while reducing costs.
- Work will be done to upgrade the sewer system which is over capacity.
- Projects are underway and include:
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Waste Transfer Station
 - Water Reheat Station repairs
 - Building renovation projects

Sanitation Fund

- Rates will increase based on the following:
 - Achieve fiscal sustainability goals as identified in the Strategic Plan.
 - Fund cannot sustain itself at the current level of revenue while providing a service expected by residents.
 - Unable to provide funds to the reserve account for infrastructure needs.

General Fund

- Property taxes is the largest source of revenue.
- Provides basic services for departments:
 - Public Works – roads, garage, building maintenance
 - Emergency Services – fire, ambulance and dispatch
 - Recreation
 - Corporation Services
 - Municipal Enforcement
 - Administration
- Any additional expenses must be funded by increases in revenue.

Property Tax Increases

- Covers increase in expenditures in the General Fund.

Ms. Elgersma explained that the current budget includes a half-time By-law Enforcement Officer and an Animal Control Officer. She proposed that the half-time By-law Enforcement Officer be increased to a full-time position to be dedicated to a Nunavut Inuit.

It was pointed out that increased staff will also create an increase in fuel and vehicle repair and maintenance, and the budget amounts will have to be reviewed and amended accordingly when presented to Council.

ii.) Capital Budget 2021

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed the 2021 Capital Spending Plan, explaining the various projects, as well as answering questions posed by councillors.

Motion #FIN20-17

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Committee recommends to Council the 2021 Capital budget as presented with the following amendments:

1. Reduce the website redesign to \$100,000 and this amount will include the project management fees to have the scope of work completed.
2. Include a budget amount for a Fire Master Plan.

Unanimously Carried

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the cost included in the budget for the website redesign. It was agreed to reduce the budget amount to \$100,000, which would also include project management fees, to have the scope of work completed.

A discussion was held regarding the Fire Master Plan and the fact that no monies were included in the budget. Concern was expressed that this is a liability concern.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the Fire Chief indicated that the fire department staff felt they were able to determine a lot of the details that would be included in a Fire Master Plan and would answer questions for the Fire Hall Study.

It was suggested that staff work on finding a funding source for the Fire Master Plan and include monies in the capital plan recommended to Council.

c) **Rates**

i) Request for Decision Sanitation Rates – 2021

d) Property Tax Interest Rate Structure - Verbal

Councillor Awa noted that there are property owners who have a great deal of interest owing on their property taxes. He asked staff to review By-law No. 592 Instalment Tax Levy as it relates to Section 2.2 and interest be charged one percent compounded monthly.

Motion #FIN20-21

Moved by: Councillor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Fawcett

Committee recommends to Council to direct staff to determine the legal ability to remove the word "compound" from Section 2.2 of By-law No. 592 Instalment Tax Levy.

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

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #FIN20-22

Moved by: Councillor Fawcett

Seconded by: Mayor Bell

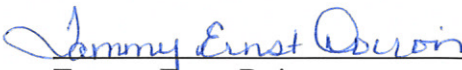
Committee adjourns at 8:29 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Kyle Sheppard
Chair



Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 24th day of November 2020.