

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #02
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Bill Williams, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director of
Municipal Infrastructure and Planning
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Carol Nakanwagi, Executive Assistant
Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation
Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove:

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) Introduction to Council – Verbal – The Honourable David Akeegok, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu

Add:

9. NEW BUSINESS

- e) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show June 4 to 7, 2026 – Edmonton, Alberta – Nomination of Councillors to Attend – Verbal

Motion #26-19

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

- a) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #01 Minutes dated January 20, 2026**

Motion #26-20

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #01 Minutes dated January 20, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

- b) **Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated January 27, 2026**

Motion #26-21

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Public Hearing #01 Minutes dated January 27, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

- c) **City Council Meeting #01 Minutes dated January 27, 2026**

Motion #26-22

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

City Council Meeting #01 Minutes dated January 27, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

- i. By-law No. 1031, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (GPA 26-001)
- ii. By-law No. 1032, Amendment to Zoning By-law No.899 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (ZBA 26-001)

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Introduction to Council - Verbal

The Honourable David Akeeagok, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu.

This item was removed from the agenda as Minister Akeeagok was no longer able to attend the meeting.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

None

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

- i.) By-law No. 1031, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (GPA 26-001)

Motion #26-23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1031, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (GPA 26-001).

Unanimously Carried

- ii.) By-law No. 1032, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (ZBA 26-001)

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and remained outside of the room.

Motion #26-24

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1032, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (GPA 26-001).

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

None

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Sport and Recreation Funding Application

Breton McNeil, Director of Recreation, presented a Request for Decision for the Sport and Recreation Funding Application for 2026-2027.

Motion #26-25

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council supports the Sport and Recreation Funding Application for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$56,000 and further supports future funding applications within the 2026 year.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Community Development Funding 2026-2027

Peter Tumilty, Senior Executive Director of Corporate and Financial Services, presented a Request for Decision for Community Development Funding for 2026-2027.

Motion #26-26

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council approves the request to apply to the Government of Nunavut for Community Development Funding in the total amount of \$3,779,800 for 2026-2027 as follows:

Municipal Funding Program - \$2,189,300

Water and Sewer Subsidy Program - \$1,257,900

Community Lands Administration Fund - \$107,600

Community Development Fund - \$50,000

Inuit Language Implementation Fund - \$175,000.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – Northern Capitals Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Arctic Security and NORAD/CAF/DND Investments in Northern Municipalities

Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer, presented a Request for Decision regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Yellowknife, City of Whitehorse and City of Iqaluit regarding Arctic Security and Northern American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Department of National Defence (DND) Investments in Northern Municipalities.

Motion #26-27

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council supports signing the Northern Capitals Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Yellowknife, the City of Whitehorse and the City of Iqaluit Regarding Arctic Security and NORAD/CAF/DND Investments in Northern Municipalities.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comment:

- Important to show that the northern territories are united

d) Appointment of Acting Mayor – February 24 to 27, 2026 – Verbal

Mayor Awa advised that he, along with Deputy Mayor Smith and Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty, would be away from February 24 to 27, 2026. Mayor Awa requested the appointment of an acting mayor during their absence.

Councillor Stevenson indicated that he would be away on duty travel for one of the days.

Deputy Mayor Smith nominated Councillor Aglukark to be appointed Acting Mayor. Councillor Aglukark agreed to the nomination.

Motion #26-28

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Council appoints Councillor Aglukark as Acting Mayor from February 24 to 27, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

e) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show June 4 to 7, 2026 – Edmonton, Alberta – Nomination of Councillors to Attend – Verbal

Mayor Awa noted that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show would be held from June 4 to 7, 2026 in Edmonton, Alberta. He noted that he would be attending the conference on behalf of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) and his expenses would be covered by NAM.

Mayor Awa asked councillors to indicate if they were interested in attending the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Brianna Longworth, City Clerk, made the following comments:

- Estimated cost for a councillor to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade show is \$7,000 to \$8,000 and includes flights, hotel, per diem and registration fee

- Total approved Travel and Conventions budget for 2026 is \$45,000
- Council has available funds to send up to five councillors
- Council may want to consider preserving some monies for any future potential conference opportunities

The following councillors indicated they would be interested in attending the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show:

- Deputy Mayor Smith
- Councillor Aglukark
- Councillor Sheppard
- Councillor Kunuk

Councillor Nattaq made the following comment:

- Unable to attend as he would be away in Pond Inlet

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments:

- Unable to attend
- Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty was not in attendance and may want to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Suggested that a motion include the number of councillors and not names

Mayor Awa made the following comment, to which Ms. Longworth replied:

- Motion could be made to send five councillors
- Do not include names of councillors
 - Based on the Council Travel Policy, the motion should include names
 - Motion could be amended at a later date if there is a change in the attendees

Motion #26-29

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves sending Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Aglukark, Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Kunuk and Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty, if he so wishes, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show from June 4 to 7, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting #01 – February 3, 2026 Report**

Motion #26-30

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council amends the Governance and Priorities Committee to be a Committee of the Whole.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Municipality of Sanirajak – Letter of Support Request for Search and Rescue Base in Sanirajak

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Important to support search and rescue development anywhere in Nunavut
- Should not identify a particular location

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments:

- Did not attend the meeting when Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) recommended that a Search and Rescue base be located in Sanirajak
- Sanirajak is a unique location for the Search and Rescue base
- Should have a central location within Nunavut
- Nunavut's Member of Parliament is advocating with the federal government that the Search and Rescue base be located in Sanirajak

Mayor Awa made the following comment:

- At the 2024 NAM Annual General Meeting, a motion was passed that a Search and Rescue base be located in Sanirajak.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following question, which Mayor Awa answered:

- Was a letter sent to all municipalities requesting support to locate a Search and Rescue base in Sanirajak?
 - Letter was sent to the City
 - Not aware if other municipalities received a letter

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- NAM is supporting the location of a Search and Rescue base in Sanirajak
- It is not Council's role to recommend a different location.
- A general letter of support aligns with Council's goals.

Councillor Kunuk asked the following questions, which Mayor Awa answered:

- How will the base in St. John's, Newfoundland be affected by a new base in Sanirajak?
 - Joint Rescue Coordination Centre is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia

- If search and rescue is needed in Nunavut, a crew comes from Nova Scotia.
- Individual communities handle their own search and rescue
- In some instances, rangers provide assistance.
- Will the proposed Sanirajak base handle the Canadian Rangers?
 - Yes, requesting that Sanirajak handle the Canadian Rangers.

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments:

- Iqaluit would be best served having a Search Rescue base in Nunavut
- Supports the best location for a Search and Rescue base in Nunavut

Motion #26-31

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council provides a letter of support for any increased search and rescue development in Nunavut.

Unanimously Carried

b) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application – Stephen Bathory, Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary

Motion #26-32

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Negotiating Hybrid Futures: The Organizational Dynamics of Indigenous Treaty Organizations in Canada through the Lens of Institutional Logics: A Case Study of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association under the Nunavut Agreement”, proposed to take place from February 27, 2026 to December 31, 2026, Stephen Bathory, Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #26-33

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 6:35 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



A blue ink signature of Mayor Solomon Awa, written in a cursive style.

Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

A blue ink signature of Brianna Longworth, written in a cursive style.

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 24th day of March 2026.