

**CITY OF IQALUIT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING #10
APRIL 6, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL – Via Teleconference

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie
Councillor Solomon Awa
Councillor Sheila Flaherty

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION – Via Teleconference

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Rod Mugford, City Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #20-91

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Lucassie joined the meeting.

1. MINUTES.

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

None

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-laws(s)

None

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

i. Property Tax Extension No. 891

Motion #20-92

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Awa

Council approves Third and Final Reading of Property Tax Extension By-law No. 891.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for Decision – District Heat System Agreement

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a request is being presented to connect the District Heat System to the Aquatic Centre, Water Treatment Plant, Booster Station and Reheat Station. The District Heat System is a component of the heat recovery from the QEC Power Plant which would save 25 percent of the annual fuel cost, which is estimated to be \$150,000 a year. There is a grant available in the amount of \$375,000 under the FCM Green Municipal Fund for the Aquatic Centre.

Motion #20-93

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Awa

Council approves Request for Decision for District Heat System and to enter into an agreement with QEC for the connection of the district heat system for the four facilities as negotiated for a twenty-year term.

Unanimously Carried

b. Emergency Response Funds – Homelessness

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the beginning of March, a committee was formed called the Coordinated Community Response Committee in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee comprises of Mayor Bell, Deputy Mayor Brewster (Chair), representatives from the Uqutaq Men's Shelter, YWCA Women's Shelter, the Food Centre, QIA, mental health, public health, and other organizations as needed.

One of the roles of the Committee is to identify gaps in services and needs in relation to COVID-19 and help connect groups who offer services to the community, especially homelessness with funding and support as needed. Currently, the City supports the groups that offer services to the homeless through the Federal Government Reaching Home Program. This program also offers emergency funds for the COVID-19 response for the purpose of assisting homelessness programs.

The Committee identified the crowded situation at Uqutaq and recognized that another space would be required to house the vulnerable and elderly from the Uqutaq Shelter. A space has been secured and funding of \$100,000 has been allocated for the emergency fund. The Federal Government has issued an additional \$500,000 to be allocated for emergency relief for reaching home recipients and homeless programs as needed in response to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

The following allocations are being proposed:

- Uquutaq to support the operations at the centre for the vulnerable and elderly - \$200,000
- YWCA Women's Shelter for isolation arrangements - \$90,000 and \$15,000 for new bedding and supplies
- Food Centre for staffing and operations for the take-out program - \$46,200
- \$148,800 distributed as needed for the COVID-19 response - an emergency contingency that can be used to address concerns relating to homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless

Motion #20-94

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Request for Decision for Emergency Response Funds for Homelessness, Uquutaq \$200,000; YWCA \$105,000; Food Centre \$46,200; and \$148,800 as an emergency contingency to be distributed as needed.

Unanimously Carried

A question was raised asking about another vulnerable sector, being the children who are food insecure at home, who would have access to the breakfast and lunch programs at school, but with school closures, these programs are no longer available.

Coordinated Community Response Committee Chair, Deputy Mayor Brewster, advised that there is a considerable amount of work being done to feed school aged children and their families. There is group who has organized the distribution of hundreds of breakfasts every morning. The group receives donations and QIA has designated funding for feeding children. There is a considerable amount of funding to feed people, and the group is ensuring that food related programs are continued to be funded.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20-95

Moved by: Councillor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council adjourns at 12:41 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kenny Bell
Mayor

Rod Mugford
City Clerk

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