

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #17
DECEMBER 9, 2025 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

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
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager
Oghenerugba Ugboduma, Project Officer
Sol Tagak, Fire Chief

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

During the meeting, motions were passed to add the following items to the agenda:

7. **BY-LAWS**
 - c) Third Reading of By-law (s)
 - ii. By-law No. 1028, Property Tax Exemption By-law Amendment #01
 - iii. By-law No. 1029, 2026 Mill Rate By-law
 - iv. By-law No. 1030, Traffic Safety By-law Amendment

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Tilley expressed his thanks to Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services, for his years of services. Councillor Tilley wished Mr. Mugford well in his retirement.

Deputy Mayor Smith wished to send holiday greetings to everyone celebrating during this time of the year. She encouraged everyone to celebrate with loved ones, stay safe, and not drink and drive.

Mayor Awa noted that there would be Christmas games and activities to celebrate the season. He encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Councillor Nattaq extended congratulations to Mr. Mugford on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

i.) By-law No. 1028, Property Tax Exemption By-law Amendment #01

Motion #25-266

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1028, Property Tax Exemption By-law Amendment #01.

Unanimously Carried

ii.) By-law No. 1029, 2026 Mill Rate By-law

Motion #25-267

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Councillor Nattaq made the following comment:

- Was concerned previously about treating homeowners equitably

Motion #25-270

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council agrees to give Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 1028, Property Tax Exemption By-law Amendment #01.

Unanimously Carried

ii.) **By-law No. 1029, 2026 Mill Rate By-law**

Motion #25-271

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1029, 2026 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Aglukark asked the following question, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- What were the changes to the by-law?
 - There are a few changes from the previous year.
 - Budget was passed with no tax increases, and all the mill rates remained the same as the previous year
 - Section 2 – Mill Rate Classification
 - Added Subsection 2.5 - Churches and Places of Worship
 - Created last year with a mill rate of zero

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- People donate monies to churches, which does make a small difference
- In favour of churches and places of worship having a mill rate classification with a zero rate

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Previously, places of worship were classified as industrial, which created a lot of administrative work to address the tax burden
- Supports the recommendation as it alleviates administrative work
- If motion passes, requests that Third and Final Reading of the by-law be held tonight to ensure the by-law is in place prior to December 31 to alleviate any additional administrative work

Councillor Aglukark asked the following question, which Mr. Dodds answered:

- Will the concerns that were presented at the Public Hearing earlier tonight relating to consultations continue and what supports will be put in place to ensure the concerns were heard and will be met?
 - Conversations will continue with the people affected by the amendment
 - A meeting is scheduled for Friday with one of the speakers at the Public Hearing.
 - At the Public Hearing, a question was raised asking if the open space designation would protect Dog Teams and ensure that the lands would not be used for other uses.
 - Two years ago, Council implemented a cultural heritage protection symbol for the area, and the amendment does not remove the symbol and will continue to recognize Dog Teams in the area
 - General Plan indicates that the open space designation is the preferred designation to protect Dog Team use
 - Conversations will continue regarding the protection of the Dog Team area as Council has directed staff to do

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Important to understand that open space is not a free space that another party can occupy
- Proposed amendment provides more protection for the Dog Teams than previously
- Requests for infrastructure improvements for Dog Teams is not the City's role, but could partner with the association to obtain funding
- Eco-tourism lots are a reasonable buffer zone
- Current and future growth of Dog Teams should be accommodated in the area
- Hoped that suitable area is found for the Dog Team owner who spoke at the Public Hearing

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Good that there are support measures in place to help others
- Land being designated for Dog Teams is not usable to construct homes

Councillor Aglukark made the following comments:

- Wanted to ensure that the Dog Team owners continue to be heard with regular communication and ensure that clarification is provided when needed
- Appreciated all the work and communication by staff and the Dog Team owners to protect the Dog Teams

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

Motion #25-280

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 1030, Traffic Safety By-law.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Triple Combination Pumper – Recommendation of Award

Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services, presented a Request for Decision for Recommendation of Award for a Triple Combination Pumper.

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment/question, which Sol Tagak, Fire Chief, answered:

- What additional capabilities and benefits will the fire truck provide to the city?
- Supports purchasing a new truck and long-term planning to build a new fire hall to store all additional fire fighting apparatus that is required to protect the city
 - Fire truck is much needed
 - Current engine is 18 years old and requires a considerable amount of costly maintenance
 - Truck is running and will continue to be used for training exercises
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards recommend decommissioning a fire truck after 15 years, but with appropriate maintenance can continue to be used for training
 - Proposed fire truck will fit in the current location
 - Have the same capabilities
 - Tender requests that the truck be as simple as possible so any repairs will be less costly
 - Will be a shiny, new red truck that the firefighters will want to keep that way

Council approves the Land Disposal Agreement between the City of Iqaluit and Qikiqtani Inuit Association for the private development of municipal lands, and further, that Clause 9.3 be included, as well as any agreed upon modifications to Clause 9.3 that would ensure the ambit of 9.3 excludes subsidies not intended to reduce development costs for the lots or that would not have been available to the City.

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty, Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson returned to the meeting.

c) Modification of By-law Text – Rescinding of Motion #25-125 from June 10, 2025, Approving Second Reading of By-law No. 1019, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871 (ZBA 25-003)

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, advised that Motion #25-125 from June 10, 2025, approving Second Reading of By-law No. 1019, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871 (ZBA 25-003) needed to be rescinded.

Mr. Dodds made the following comments:

- Following Second Reading, a clarification was required for By-law No. 1019
- Clarification allows the sea container store to operate without having to demolish the existing shed
- Public Hearing was held prior to the revision
- Second Reading was held on the by-law
- Following procedure, it is recommended that the June 10, 2025 Motion #25-125 Second Reading be rescinded
- Direct staff to schedule a new Public Hearing and Second Reading for the revised By-law No. 1019

Motion #25-283

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council rescinds Motion #25-125 passed at the June 10, 2025 Council meeting, approving Second Reading of By-law No. 1019, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899, Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871 – ZBA 25-003, and further, directs staff to schedule a new Public Hearing and Second Reading for the revised By-law No. 1019.

Unanimously Carried

d) Appointment of Senior Executive Directors Bill Williams and Peter Tumilty as Authorized Acting Chief Administrative Officer when Designated by Chief Administrative Officer – Verbal

- Reviews will use the framework approved by Council
- Recommendations will be based on the governance model
- No Standing Committee meetings are scheduled during the first quarter
- Public Safety Committee has been scheduled, as a review was completed by the Governance and Priorities Committee and Council
- Upon completion of the reviews of the remaining Standing Committees and decisions by Council, a City Council Meeting Calendar for the remainder of the year will be presented to Council
- Recommend that an experienced contractor organize effective Town Hall meetings who can meet Council's expectations and wishes for public consultation
 - Additional time will be required during Council workshops to identify the scope and expectations to begin the procurement process
 - Considering timing and location, staff will work closely with the contractor to identify two Town Hall meeting dates in 2026
 - Council will be informed of all information regarding scheduling
- Staff require approval of the 2026 City Council Calendar for the first quarter to provide scheduling information to staff, interpreters and the public
 - Preparations are also required for the Board of Revision meeting to meet legislative requirements

Motion #25-287

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves the 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar for the first quarter and authorizes the Mayor to make changes as required.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

**a) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application –
Enooyaq Sudlovenick, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and
University of Prince Edward Island**

Motion #25-288

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Motion #25-292

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council, subject to satisfactory completion of detail design, awards services to AECOM for Phase V (Contract Administration and Inspection 2026), Phase V (Contract Administration and Inspection 2027), Phase V (Contract Administration and Inspection 2028) and Phase VI (Closeout Phase) for the amount of \$1,332,544 plus GST, in relation to water service upgrades between the Water Treatment Plant and Astro Hill, RFP 2025-008.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #25-293

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council proceeds with the City of Iqaluit's proposal submission to host Inuit Nunangat University.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25-294

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 7:27 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

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