

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #27  
OCTOBER 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern  
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi  
Councillor Jason Rochon  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Noah Papatsie

**ABSENT**

Councillor Kyle Sheppard

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO  
Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant  
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager  
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant  
Ed Gullberg, McLennan Ross – via teleconference

**PRAYER**

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion # 18-343**

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Adoption of the agenda as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

- a. City Council Meeting #19 – July 24, 2018

**Motion # 18-344**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

City Council Meeting Minutes #19 dated July 24, 2018.

**Unanimously Carried**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Mayor Redfern proclaimed the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as “Fire Prevention Week: Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”

Mayor Redfern urged all residents to support the public safety activities during the week, and the recommendation of the Emergency Services Department to stay safe by following important steps:

1. Look – for places that fire can start.
2. Listen – for the sound of the smoke alarm.
3. Learn – two ways out of every room.

Mayor Redfern also advised that in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, there will be an open house Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the fire station located by City Hall. Residents are invited to tour the fire hall, examine a fire truck up close, see a demonstration of a “live burn” where a living room will be set on fire and enjoy a barbeque and refreshments.

Councillor Akumalik advised that the City is once again inviting residents to nominate volunteers and volunteer organizations from the community for the 2018 Outstanding Volunteer Award which will be open until October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This year’s categories are:

- Community Development
- Youth
- Arts and Culture
- Sports and Recreation
- Ikayuqtimarik (Great Helper)
- Service Organization

Councillor Akumalik explained that nomination forms are available at the Aquatic Centre, Arctic Winter Games Arena and on the City's website. Submissions will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Winners will be based on the strength of the application, the commitment of volunteering in the community, as well as the impact of the volunteer on the community/group as a result of the volunteer's involvement. Each winner will receive a special award at the Volunteer Awards Ceremony and thanks from the entire city for their contribution in helping to make Iqaluit a great place to live.

Mayor Redfern acknowledged and thanked all the City workers, Hanson Construction, Qulliq Energy Corporation, and others who did tremendous work during the wind storm. The debris and mess were cleaned-up very quickly.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

7. **BY-LAWS**

a) **First Reading of By-law(s)**

None

b) **Second Reading of By-Law (s)**

None

c) **Third and Final Reading of By-Laws (s)**

i) **Exemption from Taxation Bylaw No. 858**

**Motion # 18-345**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

Third and Final Reading of Exemption from Taxation By-law No. 858.

**Unanimously Carried**

ii) Public Cannabis Consumption, Smoking and Vaping By-law No. 863

**Motion # 18-346**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Third and Final Reading of Public Cannabis Consumption, Smoking and Vaping By-law No. 863.

**For – Akumalik, Stevenson, Rochon, Matshazi, Papatsie  
Opposed - Nattaq  
Carried**

iii) Council Indemnity By-law Amendment No. 864

**Motion # 18-347**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Third and Final Reading of Council Indemnity By-law Amendment No. 864.

**For – Stevenson, Matshazi, Rochon, Redfern  
Opposed – Akumalik, Nattaq, Papatsie  
Carried**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Task Force Update**

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO, provided the following Task Force update:

- Supplemental pumping is complete.
- The contractor has demobilized from the site.
- All the hoses and equipment have been returned to the Government of Nunavut and their respective owners.
- All repairs identified under the Water Loss Control Program have been completed.
- The engineering consultant has prepared two reports of areas in the city where the utilidor system is not functioning as designed and has identified what needs to be corrected so they function properly. The two areas that the report focused on

were the Plateau area and Federal Road/airport loop have been received. Other reports will be received on other areas.

- The engineering consultant is preparing a budget estimate on the cost to correct the utilidor issues.
- Reverse osmosis
  - A Request for Proposal is ready to be issued.
  - A Request for Decision will be presented to Council at their next meeting as to whether or not the City wishes to proceed with the procurement of a shelf-ready design for the reverse osmosis unit.
- The mandate of the task force has been completed.

Councillor Akumalik thanked the City, Government of Nunavut, and those involved to rectify the water problem. He noted there was a lot of cooperation among the organizations to help the residents and community.

b) Discussion Item – Municipal/Community Liaison Officer

Councillor Akumalik suggested that a new position for a Municipal/Community Liaison Officer be included in the proposed 2019 budget. He felt this position would benefit the community, and especially the Inuit population, to understand what is happening at the City.

He noted that the communications officer and the mayor are providing information items. Sometimes it is difficult for a person to call the office and ask questions. The position would coordinate activities between the City and the community. In the past, a bilingual staff member would speak on the radio during lunch time after each council meeting to let the community know what was discussed and the decisions made. He felt that eliminated some problems regarding communication. He noted that there is social media, but he felt the person should be in the office who could act as a liaison officer. This would create transparency to the community.

Mayor Redfern felt there is a need to look at the outcomes in the Strategic Plan as there are a number of activities that are identified to strengthen Iqaluit as an Inuit and cultural capital. There are also commitments to develop the Inuit employment plan. She recommended looking at the Strategic Plan and those activities to guide what potential new position might be created, along with types of duties.

Mayor Redfern understands and appreciates Councillor Akumalik's comments, and felt the position would require more than just getting information out to the public. There is also some work in policies, increasing quality of community engagement, and services.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson felt this is an important item to discuss. He noted that there are more departments requiring new positions to better serve the city.

Councillor Akumalik felt that administration could better define the position and perhaps the position could be used as a resource person.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson suggested if the successful applicant had a background in Iqaluit history, they could be also a local historian who could promote celebrating Iqaluit history and the families that have been here forever. The Iqaluit culture does not get celebrated in any of the public spaces, a little in the museum, but not enough, and the history is not easily accessible to visitors. It would be nice to see displays in local buildings.

Councillor Nattaq was pleased with the idea. He noted that previously there was a liaison officer in the city that would deal with any matters that were necessary for the community to learn about. He felt it was important that the person could speak in Inuktitut and English to communicate with the community and advise them of what is happening in the city. He hoped that the position would be created.

Mayor Redfern advised that there is funding available under Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) under their Urban Program, and under Government of Nunavut Cultural and Heritage.

Councillor Akumalik asked what steps are required to move forward with the position.

Mayor Redfern pointed out that it was suggested that staff discuss about the various positions and how the position would align with the strategic plan. The information could be presented at the strategic workshop and budget discussions.

Councillor Akumalik asked if a motion was required to have administration start the process.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the Budget Priorities Workshop will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and at that time, Council can discuss the matter and determine some priorities and options for funding.

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce – Proclamation Request

A letter was received from the Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce to proclaim Iqaluit Small Business Week from October 14 – 18, 2018.

### Motion # 18-348

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That Council proclaims Iqaluit Small Business Week from October 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) Nunavut Research Institute – Literacy Instruction in Nunavut

Nunavut Research Institute submitted an application for Literacy Instruction in Nunavut by A. Katherine Bartlett from the University of New Brunswick. Educators across Nunavut will be invited to participate in the data collection from November 2018 to December 2019. A research write-up will be completed and the thesis defended in 2021.

**Motion # 18-349**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

That the Nunavut Research Institute application: “Literacy Instruction in Nunavut.” is approved.

**For – Stevenson, Rochon, Matshazi, Papatsie  
Opposed – Akumalik, Nattaq  
Carried**

c) Nunavut Research Institute – Contaminants in Frobisher Bay

Nunavut Research Institute submitted an application for Contaminants in Shellfish, Water and Sediment in Frobisher Bay, Nunavut by Z. Kuzyk from the University of Manitoba. During the visit from October 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, consultations will be held with Hunting and Trapping Associations, Nunavut Health Authority, Nunavut Research Institute and other interested parties. There will be a study of contaminants (metals, hydrocarbons, PCB’s and new contaminants of emerging interest) in clams, sediment and water from Frobisher Bay. A boat will be hired to collect clams using a shovel and water.

**Motion # 18-350**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That the Nunavut Research Institute application: “Contaminants in Shellfish, Water and Sediment in Frobisher Bay, Nunavut.” Is approved.

**For – Akumalik, Stevenson, Rochon, Matshazi, Papatsie  
Opposed – Nattaq  
Carried**

d) Chief Protocol Officer of Canada – Thank You

A letter of thanks was received from the Chief Protocol Officer of Canada expressing appreciation in Mayor Redfern's involvement and support of the 2018 edition of the Northern Tour for Diplomatic Heads of Mission.

e) Arctic Hitmakerz – Request Letter of Support

A letter was received from Thor Simonsen, Creative Director, advising that the Arctic Hitmakerz focuses on musical workshops for youth in the smaller communities in Nunavut. It is hoped that the workshop will be expanded to reach Inuit Nunangat and therefore, an application is being made for the Arctic Inspiration Prize. Mr. Simonsen is requesting a letter of support to submit with the application.

**Motion # 18-351**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That a letter of support be provided to Arctic Hitmakerz for their application for the Arctic Inspiration Prize.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

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

- Legal Item

**Motion # 18-352**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council goes In Camera at 6:35 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion # 18-353**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.



**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

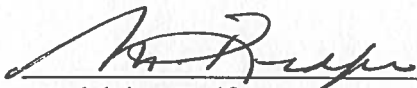
**Motion # 18-354**


Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council adjourns at 7:30 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
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Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

  
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Amy Elgersma  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 27 day of November, 2018.

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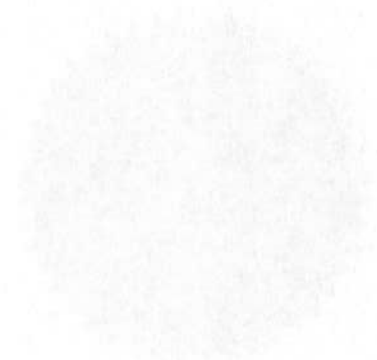
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