

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #17
JUNE 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL – Via Teleconference

Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Sheila Flaherty
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Solomon Awa

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION – Via Teleconference

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief
Lisa Milosavljevic, Communications and Customer Service Manager
Mark Brodrick, Director of Planning and Development
Jennifer Jarvis, City Planner
Stephanie Clark, Director of Recreation
Mary Omole, Finance Officer/Community Funding (Wellness)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 12:08 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove:

- 10. Committee Reports
 - b) Municipal Enforcement Monthly Report – May 1 – 31, 2020

Add:

- 9. New Business
 - e) Municipal Enforcement Monthly Report – May 1 – 31, 2020

10. Committee Reports

- a) Cemetery Advisory Committee Report – Supplemental Documents
Iqaluit Funeral and Burial Costs Report and Cemetery Site Report

Motion #20-164

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Awa advised that he would be leaving the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. **MINUTES.**

- a. **City Council Meeting Minutes #16 dated May 26, 2020**

Motion #20-165

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Flaherty

City Council Meeting Minutes #16 dated May 26, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- a) Iqaluit Breakfast Program – Mayor’s Local Hero Award

Mayor Bell advised that he met with the Iqaluit Breakfast Program volunteers yesterday at the packaging location and awarded them the Mayor’s Local Hero Award. Mayor Bell extended thanks on behalf of Council and himself for all the work the volunteers are doing in the community to get food to people as there is a huge need right now.

Mayor Bell noted that there are 28 regular volunteers and many more people that assist periodically. Mayor Bell thanked the companies and individuals for donating food.

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Lucassie thanked the three people who organized the first Annual Cod Derby which took place on June 6 and 7. There were 500 people who registered for the event and prizes were awarded to six individuals. She thanked everyone who supported the event. Councillor Lucassie noted that fundraising for prizes for next year's event will start in late fall, early winter.

Councillor Nattaq explained that he would not be able to attend the entire meeting and would advise when he had to leave.

Councillor Akumalik made an official and sincere apology for his attitude and remarks to the landfill site staff. Councillor Akumalik advised that he was unable to visit the site this morning to apologize, however, he will do so and apologize in person. Councillor Akumalik noted this will not happen again.

Councillor Akumalik thanked the organizers for the first Annual Cod Derby which was attended by all ages and genders. This was a good wellness community event.

Deputy Mayor Brewster was honoured to be invited to the Inuit Black History Society to take part in the organization of the Black Lives Matters protest that took place in Iqaluit on June 6. The demonstration showed support that the black community are not alone in their struggle to fight for equality, but Inuit are also not alone in their struggle.

Mayor Bell thanked the organizers and public for making the first Annual Cod Derby an amazing event for the community.

Mayor Bell thanked the organizers and public who participated in the Black Lives Matters protest. He commented that it was a very peaceful and respectful protest for everyone. Mayor Bell noted that there is still a lot of work to be done for both the black community and the Inuit community.

Mayor Bell advised that the Annual Community Clean-up will take place on June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All community residents are encouraged to assist in the clean-up. The City is requesting the other levels of government and other organizations to allow their employees to take half a day from work to assist with the community clean-up.

Mayor Bell explained that staff have consulted with the Chief Public Health Officer on the preventative measures required to conduct the clean-up safely. Due to COVID-19, the event will be run differently and there will be no barbeque this year due to sanitation

requirements. All participants must wear gloves and adhere to the social distancing protocols that are in place.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-laws(s)

i) Traffic Safety By-law No. 894

Motion #20-166

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Second Reading of Traffic Safety By-law No. 894.

Unanimously Carried

The following questions were asked and answered by Rod Mugford, Municipal Enforcement Chief:

- Requirement for registration and insurance on snow machines that are only used for hunting and transportation on hunting lands. In some instances, travel through the city is required to gain access to the hunting lands.
 - Insurance and registration are not required for machines that are used for hunting purposes and going to and coming from the hunting land.
 - The Municipal Enforcement Department staff will not stop any hunter who is operating a snow machine or ATV that is pulling a qamutiik or have a rifle, as they are travelling to access the sea ice or the hunting land.
- Will individuals be fined if they do not yield to snowmobile crossings?
 - Motorists must yield to the right-of-way of any snowmobile crossing or pedestrian right-of-way. If not, the motorist is subject to a fine.
- It was suggested that the by-law indicate that motorists will be fined if they do not yield to snowmobile crossings in the city.
 - The Traffic Safety By-law mirrors the *Territorial Safety Act* and does not list individual instances when a motor vehicle must yield to the right-of way. The act states “fail to yield” which means to another motor vehicle or pedestrian. Fines are at the discretion of the officer.

- Section 7 – Passing and Overtaking of Vehicles – Use of Left Hand Lane makes reference to the posted 30 km per hour. However, there are other places within the city that are not 30 km per hour and should these areas be included in the section.
 - The listed 30 km per hour is listed because it pertains to crosswalks, schools and residential areas.
 - Passing is prohibited in all posted kilometre per hour areas in the city unless all of the criteria listed under Section 7.1 (a) (i) to (iv) are met.
- It was suggested that the 30 km per hour should be removed because it could be interpreted that this only applies to 30 km per hour areas and not all posted kilometres areas in the city.
 - Section 7 – Passing and Overtaking of Vehicles – Use of Left-Hand Lane subsection 1 - removal of “posted 30 km per hour”.

c) Third and Final Reading of By-law(s)

- i) Traffic Safety By-law No. 894

Motion #20-167

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq

Seconded by: Councillor Awa

Third and Final Reading of Traffic Safety By-law No. 894.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

Councillor Awa left the meeting at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Wellness Internal Committee Allocation of Annual Proposals Community Wellness Funding 2020/2021

Mary Omole, Finance Officer/Community Funding (Wellness), explained that the Wellness Internal Committee recommends allocating wellness funds to the following annual projects:

- Summer Reading Club - \$4,152
- Iqaluit COVID-19 Mask Making - \$6,500
- Kwasi Kafele Mental Health Seminars - \$8,440
- Joamie School Children’s Food Bank – \$7,500

- Nanook Outreach Club - \$10,000
- Iqaluit Community Theatre - \$11,000
- Adult Learning - \$10,000
- African, Caribbean, and Inuit Sundays' Board Games - \$8,000
- Iqaluit Minor Baseball - \$5,000

Councillor Lucassie left the meeting at this time.

Motion #20-168

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council accepts the recommendation of the Wellness Internal Committee and allocates wellness funds in the amount of \$70,592 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Appointment – City Clerk, Tammy Ernst-Doiron

Motion #20-169

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council appoints Tammy Ernst-Doiron as the City Clerk.

Unanimously Carried

c) 2020 Iqaluit Construction Projects Travel Requests

Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the Government of Nunavut has an application process in place for contractors and consultants wishing to travel to Iqaluit for construction projects. This process has been updated and non-critical projects are being considered. All workers will still be required to meet the guidelines as set out by the Chief Public Health Officer. The Government of Nunavut wants to ensure that the municipalities are consulted and have requested Letters of Recommendation to support non-critical projects.

Ms. Elgersma asked if Council would like to review each project that requires workers to travel to Iqaluit, or if Council would like to permit all construction projects to proceed and workers would travel to Iqaluit providing they follow the Chief Public Health Officer requirements.

Motion #20-170

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council supports development in Iqaluit and defers to the Chief Public Health Officer to manage the public safety aspect of the development.

Unanimously Carried

d) Policing Body Cameras

Mayor Bell commented that he has made a public statement regarding the need for police body cameras to help build trust in the community.

Motion #20-171

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council requests the Government of Nunavut to ensure that body cameras are available to policing staff in Nunavut.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard noted that there is little evidence that body cameras reduce incidents of police misconduct or other treatment, however, body cameras will provide accountability.

Deputy Mayor Brewster expressed concern regarding the violent acts towards Inuit by RCMP officers, which will not end until there is public outcry. There is a need for gender based cultural training for officers. She commented that work needs to be done to end violence against Inuit women and all citizens in Iqaluit. Having body cameras will be one step in creating change.

Councillor Flaherty asked for clarification on the motion and if it pertains to only RCMP or all policing agencies in Nunavut, including by-law enforcement.

Mayor Bell clarified that the motion pertains to RCMP. The Iqaluit Municipal Enforcement Department has been using body cameras for the past two years.

e) Municipal Enforcement Monthly Report – May 1 – 31, 2020

There were technical issues with the live stream and Mayor Bell advised that this item would be placed on the next Council agenda.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Cemetery Advisory Committee Report

Motion #20-172

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Sheppard expressed concern that there is no mention of a potential new site. He hopes that the proposed work to the existing site will address the issues.

Councillor Stevenson felt it is important to manage the existing site and make it a successful site. He felt the existing site is large enough that it can be used for a number of years.

Councillor Sheppard was having connection issues and left the meeting during the discussion and therefore did not vote on the motion.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20-173

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 2:04 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kenny Bell
Mayor

Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 23rd day of June 2020.