

**The Corporation of the City of Iqaluit
Minutes of a Public Hearing #05**

Held on Tuesday, the 9th day of December 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the 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

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Geoff Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

Mayor Awa called the Public Hearing to order.

Mayor Awa advised that the Public Hearing for By-law No. 1019, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871, was originally scheduled for tonight, however, this by-law must first be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting. He indicated that the Public Hearing for this item would be postponed, and a new date announced once a decision was made.

1. By-law No. 1025, General Plan Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001)

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented By-law No. 1025, General Plan Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001). Mr. Dodds explained that the amendment protects dog areas with an open space designation, aligns the zoning and land use map with the Industrial Concept Plan, and removes the dog area land use from the General Industrial Zone, as dog areas are protected in open space.

Mayor Awa asked if any representations were received by the Planning Department.

Mr. Dodds advised that no representations were received via e-mail or telephone.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public.

Cory Bell, lifelong resident of Iqaluit, made the following comments:

- Expressed concern with rezoning the dog area due to safety for the community and dogs
- Understood there is an industrial area adjacent and parallel to the dog area
- Rezoning as an open area will give the public the idea that people can randomly store machinery, boats, and hunting equipment in an area where dogs should be protected
 - Safety of the dogs and public could be at jeopardy
- Access to the trails that the current Dog Teams use
 - Open area could block off some of the access to the trails
 - In the past few years, the Dog Team Society has been working on keeping the access open.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a second time.

Izaak Wilman, lifelong resident of Iqaluit, made the following comments:

- Noted that he had an initial meeting with staff and received an e-mail
- Expressed concern that the lot he owns will be designated industrial, which is different than the discussion with staff
- Alternatives were proposed to travel between other Dog Teams or use the road, which presents traffic issues
- Already tension between a local outfitter and Dog Teams, which can present safety concerns with industrial activity close to the dogs
- Has arranged a meeting with staff

Councillor Sheppard asked the following question, which Mr. Wilman answered:

- Where is the current location of Mr. Wilman's Dog Team?
 - Zoned industrial as indicated on the map in purple
 - Indicated the exact area on the map

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a third and final time.

Torsten Diesel, resident of Iqaluit and Dog Team owner, made the following comments/question:

- Does rezoning allow the area to be officially designated as a Dog Team area?
- In the past 20 years, Dog Teams have been kept in different areas of Iqaluit that were zoned open area.
- Over time, the space for Dog Teams has been significantly reduced due to residents having the right to use open areas as well
- Important for Dog Team owners to have a designated area for Dog Teams that includes provisions to keep both the Dog Teams and public safe
 - Public would not be interacting with the Dog Teams unless it was intended
- Dog Team owners are concerned regarding the industrial use of the Light Industrial Zone on the other side of Hubbard Lane

- Concern is in regards to safety
- Understood that area would be used by outfitters or other user groups
- Recently, there has been an incident with an outfitter who felt that the Dog Teams travelling on the public road were interfering with the business
- Good indication that tension will increase if outfitters move to the other side of Hubbard Lane
- Cannot guarantee there will be no loose dogs and do not want residents, clients, and outfitters to have a negative experience
- Possible to have a buffer zone that could be fenced between the Dog Team area and the industrial zone

Mayor Awa acknowledged that comments would be considered during the Second Reading of the by-law.

2. By-law No. 1026, Zoning By-law Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005)

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented By-law No. 1026, Zoning By-law Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005). Mr. Dodds explained that the amendment protects dog areas with an open space designation, aligns the zoning and land use map with the Industrial Concept Plan, and removes and readjusts the Industrial Zone to match the industrial subdivision that Council previously reviewed.

Mayor Awa asked if any representations were received by the Planning Department.

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, advised that this item was related to and approved with the previous item – By-law No. 1025. He indicated that no representations were received separately.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a second time.

Cory Bell, lifelong resident of Iqaluit, shared the following comment from a Dog Team owner:

- Very grateful for the City and the efforts to ensure that the spaces remain protected for the continued use, growth, and future for dog teaming
- Expressed concern regarding the close proximity of the planned development of the surrounding area, which could possibly lead to a negative encounter between business operators and the public
- Dog Team owners strongly advocate for a healthy boundary on the opposite side of the road to protect the Dog Team area
- Encourage the installation of tall, secured fencing to limit access to the Dog Teams to protect both the Dog Teams and to ensure that the occasional loose dog does not disturb nearby businesses and operations

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a third and final time.

Hearing none, Mayor Awa deemed Public Hearing #05 closed at 5:48 p.m.



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Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

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Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 27th day of January, 2026.