

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #04
FEBRUARY 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Aleksy Cameron, Communications and Customer Service Manager
Peter Tumilty, Senior Director of Corporate Services
Matthias Pizzera, Director of Recreation
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Samantha Toffolo, Planning Contractor, Northern Futures – via teleconference
Murray Amirault, Engineering Manager, Colliers Project Leaders – via teleconference

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

Amber Aglukark was affirmed as a councillor.

Mayor Awa welcomed Councillor Aglukark.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

11. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Iqaluit Hockey League – Letter of Support – Beer Garden

Motion #24-35

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting #02 Minutes dated February 13, 2024

Motion #24-36

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

City Council Meeting #02 Minutes dated February 13, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

b) Special City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated February 20, 2024

Motion #24-37

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Special City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated February 20, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

c) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 Minutes dated February 20, 2024

Motion #24-38

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 Minutes dated February 20, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) **The North West Company – Unit 194 – Debt Relief**

Alan Lawrie, Market Manager and Paul Atta, Store Manager, the North West Company, were present regarding debt relief for Building 194. The following is a summary of the presentation made by Alan Lawrie:

- Requesting assistance for the recent water bills
 - Average water bill was \$1,700
 - September 2023 water bill was \$7,564.10
 - October 2023 water bill was \$24,234.91
 - November 2023 water bill was \$16,916.54
 - December 2023 water bill was \$8,041.28
- Was never advised by the City of the increase in water consumption
- In November 2023, City staff were contacted to determine if there was a water reading error.
- On December 7, 2023, the store maintenance staff found a pool of water by NC Store #362.
 - Narwhal Plumbing & Heating Ltd. determined that there was no leak, but a possible leak in the city main and notified the City regarding the leak
- On December 7, 2023, City staff advised that the reading was correct and indicated there could be possible leaks.
- Upon further investigation, it was determined that a copper pipe broke in the crawl space under Building 194.
 - Narwhal Plumbing & Heating Ltd. repaired the broken pipe
- The North West Company requested relief in the water bills from September to December in the amount of \$56,746.
- On January 15, 2024, City staff advised that the request for relief would be reviewed.
 - City staff further advised that the request for relief would have to be presented to Council.

Deputy Mayor Smith noted that the North West Company makes a considerable amount of profit and expressed concern that the residents of Iqaluit should not pay off the debt. She also pointed out that if a homeowner had a leak, they would be required to pay the increased water bill.

Mr. Lawrie explained that each NorthMart was independent and therefore could not speak regarding the profits made by the North West Company.

Councillor Nattaq noted that the North West Company was a big company with large profits. He expressed concern that the North West Company was requesting debt relief and not paying the water bills.

Councillor Sheppard explained that the Water and Sewer Fund pays for the water provided to Iqaluit, which operates on a cost recovery basis. He pointed out that it was not the responsibility of the City to advise of increases in water consumption. He indicated that it was important that residents and businesses maintained their properties and ensured that water leaks were taken care of in a timely manner. Councillor Sheppard noted that there was no provision to allow for debt forgiveness.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty was not in favour of the request for debt forgiveness. He asked for clarification regarding reading of water meters and when the property owner was responsible.

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the property line was used to determine responsibility of the City and property owner.

Mayor Awa advised that Council would not be supporting the request for debt forgiveness.

b) Iqaluit Hockey League – Support Letter Request – Beer Garden – Verbal

Robert Comeau, Secretary-Treasurer and Josie Cote, Vice President, Iqaluit Hockey League, were in attendance requesting a letter of support for a beer garden. The following is a summary of the presentation made by Robert Comeau:

- Requesting approval to designate the Brian Twerdin Toonik Tyme Memorial (BTTTM) Hockey Tournament as a community affair
 - 11 hockey teams
 - Four hockey teams from outside Iqaluit
- Second Annual hockey tournament will be held from April 18 to 21, 2024
- Designation is required in order to run a beer garden at the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena during the tournament
- Beer garden would operate 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on April 18 to 20
- Approximately 120 people participate in the tournament with hundreds of spectators
- To offset tournament costs:
 - Fundraising events are being held
 - Obtain sponsorships from Canadian North and local businesses
 - Community event with live Inuktitut music will be held free of charge
 - Having a beer garden
- Goal is to raise \$1,500 to donate to Iqaluit Ookpiks (local women's hockey organization)
- Reviewed the beer garden set up at the AWG Arena
 - Drapes will be hung from the roof to enclose the beer garden area
 - Security guard will be posted at the entrance
 - Anticipated to receive \$1,000 to \$2,000 profit
- Determining the occupant load with the Fire Marshal
- Statement of account must be submitted to the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty acknowledged Brian Twerdin's involvement with hockey.

c) Qikiqtani Makimajjutissat Regional Conservation Approach Community Engagements – Qikiqtani Inuit Association - Verbal

Rosanne D'Orazio, Consultant, RDO Connections, and Jovan Simic, Strategic Advisor, Marine and Wildlife, Qikiqtani Inuit Association, were present in the gallery, and Gloria Uluqsi was present via teleconference. The following is a summary of the presentation made by Rosanne D'Orazio:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is holding community engagements in all 13 Qikiqtani communities
- Presentations in Iqaluit to:
 - Council
 - Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) – consulted twice and provided feedback
 - Public meeting to be held on March 18, 2024
- Community engagement regarding the regional approach to conservation
 - Qikiqtait and Sarvajuaq Indigenous protected and conservation area
 - Qikiqtait is located south around Belcher Islands near Sanikiluaq
 - Sarvajuaq is the Canadian portion between Baffin Island and Greenland
- Community engagements started in May 2023 and included:
 - Public Meetings
 - HTO
 - Hamlets
 - Elders
 - Schools – for youth consultation
- QIA's approach is that the entire region should benefit from the protected areas, regardless of where a community is located.
- Negotiations with federal government are anticipated to be finalized in July 2024
- Funded through an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement
- In 2022, the federal government announced \$800 million funding for protection of Indigenous led conservation initiatives.
 - Goal is to protect 30 percent of the nation's land and water by 2030
- QIA regional conservation of Qikiqtait and Sarvajuaq is one of four initiatives
 - Inuit protected and conservation area
 - Protected area where Inuit will determine the conservation outcomes
 - Will reflect Inuit values and culture
 - Long-term sustainable commitment to conservation
- Investment is through Project for Permanence to support long-term conservation
 - Government and private funding
 - Indigenous governments such as QIA
- Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement would provide:
 - Inuit led governance at community level with a Qikiqtani Community Conservation Committee

- Infrastructure
- Investments
- Stewardship – Guardian Programs in each community
 - Requires full time staff
 - Monitoring and increasing outreach through youth and elders
 - Infrastructure would support programs and staff
- Fishery reconciliation

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Smith acknowledged February 28 as Pink Shirt Day, as a day to stand up against bullying and to show support.

Councillor Nattaq welcomed Councillor Aglukark to Council.

Councillor Nattaq expressed concern regarding increased taxi fares and the way some taxi drivers treat passengers. He went on to say that taxis were providing a service and it was important that drivers were kind to passengers and passengers felt safe when travelling in taxis.

Councillor Kunuk welcomed Councillor Aglukark to Council.

Councillor Aglukark expressed thanks to her fellow councillors for voting to appoint her to Council. She also thanked the other candidates for putting their names forward.

Councillor Tilley welcomed Councillor Aglukark to Council.

Councillor Tilley recognized the two Iqaluit Under 15 hockey teams who travelled to Ottawa for the Capital House League Championship Tournament.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i. **By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law**

Motion #24-39

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

- i. By-law No. 975, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899

Motion #24-40

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 975, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899.

Unanimously Carried

- ii. By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law

Motion #24-41

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard noted that there were no changes to the mill rate this year and rates remained the same as last year across all classes.

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

- i. By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law

Motion #24-42

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third Reading of By-law No. 979, 2024 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

ii. By-law No. 978, Land Disposal – Lots 208 and 209, Plan 644

Motion #24-43

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves Third Reading of By-law No. 978, Land Disposal – Lots 208 and 209, Plan 644.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Apex Supplemental Pumping Project – Extension of Owner’s Engineering Services - Nunami Stantec

Murray Amirault, Engineering Manager, Colliers Project Leaders, presented a Request for Decision for Extension of Owner’s Engineering Services for the Apex Supplemental Pumping Project. Mr. Amirault explained that support services would be extended into the 2024 pumping season and would include:

- Project management and coordination of various tasks
- Daily water level monitoring and flow analysis
- Construction monitoring – set up and demobilization
- Review of contractor’s work scope regarding back up pumping system option
- Provisional mechanical and electrical engineering support in the event there is an emergency pumping requirement

Councillor Tilley expressed concern that a Request for Proposal was not called as there was sufficient time. He pointed out that now, Council has no choice but to award the contract to Nunami Stantec Ltd. due to the timeline and the contract amounts being provided to the public.

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Procurement By-law was being followed. He explained that with the late approval of the budget, there was not sufficient time to call a tender or Request for Proposal/Tender for some projects.

Mr. England understood that some Requests for Decision do not include the entire project, but only a portion of a project. He explained that a new reporting format was being developed, which would be presented to Council at a future meeting.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty noted that Nunami Stantec Ltd. had the same contract since 2021, and he would like to see the associated costs for each year. He pointed out that Administration was aware that this service was needed for the pumping project this year and a Request for Proposal/Tender was not called.

Mr. England reiterated that staff were following the Procurement By-law.

Councillor Sheppard suggested that a workshop be held so that all councillors understood the Supplemental Pumping Project and operations.

Mr. England advised that there were two workshops currently being developed and a third workshop to provide information on the Long-term Water Project.

Councillor Tilley asked if the next agenda item could be discussed in camera prior to contract amounts being discussed.

Mayor Awa pointed out that the Request for Decision provided three options.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty advised that he was aware of the procurement process and expressed concern that the Request for Decision was not an acceptable way to award contracts.

Councillor Sheppard commented that the Supplementary Pumping Project should have been for a longer term. He acknowledged the complete turnover of Administration staff in the past few years. Councillor Sheppard noted that the process followed the policies and Council could make changes to the procurement policies that were in place in the by-laws that have to be followed.

Deputy Mayor Smith agreed that when Requests for Decision are presented, the document includes options and contract amounts. She noted that once the amounts were made public, the other options were no longer available and Council had to award the contract. Deputy Mayor Smith suggested that any Requests for Decision for sole sourcing should be discussed in camera, which would give Council the option to award or call a Request for Tender/Proposal.

Motion #24-44

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council awards Nunami Stantec Ltd. the contract to perform Project Management and Coordination, Daily Water Level Monitoring and Flow Analysis, Owner's Engineer and Construction Monitoring at the Apex River pumping site, for the Apex Pumping Supplemental Pumping Project in 2024, for the additional amount of \$228,879.22 plus GST.

For – Aglukark, Kunuk, Nattaq, Sheppard, Smith, Stevenson, Tilley
Opposed – Flaherty
Carried

**b) Request for Decision – Apex Supplemental Pumping Project –
Construction Support at the Apex River Pumping Site for 2024**

Murray Amirault, Engineering Manager, Colliers Project Leaders, presented a Request for Decision for the Apex Supplemental Pumping Project - Construction Support. He advised that the support would include:

- Fuel
- Set up, mobilization and demobilization
- Equipment
- Installation and maintaining pumps
- Engagement of any subcontractors – electrical and mechanical
- Troubleshooting
- Inspection services
- Full-time monitoring of equipment
- Contingency for the purchase of a new pump

Mr. Amirault noted that the tender was called in 2021 and awarded to Tower Arctic Ltd., with optional pricing for 2022 and 2023. He pointed out that the 2024 cost had increased five percent since 2023, which was within the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Councillor Nattaq expressed concern regarding the low water flow in the Apex River and supplemental pumping may have to be carried out from Qikiqtalik Lake.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty reiterated that he was not in favour of sole sourcing for projects. He expressed concern with the high cost to provide the service.

Councillor Kunuk noted that the service had been ongoing since 2021 and calling a Request for Proposal/Tender partway through the project could result in higher costs.

Councillor Sheppard noted that this would be a requirement every year until there was a new reservoir. He asked if a Request for Proposal/Tender could be called this fall to award a competitive contract early in 2025.

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, pointed out that calling a Request for Proposal/Tender in the fall would still affect the budgeting process. He noted that any unspent funds in the fiscal year had to be carried forward to the next year's budget.

Mr. England advised that staff were exploring options to alleviate the concern of sole sourcing. He noted there was a Standing Offer of Agreement process, which could be discussed and included in the Procurement By-law and Policies.

Mr. England noted that the vendors have been working with the City for a number of years and efforts have been made to ensure they are as efficient as possible.

Councillor Sheppard commented that a Request for Proposal/Tender could be called late in the year, with a closing date by December 31, and the contract awarded early in January. This would enable staff to have the amounts for the next year's budget.

Motion #24-45

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council awards Tower Arctic Ltd. the contract to complete Construction and Pumping Services from the Apex River to Lake Geraldine in 2024, for the additional amount of \$860,527.01 plus GST.

For – Aglukark, Kunuk, Nattaq, Sheppard, Smith, Stevenson, Tilley
Opposed – Flaherty
Carried

Councillor Tilley reiterated his concern regarding sole sourcing. He spoke in favour of Councillor Sheppard's suggestion of calling a Request for Proposal/Tender with a closing date of December 31 and an award date in January.

Councillor Kunuk noted that this was a continuation of the contract that was awarded in 2021.

c) Request for Decision – Sport and Recreation Funding Application

Matthias Pizzera, Director of Recreation, presented a Request for Decision for Sport and Recreation Funding Application. Mr. Pizzera advised that the request was for the Department's annual funding application in the amount of \$51,100. The funds would be used for:

- Christmas celebrations
- Volunteer Appreciation Awards Ceremony
- Certifications for lifeguards and fitness trainers
- Offset costs relating to repairs and maintenance

Motion #24-46

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council supports the funding application to the Government of Nunavut Sport and Recreation Department in the amount of \$51,100.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if the maximum amount was being requested.

Mr. Pizzera advised that the amount being requested this year was an increase from the \$29,000 request last year. Mr. Pizzera reviewed the allocation of the funds.

d) Appointment of Council Member Recreation Committee – Vacant Seat

Councillor Aglukark was nominated as a member to the Recreation Committee. Councillor Aglukark accepted the nomination.

Motion #24-47

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Councillor Aglukark was appointed as a member to the Recreation Committee.

Unanimously Carried

e) Public Safety Committee Chair

Mayor Awa indicated that he was recently elected as President of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM). He noted that he was Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Awa explained that being NAM President required additional time and he suggested that Councillor Aglukark be appointed as Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

f) Appointment of Public Safety Committee Chair

Councillor Aglukark was nominated as Chair to the Public Safety Committee. Councillor Aglukark accepted the nomination.

Motion #24-48

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

Councillor Aglukark was appointed as Chair to the Public Safety Committee.

Unanimously Carried

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 -
February 20, 2024 Report**

Motion #24-49

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council:

1. Gives First Reading to the Amending By-law to Zoning By-law No. 899 to rezone Lots 24, 25 and 26, Plan 674 from Medium Density Residential Zone (R2) to High Density Residential Zone (R3), Special Exception 3 (R3(3)).
2. Directs staff to give public notice for a Public Hearing on a date to be determined by staff.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #24-50

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council:

1. Gives First and Second Reading to Land Acquisition By-law as drafted in Attachment 3.
2. Gives First and Second Reading to Land Disposal By-law as drafted in Attachment 4.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #24-51

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council:

1. Gives First Reading to the Amending By-law to Zoning By-law No. 899 to increase the delegated authority of the Development Officer as described in Attachment 1.
2. Directs staff to give public notice for a Public Hearing on a date to be determined by staff.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #24-52

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council directs staff to:

1. Conduct community engagement.
2. Return with a Survey Sketch for the lands identified in Attachments 1 and 2.
3. Prepare General Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for First Reading.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Iqaluit Hockey League – Letter of Support – Beer Garden

Councillor Stevenson asked if the Iqaluit Hockey League made a presentation to the Recreation Committee regarding the letter of support for the beer garden.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised that a presentation was not made as the Recreation Committee would not meet again until March.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that in the future, such requests should be presented to the Recreation Committee.

Motion #24-53

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council provides a letter of support to the Iqaluit Hockey League for the beer garden for the Second Annual Brian Twerdin Toonik Tyme Memorial Hockey Tournament to be held from April 18 to 21, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24-54

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council adjourns at 7:50 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 12th day of March_2024.

