

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #24  
September 26, 2017 AT 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern  
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Terry Dobbin  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Jason Rochon  
Councillor Noah Papatsie

**ABSENT**

Councillor Kuthula Matshazi  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Muhamud Hassan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development  
Ruth Treasure, City Planner  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager

**PRAYER**

Councillor Akumalik opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:05 pm.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #17-309**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended:

Add: 7(c)(i) Third Reading General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835; 7(c)(ii) Third Reading Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836; 9(a) Request for Decision – Arctic Circle Assembly; 9(b) Land Use Permit and (1) In Camera Item (Legal Update).

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Staff Sergeant Sirotic

Staff Sergeant Sirotic reported that after comparing the past three months of statistics August was a little busier than June and as the summer progressed, the volume of calls for service increased, as has been seen in previous years. The RCMP is continuing to follow the statistics for the beer and wine store closely but as it is too new, could not report any trends at this time.

The RCMP had initiated a foot patrol around the beach area where the Elders Centre is located, not necessarily for enforcement but to reinstate a feeling of safety for the Elders and other community members living near that area. Councillor Akumalik voiced his appreciation of this foot patrol but added that he would like to see foot patrols all around town, not just in one area.

Councillor Papatsie also asked about road safety. He inquired about whether the RCMP could participate in ongoing public awareness and education about road safety including programs for the schools. He also pointed out that RCMP documents are often not available in Inuktitut and more road signs also need to be in Inuktitut. Councillor Papatsie also feels that there needs to be more officers in the community with the opening of new drinking establishments.

Staff Sergeant Sirotic replied that the road safety and signage issues would have to be discussed with Public Safety Committee and said that he would bring these forward at the meeting the next day. He also pointed out that enforcement of many of the concerns about road safety would involve the by-law officers as it is not a criminal code matter. Staff Sergeant Sirotic also said that one of the reasons that they are closely monitoring

the statistics is that this is really the only way to prove a need for more officers and hopes to review these requirements in another six months.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson thanked the City's by-law officers and the RCMP for their support during the high school's Ring Road Run that took place the previous week.

Councillor Dobbin asked if the drug trafficking taking place in front of local grocery stores could be curbed and also inquired as to whether Fentanyl has been seen in Iqaluit.

Staff Sergeant Sirotic replied that they are trying to deal with the drug trafficking using the services of the GIS and the Crime Reduction Unit. He also noted that they have not yet seen any Fentanyl in whole Territory but have taken the precaution of having Naloxone available should it be needed.

Councillor Rochon asked about the loitering problem and asked if there was something Council could do to assist. Staff Sergeant Sirotic said he will also take this item to the Public Safety meeting for discussion about this with respect to by-laws and enforcement.

Mayor Redfern referred to an email she sent in July with respect to the Elders requesting that the RCMP re-initiate their regular meetings with them and the Staff Sergeant said he would follow up with Henry Coman in this respect.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Rochon stated that he has received comments and questions from residents, coaches, and students regarding ice time rentals and believes this may be some kind of communication issue. He also recognized the firefighters for their efforts to keep students in the community safe and also mentioned that it was nice to see the presence of peace officers and by-law officers around the schools.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson was pleased to report to Council that the quarterly meetings with the City and the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of CGS are going well. He had attended the most recent meeting on behalf of the Mayor and at that meeting they had talked about several infrastructure projects where major funding is necessary. The Deputy Mayor also gave notice that at the October 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting he will be moving to rescind Motion #10-80 because that motion has lot boundaries outlined in it that are incorrect and the Planning Department needs to correct that issue.

Councillor Akumalik spoke about the importance of having a home and that having a home has direct ties to education, health and economic prosperity. He acknowledged that discussing homelessness can at times be uncomfortable but he also reminded Council that they needed to keep in mind that the children of homeless people and their young people could be the City's future workers and leaders. Councillor Akumalik urged the City to

continue the push for affordable housing and to create some programs to help these people. He would like to see an updated report presented to Council about the homelessness issue.

Councillor Papatsie thanked the Rotary Club for the Elders get together. He said that he had spoken to an Elder about the Elders Care Unit and that the operation has some issues that need attention. Councillor Papatsie agreed with Councillor Akumalik about the seriousness of the homelessness issue. He wondered if perhaps there should be a study done to see how many people in Iqaluit are without a home, including people who go from house to house so that the City can look at how they can help and better support the homeless.

Mayor Redfern reported that her meeting with city staff was very successful and had committed to several actions including some future discussions on some key issues. In relation to this, she reported that she had had a meeting in July with the Elders and had also committed to some future meetings with the business community, the Francophone community, and the Inuit community. The Mayor feels these are very important engagements and she looks forward to having more with other key community groups. Mayor Redfern also stated how good it was to see people engaged and interested in the territorial election and feels that it is an important period of time to engage with the candidates and let them know what Council's issues are and have them commit to working closely with Council if elected, bringing forward their issues to the Legislative Assembly and the Government of Nunavut.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

(a) **First Reading of By-law(s)**

None

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

None

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

- i) General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development

This amendment would allow the re-designation of land in Joamie School area, partially from Institutional to Residential Community and partially from Open Space to Residential Community.

**Motion #17-310**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Third and Final Reading General Plan By-law Amendment No. 835.

**For – Stevenson, Sheppard, Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik  
Against - Rochon  
Carried**

- ii) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development

This amendment would allow for low density uses and medium density uses in the Joamie Court area.

**Motion #17-311**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Third and Final Reading Zoning By-law Amendment No. 836.

**For – Stevenson, Sheppard, Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik  
Against - Rochon  
Carried**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavik, Iceland  
Mayor Redfern

Mayor Redfern requested that approximately \$1,000 of the Mayor and Council travel budget be approved. The Mayor has been invited to attend and present at several sessions of the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik, Iceland being held from Oct 13-15, 2017. She has been asked to speak on (1) the Arctic Mayors Forum; (2) Telecommunications and Indigenous Economic Development of a Capital City titled “Setting the Stage, Challenges and Opportunities for an Emerging North American Arctic Economy; (3) Telecommunications in the Arctic, a Look to Pan Arctic Solutions; and (4) an Inaugural Meeting of Arctic 360.

Mayor Redfern also told Council that one of the big issues she was to speak to was telecommunications as Iqaluit, while being a significant user of internet services (consuming over 70% of the broadband internet traffic even though they represent only 25% of the population) is the only region in Canada, and in the Arctic as well, that does not currently have a fibre optic link. The Mayor explained the importance of having a fibre optic link and how it provides for tremendous information sharing opportunities between the Arctic nations.

**Motion #17-312**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the Mayor's travel to the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik is approved.

**For – Stevenson, Sheppard, Papatsie, Dobbin  
Against – Rochon, Akumalik  
Carried**

- (b) Land Use Permit  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development

This land use permit refers to the temporary modular unit storage area. These units need to be relocated and this is the site that has been identified as a temporary and suitable site to accommodate the large number of units and accessory buildings and the foundation structural supports.

**Motion #17-313**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That staff obtain a license from the Office of the Commissioner for the temporary storage of 20 modular units and accessory structures and foundational supports to be relocated to Plan 187, Block 1084, Lot 1 rem for a period of three years or less.

**Unanimously Carried**

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter from Jean-Nicolas Beuze,  
Representative, United Nations High Commission for Refugees

This item was deferred.

*Council recessed at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:16 p.m.*

12. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Legal/Labour

**Motion #17-314**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Council goes In Camera at 7:18 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #17-315**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #17-316**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 8:00 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

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Muhamud Hassan  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **13** day of **March**, 2018, AD.