

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #11  
AUGUST 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Solomon Awa  
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith  
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty  
Councillor Amber Aglukark  
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**ABSENT**

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director of  
Operations and Protective Services  
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk  
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning  
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development  
Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer  
Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #25-166**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Adoption of agenda as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

a) **City Council Meeting #10 Minutes dated July 8, 2025**

**Motion #25-167**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting #10 Minutes dated July 8, 2025.

**Unanimously Carried**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Reports – May and June 2025**

Sergeant Vlatko Nikolovski, Iqaluit RCMP, was in attendance and presented the May and June 2025 Monthly Reports.

Deputy Mayor Smith extended thanks for all the community involvement.

Councillor Nattaq indicated that he had a recent theft, as well as a threat to report to the RCMP and he wished to provide a video statement.

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment/question, which Sergeant Nikolovski answered:

- Thanked the RCMP for their efforts relating to the prosecution of the recent fraud case in Iqaluit
- Appreciated the patrols at the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store, which residents advised had a positive effect. He indicated that the patrols were irregular and asked if the frequency could be increased.
  - Officers are encouraged to provide daily ATV patrols. Patrols are based on call volume and resources and some days, it is difficult to provide daily patrols.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following question, which Sergeant Nikolovski answered:

- How many additional officers are needed to effectively police the community?
  - Difficult to provide an exact number
  - The current personnel are sufficient, providing they remain in Iqaluit all the time.
  - Challenge is when members have to leave and assist other communities

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Nattaq advised that he would be unable to go to Pond Inlet as a grieving facilitator, as he has to go to Ottawa for medical reasons.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

a) **First Reading of By-law(s)**

- i.) By-law No. 1020, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735

**Motion #25-168**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1020, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii.) By-law No. 1021, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735

**Motion #25-169**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1021, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) **Second Reading of By-law(s)**

- i.) By-law No. 1020, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735

**Motion #25-170**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1020, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii.) By-law No. 1021, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735

**Motion #25-171**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1021, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 16, Block 23, Plan 2735.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Third Reading of By-law(s)**

- i.) By-law No. 1017, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 249, Plan 4949

**Motion #25-172**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 1017, Land Acquisition By-law for Lot 3, Block 249, Plan 4949.

**Unanimously Carried**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Request for Decision – Rural Transit Solutions Funding Application**

Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer, presented a Request for Decision regarding the Rural Transit Solutions Funding Application.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following question, which Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning answered:

- Requested an update on the private business that is interested in providing public transit.
  - An update will be provided at a future meeting.
- Will the funding allow the City to work with the private business, or will the City provide public transit?
  - The funding will be used to determine community transit needs and potential implementation models, which is needed for long-term planning.
  - The funding does not affect the potential private business model.

**Motion #25-173**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves entering into an agreement with the Rural Transit Solutions Fund to assess the feasibility of a transit system in the City of Iqaluit.

**Unanimously Carried**

**b) Request for Decision – Temporary Development Permit Application DP – 25-029 – Outdoor Kennel – Portion of Lot 1, Plan 184 (Lot “A”, SK 23-001)**

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented a Request for Decision regarding Temporary Development Permit Application DP 25-029, Outdoor Kennel – Portion of Lot 1, Plan 184 (Lot “A”, SK 23-001).

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following question, which Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services answered:

- Why is the vehicle impound lot no longer needed by Municipal Enforcement?
  - Entered into an agreement with a local contractor to provide vehicle impound service and towing.

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Request was made for a presentation regarding the dog kennel, which did not happen.
- An outdoor kennel will help to keep the community clean

Councillor Sheppard asked the following question, which Mr. Mugford answered:

- What are the expenses to erect the outdoor kennel and are they included in the Capital Spending Plan?
  - The Operating Budget for the current dog pound includes funds to conduct an assessment.
  - There are additional monies in the budget to remedy the issues with the current dog pound.
  - Request for Quotes will be called for the installation of the fencing for the outdoor kennel
  - It is anticipated that the cost will be approximately \$90,000.

**Motion #25-174**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves temporary Development Permit Application DP 25-029, portion of Lot 1, Plan 184 (Lot "A", SK-23-001), for an outdoor kennel.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Request for Decision – Ball Diamond Turf Installation**

Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the Ball Diamond Turf Installation. Mr. Williams noted that after the Request for Decision was drafted, a business offered to donate monies toward the shipping portion of the project.

Councillor Sheppard asked the following question, which Mr. Williams answered:

- How much of the field will have outdoor turf and what is the quality of the turf?
  - Phase 1 - infield portion
  - Staff will seek additional funding for the remaining baseball diamond
  - Quotes have been received from various vendors, and the product is reputable and used in other areas in the territory with good success

**Motion #25-175**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

Council approves the outdoor turf installation project at the baseball diamond in the amount of \$33,600 and the creation of the Youth Baseball Program in 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Request for Decision – Youth Free Aquatics Access**

Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning, presented a Request for Decision for Youth Free Aquatics Access.

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Happy that youth are being supported in the community
- Requested Administration to look for other opportunities to support youth in a similar manner
- Suggested consideration be given to swim lessons, life saving skills and lifeguard training
- Important to remove economic barriers to support youth participation in recreation

**Motion #25-176**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves waiving fees associated with aquatic centre access to the pool for youth under the age of 18.

**Unanimously Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCC) – Nunavut Tradeshow 2025 Sponsorship**

Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning, presented a Platinum Level Sponsorship Request from the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCC) for the Nunavut Tradeshow from September 15 to 18, 2025, in the amount of \$25,000.

Mr. Williams made the following comments:

- Previous years, Council supported both financially and in-kind contributions
- In 2023, Council provided an in-kind contribution in the amount of \$6,350 to waive fees for the use of the Arctic Winter Games Arena and staff support.
- In 2024, Council provided \$10,000 cash support and in-kind contributions totalling \$16,582.
- In June 2025, Council allocated the curling rink and staff support as an in-kind donation for the 2025 Nunavut Tradeshow.

- BRCC has since moved the tradeshow location and no longer requires the use of the curling rink.
- Staff are recommending a Silver Level Sponsorship of \$10,000, which is consistent with previous year's contribution
  - Funding is available in Council's discretionary budget
- Economic Development will be coordinating a booth to represent the City

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment/questions, which Mr. Williams answered:

- Nunavut Tradeshow provides an economic impact to hotels and restaurants
- Agreed with \$10,000 donation and in-kind support
- What is the amount of in-kind support?
  - In-kind support consists of staff setting up and maintaining the venue, and waiving facility fees, which will no longer be required due to the change in venue
  - Operating Budget already includes funds for \$10,000 and any amount in excess of this would require a budget amendment

**Motion #25-177**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves a Silver Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000 for the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCC) for the Nunavut Tradeshow and Conference being held from September 15 to September 18, 2025.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application – Rachel Blais, School of Public Health & Social Policy, University of Victoria**

**Motion #25-178**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “From Stability to Scarcity: Understanding How Iqalungmiut Navigate Food Access During Policy Change”, proposed to take place from September 1, 2025 to September 1, 2027, Rachel Blais, School of Public Health & Social Policy, University of Victoria.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application –  
Alia Bigio, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada,  
Mineral Resources, Nunavut Regional Office**

**Motion #25-179**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Sylvia Grinnell Geoscience Project”,  
proposed to take place from August 13, 2025 to August 20, 2025, Alia Bigio, Crown-  
Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Mineral Resources, Nunavut  
Regional Office.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Legal

**Motion #25-180**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council goes In Camera at 6:59 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #25-181**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:24 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #25-182**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council:

1. Awards Tower Arctic Ltd. the contract to complete the Lake Geraldine Dam Intake Valve Replacement Design-Build project, for the amount of \$1,587,312.00 (GST excluded).
2. Approves the \$200,000 project contingency for the above-mentioned project as recommended.

**For – Nattaq, Smith, Tilley, Aglukark, Sheppard, Kunuk**  
**Opposed – Flaherty**  
**Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #25-183**

Moved by: Councillor Tilley  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council adjourns at 7:28 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
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Mayor Solomon Awa  
Chair

  
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Brianna Longworth  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.