

CITY OF IQALUIT
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING #08
MAY 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - VIA VISUAL CONFERENCE

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Sheila Flaherty
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Solomon Awa
Councillor John Fawcett

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Executive Assistant
Lisa Milosavljevic, Communications and Customer Service Manager

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with a moment of silence.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #21-136

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) State of Emergency

Councillor Sheppard noted that given the seriousness of the state of affairs with community transmission of COVID-19 in Iqaluit, Council can declare a State of Local Emergency, which will unlock limited authorities under the *Emergency Measures Act*. The Act also requires the designation of a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion #21-137

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

That Iqaluit City Council declares a State of Local Emergency effective 12:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, due to the community transmission of COVID-19 within the City of Iqaluit, appoint Amy Elgersma as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, and encourage all Iqalummiut to strictly adhere to all CPHO public health orders.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Apex Supplement Pumping Project

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that when Council declares a State of Local Emergency, the *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act* states that Council may only transact business relating to the emergency. Staff maintain that the Apex Supplementary Water Pumping Project does relate to the emergency, as the City is required to ensure that the city has an adequate water supply.

Ms. Elgersma explained that a public tender was called for the Apex Supplementary Water Pumping Project to pump water from Apex to fill Lake Geraldine. The City has pumped water for the past couple of years and expects to continue pumping until 2026. It is important that the contractor start pumping to use the freshet to fill the reservoir, rather than using another source, which is time consuming and costly. Last year, equipment was mobilized and pumping started on June 6th. The melt is earlier this year and it is important to pump when the freshet is available.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the following three bids were received:

- Tower Arctic - \$447,000 (excluding GST)
- Pilitak - \$591,000 (excluding GST)
- Nunavut Excavating - \$596,500 (excluding GST)

Motion #21-138

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council awards the Apex Supplementary Water Pumping Tender to Tower Arctic in the amount of \$447,000 excluding GST so that work can proceed immediately.

Unanimously Carried

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #21-139

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council adjourns at 12:26 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Kenny Bell
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 11th day of May 2021.

