

CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #07
APRIL 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Valerie Greene, Executive Assistant
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial
Services – via teleconference
Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Tracey Oram, Director of Financial Services
Riel Brouillette, City Planner
Sol Tagak, Acting Fire Chief
Dominik Gagné, Wellness Coordinator - Inuit Child First Initiative

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove:

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Nunavut Research Institute – Kellie Thiessen, College of Nursing, University of Manitoba – Research Application

Motion #25-84

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) **Public Hearing #02 Minutes dated April 8, 2025**

Motion #25-85

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Public Hearing #02 Minutes dated April 8, 2025.

Unanimously Carried

- b) **City Council Meeting #06 Minutes dated April 8, 2025**

Motion #25-86

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

City Council Meeting #06 Minutes dated April 8, 2025.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Tilley declared a conflict of interest regarding:

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Report dated April 15, 2025 – Development Permit Application DP 25-009 and Survey Sketch SK 25-005, Lots 566 and 567, Plan 1358

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Nattaq commented on Pope Francis' previous visit to Iqaluit and his passing.

Councillor Nattaq advised that he will be away from May 4 to 11, 2025, as he will be attending a healing circle in Hamilton, Ontario.

Councillor Aglukark thanked the residents for their presentations at the Public Hearing, which was held before the Council meeting.

Councillor Aglukark recognized the successful Toonik Tyme and highlighted some of the activities. Councillor Aglukark went on to congratulate the hockey teams who competed in the Brian Twerdin Memorial Hockey Tournament and the participants in the qamutiik races.

Deputy Mayor Smith reminded residents of the federal election on April 28, 2025 and encouraged residents to vote.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i.) By-law No. 1015, Land Acquisition By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317

Motion #25-87

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1015, Land Acquisition By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 1016, Land Disposal By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317

Motion #25-88

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1016, Land Disposal By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

- i.) By-law No. 1015, Land Acquisition By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317

Motion #25-89

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1015, Land Acquisition By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317.

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 1016, Land Disposal By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317

Motion #25-90

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1016, Land Disposal By-law, Lots 1 and 2, Block 217, Plan 3317.

Unanimously Carried

- iii.) By-law No. 1011, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899

Motion #25-91

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1011, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899.

Unanimously Defeated

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Thanked residents for their participation at the Public Hearing, which was held prior to the Council Meeting
- There is a place for development and densification; however, low density neighbourhoods are very important to the community
- Consideration must be given to neighbourhoods when housing proposals are made
- Housing densification will happen in some areas in Happy Valley
- Was opposed to the construction of a six-plex on the property, which sets a precedent for developers

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Recognized that a large number of residents attended the Public Hearing and voiced their concerns
- A six-plex unit should not be constructed next to single family dwellings
- Consider development on the road to Apex

Councillor Tilley made the following comments:

- Housing is needed in Iqaluit
- Neighbourhoods are important

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Fire Chief Report

Sol Tagak, Acting Fire Chief, presented the Fire Chief Report – 2025 for Quarter 1 as an information item.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following question, which Acting Chief Tagak answered:

- Are you anticipating increasing the number of volunteer firefighters, and if so, what recruitment methods will you use?
 - Recruiting volunteers will be ongoing
 - The current volunteer firefighter capacity is 15, based on the available fire hall space

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments/questions, which Acting Chief Tagak answered:

- Appreciates firefighters
- Do firefighters have the training to fight airplane fires?
 - Iqaluit Airport has their own fire department and equipment
 - Firefighters have training and some authority to assist with fires at the airport
 - There is a mutual agreement between the Iqaluit Fire Department and the Iqaluit Airport Fire Department to respond to requests for service

b) Presentation of 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented the 2024 Audited Financial Statements. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Financial health has improved from the previous year
- Cash flow allows for the ability to pay into reserves
- Funds have a surplus
- Fiscal assets have improved
- Long-term debt has reduced
- Major capital investments and projects are being completed
- Large reduction in accounts receivable
- Improvements and changes in operations will continue and financial health will improve yearly
- Thanked Finance Department staff for their work to maintain and manage the City's finances

Motion #25-92

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council accepts the 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 – April 15, 2025 Report

Councillor Tilley declared a conflict of interest regarding Development Permit Application DP 25-009 and Survey Sketch SK 25-005, Lots 566 and 567, Plan 1358.

There no longer being a quorum, this item was not dealt with.

Motion #25-93

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council:

1. Approves Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 25-003 for First Reading to rezone Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871 from Low Density Residential – Trucked Services (R1A) to Residential – Trucked Services Special Exception Zone 4 (R1A(4)).
2. Directs staff to schedule a Public Hearing and Second Reading at an appropriate upcoming Council meeting.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Nunavut Research Institute – Kellie Thiessen, College of Nursing, University of Manitoba – Research Application**

This item was removed from the agenda.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Legal - 4

Motion #25-94

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council goes In Camera at 7:30 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-95

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:21 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-96

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council:

1. Approves Arcadis Canada Incorporated to complete Phase III - Design Development 50 percent submission, Phase IV - Final Design 90 percent and 100 percent submission, and Phase V - Tendering Support in the amount of \$4,194,190.77 plus GST.
2. Approves a contingency allowance in the amount of \$209,709.54 plus GST at the City's sole discretion, to be utilized under the Arcadis Canada Incorporated contract as contingency events arise.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-97

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council:

1. Approves a Change Order to Arcadis Canada Incorporated to complete the Design for a New Permanent Apex River Intake, Pumping Station, and Conveyance System to Lake Geraldine, and new Reservoir in the amount of \$1,957,197.06 plus GST.
2. Approves a contingency allowance in the amount of \$97,859.85 plus GST at the City's sole discretion, to be utilized under the Arcadis Canada Incorporated contract as contingency events arise.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-98

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council directs staff to change the delivery model for the Long-term Water Supply and Storage Project from Design-Bid-Build (DBB) to Construction Management at Risk (CM), with the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) option.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25-99

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council adjourns at 8:26 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 13th day of May 2025.