

**CITY OF IQALUIT**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING #24**  
**AUGUST 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Kenny Bell  
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Sheila Flaherty  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie

**ABSENT**

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Solomon Awa

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk  
Chanese Nakoyak, Executive Assistant

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Remove:

- 9. New Business
  - a) Cannabis Application – One Application – Verbal

Add:

- 10. Committee Reports
  - a) Strategic Planning and Economic Development Report – August 13, 2020

Change Order – 10. Committee Reports before 9. New Business

**Motion #20-241**

Moved by: Councillor Lucassie  
Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Akumalik was in attendance.

**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)**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole - August 13, 2020**

Deputy Mayor Brewster, Vice Chair of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Whole, advised that the first meeting was held on August 13, 2020, and the Committee received a progress report on the Strategic Plan.

**Motion #20-242**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs staff to amend the Business License By-law to include provisions for food trucks.

**Unanimously Carried**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Cannabis Application – One Application – Verbal**

This item was removed from the agenda.

b) **Iqaluit Humane Society – Verbal**

Mayor Bell advised that representatives from the Board of the Iqaluit Humane Society are participating via teleconference.

Mayor Bell provided the following update:

- There have been several complaints regarding a situation involving the Iqaluit Humane Society (IHS).
- A teleconference meeting was held last evening between Mayor Bell; Deputy Mayor Brewster; Amy Elgersma, CAO; and the Iqaluit Humane Society Board.
- IHS is not in good standing with the Government of Nunavut Legal Registries.
- IHS does not have an agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City.

- There was a lease in 2010.
- There was an agreement in 2012 for a one-year period.
- This is a historic problem which has liability issues.
- A dog has been designated by the Nunavut Court of Justice as a dangerous dog. The dog has been in the care of the IHS for over three years. Attempts are being made to rehabilitate, but they do not have any certified training in the field.
- IHS wants to keep the dog because they feel their liability insurance will cover the matter.
  - City legal counsel have advised that it is a liability for the dog to be on the property.
  - This was explained to IHS, and unfortunately removal of the dog from the pound will require the dog to be euthanized.
  - Nunavut Court of Justice takes considerable steps to designate a dog dangerous.
- IHS were not aware of the seriousness of the attack by the dangerous dog, and Mr. Mugford will provide the background information and report to the organization.

A question was raised regarding staff and volunteer training, and a member of the IHS Board provided details of training. She noted those who received training did receive a certification, and she would provide a copy of the certificate and the related training to Council.

Mayor Bell suggested that IHS be removed from the City facility. He felt there is a need for IHS, but there are so many issues, including a lack of faith by the public and no cultural sensitivity. There is also a concern that the City's by-laws are old and need to be updated. Mayor Bell noted that IHS does good work when it is working properly, but it is unknown how the operation is working.

**Motion #20-243**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs staff to work with the Iqaluit Humane Society to establish a Memorandum of Understanding and a one-year lease agreement for the property that they are currently occupying.

**Unanimously Carried**

Mayor Bell asked the IHS Board member if they have a means to pay rent.

The Board member advised that the organization operates on donations, and currently the space is offered at no cost. She noted that the amount of rent would dictate if they were able to fundraise the monies. She suggested that perhaps there could be a creative solution.

Mayor Bell commented that he is concerned that IHS has not been in good standing with the Government of Nunavut Legal Registries for quite some time. He also explained that other non-profit organizations in the city are in good standing with the Government of Nunavut Legal Registries and they do not have rent-free leases.

Mayor Bell noted that the dog pound is not in good condition and will be torn down within the next few months.

The Board member advised that due to the COVID-19 shutdown, there had been a delay in submitting the paperwork to the Government of Nunavut Legal Registries, however, the paperwork has since been submitted and is currently being reviewed. She explained that a letter of good standing will not be issued until the AGM has been held.

She also noted the following:

- Financial records have been maintained by Lester Landau, Chartered Accountants.
- The following are up-to-date:
  - Government of Canada charitable status.
  - Workers' Compensation.
  - Shelter and directors' liability.
- 2020 Business License is posted as per the City's by-law.

The Board member pointed out that the other non-profit organizations that have paid leases receive funding from the Government of Nunavut. IHS has a yearly operating budget of \$45,000, all of which is fundraised.

Councillor Akumalik asked if municipal services are provided free of charge.

Mr. Mugford advised that all services to the building being used by the IHS are at no cost.

Councillor Akumalik asked where IHS would locate if Council did not want to enter into a MOU and a lease agreement.

The Board member indicated that they would have nowhere to go unless someone in the city offered them a space, but she noted that space in the city is at a premium. If the City offered them land space, they would have to construct a facility. If this was not an option, the facility would have to close, and hopefully the Board would find something in a year or two, but the community, the shelter, and staff would suffer in the meantime. There are eight staff, five who are full-time Inuit, who would be laid off. Closing the facility would have a big impact to the community, as IHS provides an essential service.

Councillor Sheppard commented that the City is not able to fulfil the Domestic Animal Control By-law, and IHS is providing a service for the City to fulfil the gap. He would like to see that dangerous dogs are forbidden at all times. An agreement needs to be put

in place to satisfy liability. Knowing that the building will be demolished in the near future, he hopes that IHS is still able to operate in some form.

Councillor Sheppard suggested that the animal by-laws be reviewed and amended so there is a system in place to ensure dogs are licensed and loose animals are treated differently than they are presently. Changes to the by-law will mitigate the need to use IHS services in the future.

The Board member advised that the IHS Board respects the legal opinion and the liability issue regarding the dangerous dog, and the dog will be removed from the property. Once the entire file is received from Mr. Mugford, the Board will review the material and determine if the dog should be euthanized or transferred to the south to a facility that will continue the rehabilitation and take the dog on as their liability.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion #20-244**


Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster  
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council adjourns at 6:03 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
Kenny Bell  
Mayor

  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.