

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #03
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Swany Amarapala
Councillor Ookalik Curley
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Paul Quassa
Councillor Kimberly Smith – via teleconference
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Geneva Chislett, Controller/Acting Director of Corporate Services

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #23-29

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated January 24, 2023**

Motion #23-30

Moved by: Councillor Quassa
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated January 24, 2023.

Unanimously Carried

b) **City Council Meeting #02 Minutes dated January 24, 2023**

Motion #23-31

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

City Council Meeting #02 Minutes dated January 24, 2023.

Unanimously Carried

c) **Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #01 Minutes dated February 7, 2023**

Motion #23-32

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #01 Minutes dated February 7, 2023.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Uquutaq Society – Rapid Housing Initiative Application**

Kathleen Gomes, Treasurer, Uquutaq Society, explained that the Uquutaq Society are currently developing two housing projects and asked Council to provide a Letter of Support for the Rapid Housing Initiative Applications. She explained that the Rapid Housing Initiative requires assurance that the City supports the two projects and will fast

track Development Permits, which will ensure that the projects meet the timeline of 24 months.

Ms. Gomes provided the following information on the two projects:

- Project One – Affordable Rooming House
 - Constructed on the Butler Building site
 - Provides single room occupancy
- Project Two – Expansion of low barrier services
 - Construction of a three-storey building at 158 Nipisa Street
 - Services that will be provided:
 - Day warming program
 - Commercial kitchen
 - 40 bed low barrier shelter
 - 14 bed transitional housing program

Ms. Gomes advised that approximately 49 individuals seeking shelter per month are turned away at the overnight low barrier respite site.

Councillor Quassa asked about the programs that would be offered. Ms. Gomes advised that life skill programs would be offered.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the deadline for the Rapid Housing Initiative is mid-March and there are various requirements to submit an application. He asked if there were other documents that were needed to complete the application.

Ms. Gomes advised that the architectural and building requirements are underway. She commented that staff are working diligently to obtain all the necessary documents to ensure a completed application is submitted prior to the deadline, as the projects are a necessity.

Various councillors made positive comments about the programs and work currently provided by the Uquutaq Society.

Councillor Amarapala asked about transitional housing. Ms. Gomes explained that there is a gap in the housing continuum and individuals from the transitional housing program will move to an affordable housing room in the Butler Building.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Sheppard acknowledged the athletes that participated in the Arctic Winter Games. He commented that the athletes' dedication to their sport and their hours of training were on display. He noted that the athletes performed at a very high level and

many achieved personal bests. He stated that the athletes represented Nunavut very well and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard acknowledged all the coaches and mission staff that supported the athletes.

Councillor Nattaq noted that he is the Mayor's representative for the Search and Rescue Committee and explained that individuals now have small radios that are used to communicate with each other.

Mayor Awa noted that four councillors participated in the four-day emergency management training, which will help various agencies and individuals should an emergency arise.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 954 Amendment to By-law No. 935 Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations Property Tax Relief By-law Schedule "A"

Motion #23-33

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 954 to amend By-law No. 935 Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations Property Tax Relief By-law Schedule "A".

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 954 Amendment to By-law No. 935 Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations Property Tax Relief By-law Schedule "A"

Motion #23-34

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 954 to amend By-law No. 935 Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations Property Tax Relief By-law Schedule "A" as amended.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Sheppard suggested that item #5 should be amended so that any amendment to the schedule requires a motion of Council and the reference to the CAO should be removed.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Uquutaq Society – Rapid Housing Initiative Application – Verbal

Motion #23-35

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Council provides letters of support to the Uquutaq Society for their applications made under the Rapid Housing Initiative with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and further, that the City, within a reasonable manner, prioritize any application made under the Rapid Housing Initiative.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Fire Training Ground – Change Order

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for a Change Order to Natic Projects (2007) Inc. for the fuel line support and combustion air damper/trap at the fire training ground building.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard noted that there are three Request for Decisions for additional funding for projects that are over budget and monies were not approved in the Capital Spending Plan. He asked when a meeting would be held to review the Capital Spending Plan to make the necessary amendments and identify the source of funds to pay for the items.

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a report to amend the Capital Spending Plan is being developed to present to the Finance Committee of the Whole in March.

Councillor Smith noted that the background information regarding the thermistors was not carried out to the specifications and will cost the City additional money to install. She asked for clarification on this matter.

Mr. Ghosh explained that the contractor did not install the thermistors based on the specifications and this was not seen during the inspection of the foundation slab. He explained that the work has been completed and the contract closed so there is nothing that can be done to rectify the problem with the contractor.

Councillor Smith expressed concern that work was not carried out to specifications and there is no recourse.

Motion #23-36

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council approves a Change Order to Natic Projects (2007) Inc. for fuel line support and combustion air damper/trap at the fire training ground building in the amount of \$24,831.20 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Training Ground Relocation – Verbal Update

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, explained that at the January 10, 2023 Council meeting, Council directed staff to conduct further research to dismantle the seacans at the fire training ground, which could then be moved by the City.

Mr. Ghosh explained that staff have determined that the City does not have the appropriate lifting equipment to move the seacans. He also noted that welders were also needed and are not available at this time. Mr. Ghosh advised that dismantling and moving the seacans is not possible with City resources.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the contractor for the waste transfer station will be mobilizing in March and the seacans would have to be moved by that time.

Mr. Ghosh clarified that he reviewed the tender document and the tender bid includes the construction of the piling and foundation and dismantling and moving the seacans.

d) Request for Decision – Apex Road Crosswalk – Contractor

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award construction services for the Apex Road crosswalk.

Motion #23-37

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council awards Tower Arctic Ltd. the contract to undertake the Apex Road crosswalk in the amount of \$212,736 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked for an explanation on the work that would be carried out.

Mr. Ghosh explained there would be a pedestrian crossing with a mechanical device to indicate to drivers to stop for pedestrians to cross. He noted that staff are communicating with Arctic Electric for the operation and maintenance of the mechanical device.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked if there were any additional associated contract costs and the anticipated operation and maintenance cost.

Mr. Ghosh explained that the contract cost included all required installations. The only remaining item is the operation and maintenance, which is being worked on, and the cost is not yet known.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard expressed concern about approving a contract without knowing both the capital and operation and maintenance cost.

Mr. Ghosh advised that once the contract work was complete, pedestrians will be able to cross the road safely using the installed equipment. The only item not yet known is the annual operation and maintenance cost.

Councillor Stevenson noted that this has been a dangerous crossing since the removal of the stop sign several years ago.

Mr. Ghosh noted that it would be more efficient to include the crosswalk mechanical device in the operation and maintenance contract for the street lights.

e) Request for Decision – Arctic Winter Games Arena – Floor Repairs

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision regarding floor repairs at the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena. He noted that a contract was awarded in 2022 and the work was underway.

Mr. Ghosh explained that two Change Orders are needed to replace a shower and the flooring in the youth centre. He advised that additional funding in the amount of \$200,000 was received from Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), which will cover the costs of the two Change Orders.

Motion #23-38

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council approves a Change Order to increase the scope of work for KCM Maintenance and Construction to undertake floor repairs in the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena shower 122 and to replace the flooring in the youth centre for a total amount of \$78,768.99 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification that QIA funding would be used to complete the work and would not impact the Capital Spending Plan.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard explained that the funding would be a capital contribution and would be offset through the Capital Spending Plan.

f) Council Policy 23-001 Property Tax Relief Criteria Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations – Amendment to CNCL 22-001

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff reviewed Policy CNCL 22-001 - Property Tax Relief Criteria for Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations. During the review, it was determined that changes were required to be in line with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act* as follows:

- Addition of an application
- Addition of fulsome definition for residence

Motion #23-39

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Council approves CNCL 23-001 to amend CNCL 22-001 Property Tax Relief Criteria for Non-Profit and Charitable Organizations.

Unanimously Carried

g) Request for Decision – UV Reactor Replacement Works

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award the contract to replace the UV reactor at the water treatment plant.

Motion #23-40

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council awards Natic Projects (2007) Inc. the contract to replace the UV reactor at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$415,000 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

h) Request for Decision – City of Iqaluit Operations Facility – Fire Pump

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for a Change Order to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. for procurement and delivery of a fire pump. He explained that the revised fire protection design in the Operations Centre requires a fire pump.

Mr. Ghosh advised that they have recently spoken to Infrastructure Canada. He indicated that under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Funding, which they have for the long-term water supply project, they have agreed to the digging up of the Federal Road water main extension, with a direct connection to the water mains. He noted that due to low pressure in the area, it is anticipated that the fire pump would still be required in the Operations Centre to ensure that there is sufficient water pressure for the sprinkler system.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked if the fire pump was a new expense for the project.

Mr. Ghosh advised that the money allocated for the water tank was no longer required, so the funds would be reallocated to the fire pump.

Motion #23-41

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Quassa

Council approves a Change Order to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. for the procurement and delivery of a fire pump for the Operations Centre in the amount of \$243,397.14 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

i) Iqaluit 3rd Annual Cod Fishing Tournament – Support Letter for License (Consumer Affairs) – Verbal

Motion #23-42

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council provides a letter of support to the Iqaluit 3rd Annual Cod Fishing Tournament for their application for a lottery license from February 15 to June 30, 2023.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Tilley noted that a considerable amount of fundraising has been carried out to obtain a Ski-Doo and various prizes for the tournament. He noted that the number of participants have increased over the past two years.

j) 2021 Management Letter dated April 1, 2022 – Verbal

Motion #23-43

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council accepts the 2021 Management Letter dated April 1, 2022.

Unanimously Carried

k) Appointment of Board of Revision for 2023 – Members at Large – Verbal

Motion #23-44

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Council appoints John Maurice, Rowena Masoka, William (Bill) Williams and Michelle Hildebrandt as Members at Large on the Board of Revision for 2023.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Atopic Dermatitis in Northern Canada’s Inuit Population”, Emily Seale from Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa**

Motion #23-45

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Atopic Dermatitis in Northern Canada’s Inuit Population”, Emily Seale from Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-46

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Council adjourns at 7:15 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Solomon Awa
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 28th day of February 2023.

