CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #15
OCTOBER 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL
Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Amber Aglukark

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION
Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation
Geoff Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

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 #25-234

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Adoption of agenda as presented. **Unanimously Carried**

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #14 Minutes dated October 14, 2025

Motion #25-235

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

City Council Meeting #14 Minutes dated October 14, 2025.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) – Nunavut Alumni Classic Event – March 21, 2026

Emma Langlois, Senior Business Development Manager, Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH), was in attendance and the following are the highlights of her presentation:

- National charity
- Mission is to help all Canadians to have a safe place to call home and the supports they need
- Hockey communities across Canada fundraise for people in the community
- All monies raised stay in the community
- Events typically are not held in communities with a small population
- Find a way to make event viable and to raise significant funds for the community
- Alumni game will be part of a weekend of festivities
    - Toronto Maple Leafs' Alumni versus Hockey Helps the Homeless All-Star Team
- 100 percent of net funds raised will be given to local beneficiaries – Annauma Community Foundation and Qajuqturvik Community Food Centre
- Provide a unique experience for hockey community
    - Youth registered in hockey will have the opportunity to be on the ice with alumni hockey players
- Sportsnet will film the alumni game and festivities and play a portion on Hockey Night in Canada
- Along with the two alumni teams, 10 to 15 supporters from across the country will also come to Iqaluit
    - Supporters assist with funding the event
    - Excursions will be held with local outfitters

Several councillors spoke in support of the event.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Nattaq noted that it has been getting darker earlier and there are not sufficient lights outside City Hall.

Councillor Sheppard extended congratulations to the newly elected members of the Legislative Assembly and thanked all candidates who ran in the territorial election.

Mayor Awa advised that mayors from across Canada were meeting in Ottawa today with federal government ministers to present their concerns from the local level of government. He noted that mayors from hamlets were having face-to-face meetings with federal government ministers.

Mayor Awa noted that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) would be meeting on November 11 and councillors were welcome to attend and listen to the proceedings.

Mayor Awa also extended thanks to candidates who ran in the territorial election.

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 – Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) - Nunavut Alumni Classic – In-Kind Support Donation of Ice Time

Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation, presented a Request for Decision for Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) - Nunavut Alumni Classic for an In-Kind Support Donation of Ice Time.

Motion #25-236

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves waiving ice time rental fees during the weekend of March 21, 2026 in support of Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) Nunavut Alumni Classic.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments/question, which Mr. McNeil answered:

- Waiving the ice time fee of $2,000 is a minimal contribution for the event.
- Are there any in-kind contributions that the City can provide?
    - Providing extra staff resources and staff assisting with marketing and advertisement
    - Youth centre staff to assist with the meet and greet at the youth centre
    - There are potential other opportunities to support the event.
- Suggested that the motion include a donation of in-kind staff time

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment:

- Willing to volunteer at the event

Councillor Stevenson made the following comment:

- City could participate in the fundraising dinner along with other local companies and organizations

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Showcase traditional country foods during the event

b) Request for Decision – Northview REIT Request for Reduction or Rebate of Property Taxes – Noble House (1088 Mivvik Street) Fire

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision for Northview REIT Request for Reduction or Rebate of Property Taxes regarding the Noble House fire at 1088 Mivvik Street.

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Taxation should be fair
- Taxation should not be for a building that no longer exists
- Property owner should be taxed for the land portion

Motion #25-237

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves that a by-law be drafted to enact a rebate of the property taxes assessed on the building improvement destroyed by fire at 1088 Mivvik Street (Noble House), which would be a maximum of $44,280.77.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Nattaq asked for clarification on the motion. Mayor Awa explained that the rebate was for the property taxes on the building that burned down. The property owner would still be required to pay property taxes on the land.

c) Information Item – Quarter 2 Budget Variance Reports – General Fund, Land Fund, Sanitation Fund, Water and Sewer Fund

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented Quarter 2 Budget Variance Reports for the General Fund, Land Fund, Sanitation Fund, and Water and Sewer Fund. Mr. Tumilty noted that the presentation was in a new format and asked for feedback.

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Spoke about early years when the City had no funds to provide services
- Thanked staff for their hard work to manage funds to provide infrastructure and services

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment/question, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Format is acceptable and provides a good overview of the financial position
- Can the reports be provided quarterly and presented to the Finance Committee of the Whole?
    - New format being presented

- Report can be provided quarterly to the Finance Committee of the Whole
- Report can only be provided after the quarter closes, which could be a couple of months past the end of the quarter
- Fourth quarter report will probably not be presented
- Financial statements will be presented at the close of the fourth quarter

Mayor Awa made the following comment/question, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Water and sewer usage changes during the year as residents are out on the land or out of town during the summer months
- Is consideration given to fluctuating water and sewer usage throughout the year?
  - Year over year monthly comparisons are considered
  - In the summer months there are tourists and water and sewer usage is higher
  - Commercial variation is greater
  - Staff are considering seasonal patterns

d) Information Item – Property Tax Exemption Update

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented an Update on Property Tax Exemption as information.

e) Discussion Item – Inuit Nunangat University – Expression of Interest

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Discussion Item regarding Inuit Nunangat University - Expression of Interest.

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Supports registering the City's intent to host Inuit Nunangat University
- Iqaluit is the logical place for the university as the infrastructure is in place

Motion #25-238

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council directs staff to submit an Expression of Interest for the Main Campus Location for Inuit Nunangat University by October 30, 2025, with a detailed proposal submitted by the end of November 2025.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #07 Report dated October 21, 2025

Motion #25-239

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council:
1. Approves Commissioner Land Use Permit Application LUP 25-010 to permit Canadrill Limited to occupy Area A effective November 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, subject to the conditions in Attachment C.
2. Sets the land rental fee at 7.5 percent of the assessed value of the land annually, prorated for eight months from November 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-240

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council extends the construction completion deadline to February 1, 2028 for Uquutaq Society's Butler Building Redevelopment Project, Lot 940, Plan 3596.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-241

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council directs Administration to identify a zone for boat storage, after assessing a reasonable community need to determine the size and scope of what is required, with a report being presented to Council.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-242

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council:
Approval of Concept Plan
1. In a manner generally consistent with the road network, lot configuration, and overall design as shown in the proposed Concept Plan depicted in Attachment 2, while allowing for minor technical or detailed adjustments as required through the detailed design phase, directs staff to:
   a. Proceed with detailed design; and
   b. Return to Committee with a Survey Sketch for approval.

Cultural Protection
2. For planning and reserving land for cultural uses, directs staff to:
   a. Dedicate lands for Dog Teams as depicted in Attachment 5.

Approval of By-law Amendments
3. In a manner consistent with the proposal described in Attachment 3, directs staff to prepare and schedule:
   a. Map and text amendments to Zoning By-law No. 899 for First Reading, Public Hearing and Second Reading.
   b. A map amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for First Reading, Public Hearing and Second Reading.

Approval of Lot Disposal Strategy
4. Directs staff to proceed with the phased lot disposal strategy outlined in Attachment 4.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-243

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council:
1. Approves the drafted amendment to Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 25-003 for Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871.
2. Directs staff to schedule a Public Hearing for the by-law modification.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-244

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves the Disposal Procedures and Application Process in Attachment 1 for On-the-Land Facilities Inventory Areas A, B, C and D as depicted in Attachment 2.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-245

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council:
1. Identifies Site Layout - Site Plan A.
2. Gives First Reading to the amending by-law to Zoning By-law No. 899 to rezone Lot 4, Block 10, Plan 1986 from Low Density Residential – Trucked Services Zone (R1A) to Low Density Residential – Trucked Services Special Exception 4 (R1A(4)) to permit a fourplex on the site.
3. Directs staff to give public notice for a Public Hearing on a date to be determined by staff.

For – Smith and Nattaq
Opposed – Tilley, Stevenson, Sheppard and Kunuk
Defeated

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Spoke to residents in the area and there is a lot of opposition
- This is the type of housing needed in the community, but it needs to be constructed in the right place.
- Supports densification in the Core Area
- Joamie Court was developed for single family dwellings, which has turned into fourplexes
- Densification has already occurred in Apex
- Neighbourhood should be retained

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Wants to move forward with the recommendation to have the Public Hearing
- Give residents the opportunity to provide Council with their views and vision for their neighbourhoods

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments:

- Agreed that three-bedroom units were needed
- This is not the right location.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25-246

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council adjourns at 7:09 p.m. **Unanimously Carried**

Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

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