

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #10
MAY 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson – via teleconference
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Katrina Sarmiento, Acting City Clerk/Executive Assistant
Rod Mugford, Director of Human Resources
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications Manager and Economic Development Officer
Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer
Tamilore Adeleke, Project Officer of Engineering and Capital Projects
Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects – via teleconference
Michelle Armstrong, Planning Contractor, Northern Futures – via teleconference

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Change:

9. NEW BUSINESS

- b) Request for Decision – Lower Sewer Recommendation of Award
Presented by Tamilore Adeleke, Project Officer of Engineering and Capital Projects, not Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer and Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects

Motion #24-133

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #09 Minutes dated May 14, 2024

Motion #24-134

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

City Council Meeting #09 Minutes dated May 14, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Reports – March and April 2024

Staff Sergeant Darrell Gill, Detachment Commander, Iqaluit RCMP, presented the March and April 2024 Monthly Reports.

Councillor Sheppard noted that the matter of open alcohol consumption and enforcement would be discussed later in the agenda. He asked about enforcement measures regarding public consumption of alcohol and groups congregating and openly consuming alcohol.

Staff Sergeant Gill advised that they were aware of the problem areas of public consumption of alcohol and there would be additional patrols in these areas.

Councillor Sheppard expressed concern that the public consumption of alcohol was increasing and the matter needed to be addressed. He hoped that there would be strict enforcement to show that it would not be tolerated.

Councillor Aglukark spoke about the importance of including community engagement with young adults who were unable to register for sporting activities.

Staff Sergeant Gill suggested that perhaps the City could develop a program to assist those who were unable to register for sporting activities.

b) Community Economic Development Plan

Eric Burton, CEO, Factor 5 Group, was in attendance via teleconference to make a presentation regarding the Community Economic Development Plan. The following are the highlights of his presentation:

- Last fall, a series of community roundtable discussions were held with stakeholders and on-site interviews.
 - Understand Inuit societal values and IQ principles apply to community and economic development
- Surveys of the business community and residents were conducted
 - Received 43 business and 93 resident surveys
- A draft strategic plan was developed for Council's input and feedback.
- Core concept is Arctic leadership serving others
- Three key strategic objectives for Arctic leadership
 - Business Development
 - City-owned businesses
 - Artisan market and makers' space
 - Harvesters' kitchen and market place
 - Business Services
 - Support organizations in delivering services to businesses
 - Business Infrastructure
 - Support Economic Development Committee and staff to provide information to businesses on programming, resources and marketing their goods and services

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Stevenson advised that he represented Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) and he attended an Economic and Sustainability Conference – Future Greenland in Nuuk, Greenland on May 14 to 15, 2024. While attending the conference, the airlines announced opening the route between Nuuk and Iqaluit. Councillor Stevenson spoke about the benefits of using the route and sharing ideas.

Councillor Stevenson noted that while in Nuuk, he visited the port and talked about hydroelectricity and business opportunities, which would be valuable to Iqaluit.

Councillor Stevenson indicated that representatives expressed an interest in attending the Iqaluit Conference and Trade Show in September. He felt it was important to welcome and host the Nuuk representatives.

Mayor Awa advised that during the past two days, mayors and senior administrative officers from across Nunavut attended meetings in Iqaluit. Government of Nunavut Community and Government Services made a presentation regarding funding and mayors had the opportunity to discuss how the funding should be allocated to the communities.

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)**

i. **By-law No. 985, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898**

Motion #24-135

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 985, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898.

Unanimously Carried

ii. **By-law No. 986, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899**

Motion #24-136

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 986, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899.

Unanimously Carried

iii. **By-law No. 987, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899**

Motion #24-137

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 987, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899.

Unanimously Carried

iv. By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law

Motion #24-138

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law.

Motion Withdrawn

Councillor Sheppard pointed out the following grammatical errors:

- Section 7.2 – “not” should be removed
- Section 7.2.6 – “he” should be replaced with “he/she”

Councillor Sheppard recommended that “ten-year period” should be removed from Section 7.6.1. He felt if a person was convicted of any of the nine listed offences, they should not be permitted to drive a taxi.

Rod Mugford, Director of Human Resources, advised that he would have to obtain a legal opinion regarding the removal of “ten-year period” to ensure that the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* was being adhered to.

Mr. Mugford noted that there were representatives from the industry in the gallery.

Councillor Stevenson pointed out a grammatical error in Section 2(k), “no” should be “any”.

Mayor Awa felt a legal opinion should be obtained prior to approving Second Reading.

Councillor Sheppard withdrew the motion to approve Second Reading of By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law.

Motion #24-139

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council refers By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law back to staff.

Unanimously Carried

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

i.) By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law

Council did not discuss this item, as Second Reading of By-law No. 971, Vehicle for Hire By-law was referred back to staff.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

**a) Request for Decision – Vehicle and Equipment Procurements
Recommendation of Award – Water Treatment Plant Backwash Pumps**

Tamilore Adeleke, Project Officer of Engineering and Capital Projects, presented a Request for Decision for Vehicle and Equipment Procurements Recommendation of Award – Water Treatment Plant Backwash Pumps.

Ms. Adeleke advised that four quotations were received and reviewed. The proposed cost included the purchase of two backwash pumps, factory performance testing and a contingency for engineering review, support and any unforeseen costs to install the pumps.

Motion #24-140

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council awards Interpump/Summit Water the contract to supply and deliver two Backwash Pumps for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$198,320 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that as a part of the new water rate structure, there would be funds available to purchase two additional pumps that can be kept in inventory.

b) Request for Decision – Lower Sewer Upgrade Recommendation of Award

Tamilore Adeleke, Project Officer of Engineering and Capital Projects, presented a Request for Decision to award the contract for the Lower Sewer Upgrade Project. Ms. Adeleke explained that the upgrade would replace approximately 500 meters of overcapacity sanitary sewer from Manhole PTA2 to Lift Station #1.

Ms. Adeleke advised that three bids were received and reviewed.

Motion #24-141

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council awards Nunavut Excavating the contract for the construction of the 720060 – Lower Sewer Upgrade Project in the amount of \$4,199,850 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

c) Open Alcohol Consumption/Enforcement – Verbal

Councillor Sheppard expressed concern regarding the increase of open alcohol consumption, that has become a significantly growing problem in the city. He pointed out that there does not appear to be enough enforcement action taken to curb the activity and there has been serious and growing public safety concerns and incidents of violence. He noted there were wide-ranging issues relating to alcohol use and abuse.

Motion #24-142

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Iqaluit City Council recognizes that the open consumption of alcohol outdoors is a significant issue for our city. As the supplier of the alcohol being consumed, and the responsible party for the provisions of the *Nunavut Liquor Act*, we call on the Government of Nunavut, by way of the Ministers of Finance and Justice, to contribute to a solution and improve our community safety by enforcing all laws and provisions available to deter this activity in future. We ask that direction be provided to the RCMP as Nunavut's contracted police force to strictly enforce all laws relating to the open consumption of alcohol, to seize all alcohol allowed under the provisions of the Act and to make it known that this activity is not welcome in our city.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Nattaq noted that alcohol consumption was happening on the streets outside of stores and people were dumping the empty cans on the ground.

Councillor Sheppard advised that this was a matter for the Government of Nunavut and RCMP. He noted that drastic measures could be taken, but he hoped it didn't come to that. He reiterated that action must be taken to curb what is happening. He felt that by taking strict action for a period of time, it may help deter open alcohol consumption.

Councillor Sheppard pointed out the importance of preventing exposure of drinking activities from children and families in the community.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Coastal Mapping for Oil Spill Preparedness”, from September 2 to 7, 2024, Valerie Wynja and Zhaohua Chen, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ottawa, Ontario**

Motion #24-143

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Coastal Mapping for Oil Spill Preparedness”, from September 2 to 7, 2024, Valerie Wynja and Zhaohua Chen, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Unanimously Carried

- b) **Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “MV Seabourn Venture Travelling from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to St. John’s, Newfoundland with Stops in Nunavut”, from September 13 to 27, 2024, Elizabeth Pierce, Seabourn Expeditions**

Motion #24-144

Moved by: Councillor Tilley

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “MV Seabourn Venture Travelling from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to St. John’s, Newfoundland with Stops in Nunavut”, from September 13 to 27, 2024, Elizabeth Pierce, Seabourn Expeditions.

Unanimously Carried

12. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Labour

Motion #24-145

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council goes In Camera at 6:54 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson left the meeting following the vote to go In Camera.

Motion #24-146

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24-147

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council adjourns at 7:22 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



A blue ink signature of Mayor Solomon Awa, written in a cursive style.

Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

A blue ink signature of Katrina Sarmiento, written in a cursive style.

Katrina Sarmiento
Acting City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 11th day of June 2024.

