

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

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Jason Rochon
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Noah Papatsie (via teleconference)

ABSENT

Mayor Madeleine Redfern

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Gabby Morrill, Economic Development Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager
Ruth Treasure, City Planner

PRAYER

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #17-327

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

Adoption of agenda as amended: Add: 9(d) Loan Repayment Request, 9(e) Aerial Photography w/drone Request and 11(d) Letter to City of Ottawa (information item) Unanimously Carried
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1. **MINUTES**

- a) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #04 – February 2, 2017

Motion #17-328

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Special City Council Meeting Minutes #04 dated February 2, 2017 are approved.
Unanimously Carried

- b) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #07 – March 7, 2017

Motion #17-329

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

Special City Council Meeting Minutes #07 dated March 7, 2017 are approved.
Unanimously Carried

- c) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #10 – April 3, 2017

Motion #17-330

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

Special City Council Meeting Minutes #10 dated April 3, 2017 are approved.
Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Akumalik first expressed his unhappiness with his hockey team but wished them well! His second statement was regarding the homelessness issue. He commented on how they had seemed to have made a good start to dealing with the issue this summer but have now seemed to have suspended it and he would like to receive an update in this matter at the next meeting. He allowed that funding is an issue as well as capacity for doing the work and wondered if perhaps there should be committee level meetings. The third issue Councillor Akumalik talked about pertained to Inuit residents and the huge impact from major development projects on their hunting and harvesting of animals. He does not understand how the Inuit benefit from these projects, especially with respect to employment.

Councillor Matshazi reminded Council that a couple of weeks previously they had re-emphasized their commitment to a respectful and harassment free environment and they need to be mindful of that. They need to pay close attention to the way they interact as councillors and make sure they are respectful of each other, use language that is respectful, and follow their Code of Conduct. Councillor Matshazi also spoke about the traffic congestion in the City. A motion was passed by Council earlier with respect to identifying sources of funding by the end of summer to do a transportation master plan and he was not sure that had happened.

Councillor Dobbin stated that he thought there should be some suggestions made to those candidates running in the Territorial election, especially as some may be elected as MLAs or Ministers. He believes that the GN needs to provide Iqaluit with more funding, especially as the majority of the units in Iqaluit are social housing, GN staff housing, or rented by businesses for employees, not private ownership, and therefore provide a smaller tax base for the City. As the population of Iqaluit has increased by 15.5% from 2011 to 2016 according to the census, and also taking into account that one-third of all of the population of Nunavut lives in Iqaluit, more funding is needed to support the aging infrastructure, roads, and sewer pipes. Councillor Dobbin also expressed the hope that everyone votes next week and gets someone elected that can start a dialogue with the GN about getting more funding!

Councillor Rochon wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween and reminded people to drive slowly and take extra caution. He also invited everyone to the Halloween Family Fun Night on Oct 27 at Joamie School. Councillor Rochon also spoke about the fundraiser held the previous Saturday and how good to it was to see so much money and food donated to the soup kitchen. He also stated that he was very impressed with the amount of work that all the volunteers do at the soup kitchen and wanted to thank them. Councillor Rochon thanked residents for their negative and positive comments relayed to him with respect to contracting out, broken sand trucks, repairs, etc. but has an issue with receiving all his information as a councillor from residents and not from the proper process. He would like to see communication as an item on the next council meeting agenda.

Councillor Papatsie agreed with Councillor Akumalik that proper housing needs to be addressed, especially considering their location in an Arctic zone and the cost of living

being very high. He thanked the residents for putting forward their issues to the delegates running for election and was glad that there was that communication. Councillor Papatsie also addressed the fact that he has been unable to attend some council meetings due to a medical issue that he has been dealing with and will be continuing to deal with as he still requires more treatment and time to fully heal.

Councillor Nattaq also apologized that he has not been at council meetings for a couple of months due to an unforeseen disability. He wanted to state that he has heard that some Iqalummiut do not like that there is a beer and wine store and they comment that the bootlegging has not lessened as was expected. Councillor Nattaq also expressed his regret that the former community wellness coordinator has moved to another position and hoped that the vacant position is filled soon as it is important to have someone dealing with the proposals and helping and supporting people requesting funding.

Councillor Matshazi spoke about the recent City closure and stated that they needed to ensure that when the City is closed the message is communicated out at the same time as opposed to having staggered communications from different organizations.

Councillor Dobbin stated that people have wondered why the City was unable to reduce their accounts receivables and he wanted to clear up the misconception that the City's receivables are going up every year. In fact, a lot of the debt on the books cannot be erased easily because it is bad debt, not collectible, as people are deceased or have moved away, and in order to deal with this bad debt they have to amend the Forgiveness of Debt By-law and then proceed to have the Minister of CGS write it off.

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)**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Request for Decision – 2017 Town Hall Meeting
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager

Andrea Spitzer presented information with respect to locations considered and a possible date for this year's Town Hall Meeting.

Three locations were considered – the High School lobby, the Anglican Parish Hall and the Frobisher Inn. The cost for each of the three locations was roughly the same but the Frobisher Inn was considered better in terms of cost because, for virtually the same cost, there would be audio-visual support, enough space to accommodate translation and audiovisual equipment, and they would also assist with the set up and tear down of the room. The Catholic Parish Hall was not investigated because of past experience where it was deemed to be too small and the airport lobby was not considered because of issues with parking and distance.

The High School had a lot of flexibility with respect to dates and the Parish Hall had availability after November 20. The Frobisher Inn was more limited as to availability so November 23 was tentatively booked to ensure a date.

Councillor Papatsie inquired as to accessibility at the Frobisher Inn and Deputy Mayor Stevenson suggested that they needed to confirm that the chairlift is in working order as it had not been earlier this year.

Councillor Akumalik voiced his preference for the Anglican Parish Hall as it is more accessible to the people in the community and a more welcoming venue noting that the Frobisher Inn uses real china and cutlery. He also suggested that to encourage more people to attend the meeting that they have door prizes.

Andrea Spitzer commented that the City is very interested in holding a series of round table discussions with some Inuit organizations, the business community, and the Francophone community and noted that, for these events, the Anglican Parish Hall would be very well suited.

Councillor Papatsie also wondered about using Nanook School and thought that perhaps they should try to take advantage of holding meetings in that part of the city to get more people involved. Councillor Matshazi agreed about decentralizing and not being seen in just one venue. He also said that he understood Councillor Akumalik's view even though the Frobisher Inn was a better choice because of the facilities available.

Councillor Rochon reminded Council that in keeping with trying to become a greener and cleaner City, he suggested that they book a place that uses real china and cutlery.

Motion #17-331

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That a Town Hall meeting be held November 23, 2017 at the Frobisher Inn.

For – Stevenson, Dobbin, Sheppard, Rochon, Nattaq, Papatsie
Against – Akumalik, Matshazi
Carried

- (b) Rescind Motion #17-80
Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Previously Council had approved a survey sketch to permit a road widening in front of the Liquor Warehouse, a condition of development approval for the beer and wine store addition. Following approval, it was discovered that the Commissioner of Nunavut had entered into a lease agreement with the adjacent lot lessees and so a small portion of Lot 1 had already been leased out to the lots next to it. The amended survey sketch allows for road widening across both Lot 1 and Lot 2 and will reflect same lease lot lines that the GN had allowed for and will consolidate the two smaller Arctic Co-op lots.

The motion needs to be rescinded so that a new motion can be proposed for the amended survey sketch.

Motion #17-332

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That motion #17-80 is rescinded.

Unanimously Carried

- (c) Request for Decision – IQAL 235(40-02) 17-001
Ruth Treasure, City Planner

Motion #17-333

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Survey Sketch IQAL-235(40-02) 17-001 is approved.

Unanimously Carried

- (d) Loan Repayment Request
CAO Hassan

Councillor Sheppard made a declaration of interest and left the room.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson presented on behalf of CAO Hassan. It was proposed that the City repay the balance remaining on a loan in the amount of \$251,497.30 from the general fund in order to save the interest associated with that loan.

Motion #17-334

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

That the City repay loan #09392960-002 in the amount of \$251,497.30.

Unanimously Carried

- (e) Aerial Photography with Drone Request
CAO Hassan

Deputy Mayor Stevenson presented on behalf of CAO Hassan. CBC would like to fly a drone over the city during the election coverage for the Nunavut Territorial election in order to take pictures of the City to publish as part of their election coverage. The pilot has already received the proper authorization from the federal and territorial governments but still requires the City's approval.

Motion #17-335

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council approves the request of Trevor Lyons from CBC to conduct aerial photography via drone within city limits during the October 30 Territorial Election.

Unanimously Carried

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole

Motion #17-336

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

That the Municipal Safety Policy is approved.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NRI Annual Summary Report - SPARX

Presented as an information item.

- b) NRI Application – “Engaging Inuit Men and Boys in Reducing Violence Against Inuit Women and Girls II.”; Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada

Motion #17-337

Moved by: Councillor Papatsie

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That the NRI application “Engaging Inuit Men and Boys in Reducing Violence against Inuit Women and Girls II.” is approved.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Proclamation – National Francophone Immigration Week

Motion #17-338

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council proclaims October 29 to November 4, 2017 as National Francophone Immigration Week.

Unanimously Carried

- d) Letter to City of Ottawa

Presented as an information item.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Legal Update

Motion #17-339

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council goes In Camera at 7:25 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #17-340

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #17-341

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council adjourns at 7:35 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Romeyn Stevenson
Deputy Mayor

Amy Elgersma
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 27 day of March, 2018, AD.