

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #04
MARCH 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith – via teleconference
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Samuel Tilley

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Valerie Greene, Executive Assistant
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove:

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Development Permit Application DP 24-051 – Approval of Blasting and Site Works

Motion #25-46

Moved by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated February 25, 2025

Motion #25-47

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated February 25, 2025.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Nunavut Black History Society – Support Letter Request – Verbal

Stephanie Bernard, President, Nunavut Black History Society, was in attendance to request a letter of support for their funding application to the Canadian Heritage Program – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage, to deliver an Emancipation Festival. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Emancipation Festival will be held from September 27 to 28, 2025 at the Aqsarniit Hotel
- Two events will be held
 - Urban Beats Night – September 27
 - Modern, contemporary, popular music
 - World Stage Night – September 28
 - Unique traditional cultural expression in a theatrical setting
- Multi-cultural festival that includes Black, Inuit, local artists, artisans and heritage performers

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Mayor Awa advised that in his capacity as President of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM), he will be away next week to attend a conference in Montreal to discuss matters regarding the High Arctic.

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 Reading of By-law(s)**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision – Development Permit Application DP 24-051 – Approval of Blasting and Site Works**

This item was removed from the agenda.

b) **Request for Decision – 2025 Capital Budget Amendment Proposal**

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision on the 2025 Capital Budget Amendment Proposal. The Request for Decision proposed an increase of \$1,370,000.00 to the 2025 Capital Budget for carryover projects from 2024.

Motion #25-48

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the proposed amendments to the 2025 Capital Budget as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – 2025 Operating Budget Amendment Proposal

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision on the 2025 Operating Budget Amendment Proposal. The Request for Decision proposed an increase of \$2,114,400.00 to the 2025 Operating Budget for changes in salaries and benefits.

Motion #25-49

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the proposed amendments to the 2025 Operating Budget as presented.

Unanimously Carried

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty inquired about the number of staff positions that would receive an increase based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Tumilty was unable to provide the exact number of positions but advised that a full staffing complement was between 160 and 200 employees, depending on the number of casual employees. Mr. Tumilty explained that there would be a seven percent increase for all unionized and excluded positions, and a two percent increase for the senior executive positions. He noted that the increase in benefits was based on years of service and would affect fewer employees.

d) Request for Decision – Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Members for the Governance and Priorities Committee

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Request for Decision for the Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Members for the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Deputy Mayor Smith nominated Councillor Stevenson as Chair of the Governance and Priorities Committee. She also indicated that she was interested in serving on the committee.

Councillor Stevenson accepted the nomination.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty commented that there were two councillors absent, and he wanted to know if they were interested in serving on the committee. He suggested that the committee appointments be deferred.

Mr. England advised that deferring the committee appointments was a decision of Council.

Councillor Sheppard pointed out that the committee appointments had already been deferred, and councillors have had the opportunity to indicate their interest.

The following councillors indicated their interest in serving on the Governance and Priorities Committee:

- Councillor Sheppard
- Mayor Awa
- Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty
- Councillor Kunuk

Deputy Mayor Smith nominated Councillor Sheppard as Vice Chair of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Councillor Sheppard accepted the nomination.

Motion #25-50

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

Council appoints to the Governance and Priorities Committee:

Chair: Councillor Stevenson

Vice Chair: Councillor Sheppard

Regular Members: Deputy Mayor Smith, Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty and Councillor Kunuk

Unanimously Carried

**e) Request for Decision – Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM)
Contribution Agreement**

Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services, presented a Request for Decision on the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) Contribution Agreement.

Councillor Stevenson clarified that the Community Safety Liaison position would be implemented in 2025.

Motion #25-51

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council agrees to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) to implement a Community Safety Liaison.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Nunavut Black History Society – Support Letter Request

Motion #25-52

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council provides a letter of support to the Nunavut Black History Society for their funding application to the Canadian Heritage Program – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage, to deliver an Emancipation Festival.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25-53

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 6:29 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



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Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

A blue ink signature of Brianna Longworth, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 25th day of March 2025.

