MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING #02
OCTOBER 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Councillor Amber Aglukark, Chair
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Sergeant Robert Daley, RCMP – Member at Large
Joel Fortier – Member at Large
Stephanie Bernard – Member at Large
David Lawson, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Safety, Government of Nunavut – Member at Large
Jamie Savikataaq, Community Safety Police Specialist, Department of Justice, Government of Nunavut – Member at Large

ABSENT

Councillor Samuel Tilley, Vice Chair
Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Pam O'Neill – Member at Large
Sherri Robertson, Executive Director, YWCA – Member at Large
Maya Jelali – Member at Large

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director Operations and Protective Services – City Staff Resource
Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer – City Staff Resource
Stephen McGean, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Services – City Staff Resource
Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation – City Staff Resource
Geoffrey Byrne, Economic Development Officer – City Staff Resource
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

Councillor Aglukark opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion PSC 24-06

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: David Lawson

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

1. MINUTES

a) Public Safety Committee Meeting #01 Minutes dated April 11, 2024

PSC 24-07

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Sergeant Robert Daley

Public Safety Committee Meeting #01 Minutes dated April 11, 2024.
Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Prioritizing Safety Concerns (Round Table Discussion)

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Commended Municipal Enforcement and RCMP on the campaign that started in the summer and will continue going forward to stop impaired driving
- Thanked Municipal Enforcement on assisting with the clean up of abandoned vehicles and dealing with unsightly properties. She felt that this has made a big difference in the safety of the community.
- Expressed concern regarding the fire hazard created when large piles of wood are against the sides of homes
- Increase in property crime

Stephen McGean, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Services, advised that he drives around town a couple times a week and sees that people are stacking wood and some have several sheds on their property. He noted that if it becomes unsightly, Municipal Enforcement can enforce the Unsightly Land By-law. Mr. McGean commented that the number of sheds on properties can be addressed when developing the new Fire By-law.

Councillor Aglukark commented that the waste metal program that was recently launched has been successful. She spoke about the quick response when forms were completed and derelict vehicles were picked up. Councillor Aglukark hoped that residents would take advantage of the waste metal program that is free of charge and available until early November.

David Lawson, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Safety, Government of Nunavut, noted that the City expressed concern about public intoxication, and this summer, the RCMP had numerous foot and ATV patrols, which were very effective in reducing public intoxication and open liquor. He commented that when the patrols were reduced, public intoxication and open liquor increased. Mr. Lawson asked the RCMP to continue with patrols.

b) Further Development of the Safety Initiatives and Challenges Facing the Community (Round Table Discussion)

David Lawon, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Safety, Government of Nunavut, advised that there is a community consultive group for the First Nations Inuit Poison Program. He noted that two RCMP officers would be arriving within the next month and would be dedicated to community policing and crime prevention programs in Iqaluit.

Deputy Mayor Smith expressed concern regarding the need for street lights to make it safer for people to move around town as evenings are becoming darker earlier.

Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director Operations and Protective Services, advised that a feasibility study had been carried out, which identified key areas. He indicated that he would provide the Committee with an update on the study via e-mail.

Sergeant Robert Daley, RCMP, asked if Sherri Robertson, Executive Director, YWCA, would be in attendance to discuss funding initiatives.

Mr. Mugford advised that Ms. Robertson would be unable to attend the meeting as her flight was only arriving at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Mugford advised that meetings have taken place and the next step is prioritizing a list of the safety concerns and developing safety initiatives and challenges. He suggested that development of the safety concerns, initiatives and challenges can be carried out via e-mail.

Mr. Mugford explained that there are various funding streams that are available for the City, stakeholders and partnerships. He noted that funding applications could still be submitted, with funding received in 2024 and to be carried forward in 2025. Mr. Mugford explained that he would review the various funding streams and determine a plan on how to best approach funding applications.

Joel Fortier spoke about the need to upgrade street lighting to increase safety. He felt it was important to explore funding opportunities to upgrade street lighting.

Deputy Mayor Smith talked about pedestrian safety and maintaining walking trails with lights, which could also include snowmobile trails. She noted that the walking trail near Astro Hill is frequently used, as it is maintained, has lights, and is away from vehicular traffic.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion PSC 24-08

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Joel Fortier

Committee adjourns at 3:17 p.m. **Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Amber Aglukark
Chair

Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director
Operations and Protective Services – City
Staff Resource

Approved by the Public Safety Committee on the 3rd day of April 2025.