

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
MARCH 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith – via teleconference
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #25-54

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

a) **City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated March 11, 2025**

Motion #25-55

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated March 11, 2025.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest regarding:

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 Report
dated March 18, 2025 - Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 25-002 – Rezone
Subject Lands to R2 (4) and OR – Lot 726, Plan 1707

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a) **Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Reports – January and February
2025**

Sergeant Zhivka Ivanova, Iqaluit RCMP, was in attendance and presented the January and February 2025 Monthly Reports.

Councillor Nattaq spoke about some previous negative interactions with the RCMP.

Sergeant Ivanova commented that there were processes for sharing those concerns and she extended an invitation to speak with her at the RCMP detachment. Sergeant Ivanova indicated that all RCMP officers serve and protect all residents and strive to provide excellent service to the community.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Tilley advised that over the past months, he has taken steps to address his mental health, trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as overcoming challenges relating to alcohol and addiction. He indicated that the personal journey was transforming and healing.

Councillor Tilley noted that he openly shared his journey because he believes leadership involves vulnerability, honesty and accountability. He went on to say that by acknowledging and treating the struggles, he has gained an understanding of resilience, compassion and strength, which are qualities essential to serve the community.

Councillor Tilley indicated that mental health and addiction issues were not weaknesses but human experiences that many in the community silently face. Councillor Tilley commented that he is proof that change, healing and strength are possible. He noted that he hoped his journey would inspire even one person to take the first step to reach out and believe that there is hope.

Councillor Tilley wanted everyone who faces similar challenges to know that they are not alone, as recovery is possible and seeking help is an act of courage and strength. He spoke about the importance of coming together as a community to remove stigmas and to support each other to build a healthier and more compassionate city for everyone.

Councillor Tilley extended his thanks for the privilege to serve residents and has returned healthier, stronger and more dedicated to the well-being of the community.

Councillor Nattaq advised that in May, he would be visiting the burial sites in Hamilton, Ontario to provide healing sessions for those who had family members that died at the tuberculous sanitoriums.

Councillor Aglukark extended her congratulations to Councillor Tilley on completing his treatment and following through with his plan, which was an extraordinary achievement and a testament to dedication, resiliency and strength.

Councillor Aglukark noted that as an Inuk man, Councillor Tilley's journey was not only personal but powerful and inspiring for everyone. She stated that it shows others in the community that they are not alone, and that recovery is achievable with strength, dignity and pride.

Mayor Awa advised that last year, he attended a Mayors' Summit hosted by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, partnering with the City of Timmins, which was informative and explained that change is possible when individuals take the initiative to heal and move forward.

Councillor Sheppard noted that Deputy Mayor Smith was not feeling well and in order to ensure that there was a quorum for the item under New Business, he suggested that the New Business item be moved forward on the agenda.

Motion #25-56

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council amends the agenda to change the order of business to deal with 9. New Business before 7. By-laws.

Unanimously Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented a Request for Decision for Development Permit Application DP 24-051 for Approval of Blasting and Site Works.

Motion #25-57

Moved by: Councillor Tilley

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves Development Permit Application DP 24-051.

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson returned to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Smith left the meeting at this time and did not return.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 1004 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA 25-001

Motion #25-58

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1004 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 – GPA 25-001.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 1005 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 – ZBA 25-001

Motion #25-59

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1005 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 – ZBA 25-001.

Unanimously Carried

- iii.) By-law No. 1006 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to Land Administration By-law No. 897 – LABA 25-001

Motion #25-60

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1006 – Cabin Licensing, Amendment to Land Administration By-law No. 897 – LABA 25-001.

Unanimously Carried

- iv.) By-law No. 1014, Procurement By-law

Motion #25-61

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1014, Procurement By-law.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

i.) By-law No. 1014, Procurement By-law

Motion #25-62

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council defers Second Reading of By-law No. 1014, Procurement By-law and refers the by-law back to staff for revisions.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Tilley made the following comments, which Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services answered:

- Best Value versus Lowest Cost – include language when the lowest cost may not be the best value
 - Mr. Tumilty commented:
 - Using language that does not require awarding to lowest bid
 - Best Value concept to incorporate quality and experience and not necessarily the lowest bid
 - Evaluate proposal using a matrix
 - Included a Purchasing Advisory Committee that would review larger tenders
- Lowest Compliant Bid - suggested language be included that the lowest compliant bid may not be in the City's best interest and also include language that this will not be abused
 - Mr. Tumilty indicated staff would review to ensure the intent is consistent.
- Section 6.2 – Award should be made based on the Evaluation Criteria set out in the call document. Evaluation must be defined and disclosed prior to solicitation.
- Standardized Evaluation Criteria and Processes – Request for Tender, Proposal and Quotations does not specify how bids will be scored/weighed. By-law should include an Evaluation and Award Section for each procurement method.
 - Mr. Tumilty commented:
 - This is only possible for template purchasing.
 - Tenders are product specific
 - Proposals – may have variations based on the project
 - Difficult to prescribe the various ways to record
 - Suggested that guidelines and procedures could be developed to use in conjunction with the by-law
- Elaborate on vendor performances and debriefing – By-law does not provide for vendor performance monitoring and debriefing to unsuccessful bidders. Having this process would lead to better outcomes, reduce disputes and encourage supplier continued improvement.
 - Mr. Tumilty felt this was a good idea to ensure companies are prepared for future bids.

- Supplier Performance Protocol – if the supplier continually fails to perform, the City may modify them for a period of time
 - Mr. Tumilty commented:
 - Evaluation of performance should be a factor when considering bids
 - Could be included as Administration Guidelines and Procedures
- Guidance on how bidders can request debrief will provide transparency and reduce potential complaints
- Strengthen the Conflict of Interest Provisions - by-law prohibits awarding contracts to employees, council member or their family without disclosure. Enforcement in monitoring process could be more explicit.
 - Mr. Tumilty commented that staff would review this section.
- Address contract extensions and amendments more explicitly – unclear when contract extension or renewal is permissible before it must be retendered. Allows for large changes or repeated extensions that can circumvent proper competition. Suggested there be a maximum extension limit and any major extension be retendered if the original scope is changed significantly. Include a formal sign off process for renewals and extension.
 - Mr. Tumilty explained that any changes exceeding 25 percent could not be approved and required retendering.
- Reflect local and territorial procurement policies more directly – by-law does not include how to comply with Nunavut legislation and Nunavummi Nangminiqatunik Ikajuuti (NNI) Policy or integrate local Inuit preference
 - Mr. Tumilty advised that the City is subject to the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and not subject to the Nunavummi Nangminiqatunik Ikajuuti (NNI) Policy, which is a Government of Nunavut policy and not applicable to municipal government.
 - Focus on locality as opposed to being Inuit-owned

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Incorporation of Best Value concept to award contracts is beneficial
- Flexibility and framework to alleviate Council burden on procurement
 - Administration needs the ability to operate within the budget parameters
- Adheres to code of ethics

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Section 5.5(c) references Schedule “C” – there are no Schedules
 - Mr. Tumilty noted there is no Schedule “C” and reference to it will be removed.
- Section 6.6 (a) – Is it clear that awarding contracts has to be deferred until funding streams are in place?
 - Mr. Tumilty noted if funding streams have a more restrictive by-law when awarding a tender, that by-law will be followed to ensure funding is received.

Mr. Tumilty explained that previous Procurement By-laws have been used as a foundation to draft the new Procurement By-law and includes best practices.

Councillor Tilley made the following comments:

- Implement a Formal Dispute Process to address any grievances and maintain fairness. The process would outline the time to submit a dispute, review process and how results are communicated.
- Consider an independent fairness monitor for large value procurement, which could help avoid going to court to settle
 - Mr. Tumilty noted that the by-law includes the provision of an independent fairness monitor. Administration Guidelines and Procedures can be developed to determine when it is necessary to appoint an independent fairness monitor
- Consolidate thresholds in one section that can be cross-referenced in relevant sections
 - Mr. Tumilty indicated that staff have considered a threshold table that would be clear, but staff have various signing authorities, which made the table cumbersome.
 - Suggested that the Administration Guidelines and Procedures could outline a user-friendly table.

Councillor Sheppard noted that the City is governed by the *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act* and some suggested changes can be covered under Administration Guidelines and Procedures, which is outside of the by-law.

Councillor Tilley noted some minor edits and housekeeping items in definitions pertaining to inconsistencies, which he will send to staff.

Councillor Stevenson noted that there have been a number of suggested changes, and he felt a revised by-law should be presented to Council prior to Second Reading approval.

The mover and seconder agreed to amend the motion to refer By-law No. 1014, Procurement By-law back to staff for revisions.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Taxi Review Committee Meeting #01 - March 13, 2025 Report

Councillor Sheppard advised that a discussion took place at the Taxi Review Committee meeting regarding the fares to be charged for the accessible vehicle for hire. He noted that the motion would not be presented to Council at this time due to legal considerations.

Councillor Sheppard noted that accessible rides would be at the standard rate based on the Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997.

**b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 –
March 18, 2025 Report**

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding the next item.

Motion #25-63

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council:
1. Approves Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 25-002 for First and Second Reading to rezone Lot 726, Plan 1707 from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential, Special Exception Zone 4.
2. Approves Survey Sketch SK 25-004.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-64

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council:
1. Gives First, Second and Third Reading to the Land Acquisition By-law as drafted in Attachment 2.
2. Gives First, Second and Third Reading to the Land Disposal By-law as drafted in Attachment 3.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-65

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council:

1. Approves the transfer of Lot 10, Group 1087, Plan 1221 to the City at a nominal fee of one dollar from the Federal Government.
2. Gives First, Second and Third Reading to the Land Acquisition By-law as drafted in Attachment 2.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “Circling the Midnight Sun” – Voyage from Iqaluit to Greenland from August 5 to August 16, 2025, Elizabeth Robertson on behalf of Adventure Canada**

Motion #25-66

Moved by: Councillor Tilley

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “Circling the Midnight Sun” – Voyage is proposed to depart from Iqaluit on August 5, 2025 and end in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland on August 16, 2025, Elizabeth Robertson on behalf of Adventure Canada.

Unanimously Carried

- b) **Nunavut Research Institute - Application: “Painting the Gaps with Colour: A Learning Module on Skin of Colour Dermatoses and Inclusion of Indigenous Health” from May 5 to May 10, 2025, Reetesh Bose, University of Ottawa/Ottawa Hospital**

Motion #25-67

Moved by: Councillor Tilley

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute - Application: “Painting the Gaps with Colour: A Learning Module on Skin of Colour Dermatoses and Inclusion of Indigenous Health” from May 5 to May 10, 2025, Reetesh Bose, University of Ottawa/Ottawa Hospital.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #25-68

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

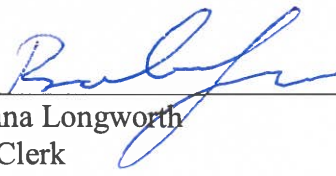
Council adjourns at 7:17 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair



Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 8th day of April 2025.

