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# News Release

## Iqaluit City Council Calls on Government of Nunavut and RCMP to Address Public Intoxication in Iqaluit

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Iqaluit City Council is calling on the Government of Nunavut's Department of Justice to provide direction to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to address the growing issue of public intoxication in our city. Public intoxication has increasingly become a concern for the safety and well-being of all residents, and immediate action is necessary to mitigate this issue.

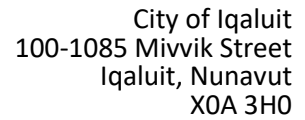
Public intoxication poses several risks, including increased crime rates, disturbances in residential areas, and a general sense of insecurity among residents. By working together, the Department of Justice and the RCMP can develop comprehensive strategies to reduce incidents of public intoxication, provide support and resources for those struggling with substance abuse, and ensure a safer environment for all residents.

The City of Iqaluit encourages residents to support these efforts by reporting instances of public intoxication to the RCMP, participating in community outreach programs, and promoting awareness about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption. Community involvement is essential in tackling this issue effectively.

Mayor Awa emphasizes that addressing public intoxication is not solely about enforcement but also about providing necessary social services and support systems. Collaboration with community organizations, health services, and social workers will be integral to creating a holistic approach to this issue.

"Our residents deserve a safe community where they can live and thrive. While everyone has the right to choose whether to drink or not, it is important that no one breaks the law. Following the rules is essential to keeping our city peaceful and safe." said Mayor Awa.

The City of Iqaluit recognizes the importance of a collaborative approach in handling this matter and believes that coordinated efforts between the Department of Justice and the RCMP are crucial for effective and long-term solutions.



- Revamping the City of Iqaluit's Public Safety Committee
- Introduced a Community Public Safety Plan
- Monthly reporting from RCMP to City Council
- Investment in youth programming

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