

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING #07  
MARCH 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson, Chair  
Mayor Madeleine Redfern – via teleconference  
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi – via teleconference  
Councillor Jason Rochon  
Councillor Noah Papatsie  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant  
Matthew Hamp, Engineering and Public Works Director  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

**PRAYER**

Deputy Mayor Stevenson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #19-69**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

Adoption of the agenda as amended: Remove 2(c) Request for Decision – Uquutaq Society Funding and change 2(b) by removing Request for Letter of Support.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**2. EMERGENCY BUSINESS**a) Request for Letter of Support for Community Wellness Fund

Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant, advised that the Government of Nunavut requires a letter of support that the City will administer the Community Wellness Fund.

**Motion #19-70**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

That Council provide a letter of support for the City of Iqaluit to deliver the Community Wellness Funding Program.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) Request for Letter of Support for Reaching Home (Federal Homelessness Funding)

Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant, presented a Request for Decision regarding the Reaching Home Funding Program. She explained that the Reaching Home Funding Program is replacing the Homelessness Partnership Agreement. Funding for the transition year will be \$1,120,946, which includes an administration fee of 15 percent, being \$168,142. Ms. Rowe advised that the amount to be disbursed this year is \$952,934, compared to last year's amount of \$492,838.

This year, there are three organizations that fall under the program; Tukisigiavik, Agvvik, and Uqutaq. She noted that Qayukturvik received funding last year, but funding this year will fall under the Government of Nunavut Wellness Funding. Both Tukisigiavik and Agvvik will receive the same funding as last year, \$242,354 and \$171,725 respectively. Uqutaq will receive the remaining funding of \$531,534.

Ms. Rowe noted that at the workshop held earlier, those in attendance were asked to list their priorities, and male homelessness was at the top of the list. She explained that Uqutaq will provide money to the food centre to cover the cost of one meal per day for the men at the shelter.

**Motion #19-71**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Council provide a letter of support confirming that the City of Iqaluit will deliver the new Federal Reaching Home Program and allocates the 2019 funds as follows:

- Tukisigiavik - \$242,354.00
- Agvvik - \$171,725.00
- Qayukturvik – 0.00
- Uquutaq - \$531,534.00

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Papatsie was pleased with the information on funding, and wanted to ensure that wellness continues and that communication of the various programs is visible for everyone. He also wanted to ensure that consideration is given to disabled individuals.

Councillor Sheppard pointed out that the Uquutaq funding will be used towards funding a new building. The design of the new building has included accessibility, and additional funding has been acquired in the amount of \$250,000, which is specifically related to accessibility. He explained that the main floor will be fully accessible.

Mayor Redfern advised in a meeting with disabilities, they support the acquisition of the buildings and are planning to move into the programming space because the current space is not accessible.

Councillor Matshazi asked the time frame for moving into the space.

Councillor Sheppard advised that is hoped to have everything in place by March 31, 2019 to acquire the building. He explained the condos are ready for occupancy and the commercial space still requires some renovation. The building that will house the main shelter area is under construction and is being built specifically for the purchase and will be months before it is ready to be occupied.

Mayor Redfern advised that the program space should be ready by the end of August or the first of September. The completion of the transition of the housing portion will be completed between October 31 and December 25.

c) Request for Decision – Uquutaq Society Funding

This item was removed from the agenda.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #19-72**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council adjourns at 6:45 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Romeyn Stevenson  
Deputy Mayor

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Amy Elgersma  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 23 day of April, 2019.