

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #04  
APRIL 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Solomon Awa  
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith  
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty  
Councillor Amber Aglukark  
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

**ABSENT**

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jamie Evic, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Williams, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk  
Carol Nakanwagi, Executive Assistant  
Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects – via teleconference  
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development  
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #26-70**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Adoption of agenda as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

1. **MINUTES**

a) **Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated March 17, 2026**

**Motion #26-71**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 Minutes dated March 17, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) **Public Hearing #02 Minutes dated March 24, 2026**

**Motion #26-72**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Public Hearing #02 Minutes dated March 24, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

c) **City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated March 24, 2026**

**Motion #26-73**

Moved by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

City Council Meeting #03 Minutes dated March 24, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty and Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

7. **BY-LAWS**

- a) First Reading of By-law(s)
  - iii. By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972
- b) Second Reading of By-law(s)
  - i. By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Smith spoke about the Skills Canada Nunavut Territorial Skills Competition that was held over the weekend. She congratulated the student participants for their hard work, stating that they are inspiring and should be proud of themselves. She went on to say that she is looking forward to seeing the students represent Nunavut at the upcoming Skills Canada National Competition.

Councillor Aglukark discussed the Qimuksiq Dog Team races and congratulated the winners. She noted that a 35 km race would be held this Saturday.

Councillor Sheppard acknowledged the federal government announcement made last Monday. He stated that the City of Iqaluit would receive funding in the amount of \$109 million to support water and sewer infrastructure improvements. He noted that the City had budgeted for these upgrades over several upcoming years, and now those Capital funds could be used for other items, which would make a difference in the community for residents.

Councillor Sheppard went on to thank the Administration team for always being prepared and able to submit funding applications when they become available.

6. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

a) **Discussion and Direction Item – Vacant Council Seat – Verbal**

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that at the last meeting, Council discussed the vacant Council seat. Mr. England provided the following summary based on the *Nunavut Elections Act*:

- Council shall fill the vacant Council seat as soon as reasonably practicable by appointing a person who is eligible to be a candidate for the office by:
  - Appointing a candidate from the previous election, who was not elected but had the highest number of votes, if they are still eligible and willing to accept the appointment
  - Publicly requesting applicants for appointment using a Council approved form

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Public call-out should be used

- Important to fill the vacant Council seat in May or June as it will be more difficult to have a quorum during summer months with people going out on the land and/or leaving Iqaluit for holidays

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty made the following comment:

- Agrees that the vacant Council seat should be filled prior to the summer months

Councillor Aglukark made the following comment:

- Agrees that a public call-out should be used to fill the vacant Council seat prior to summer, at the May or June Council meeting

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Encouraged people to apply to make a more representative body, especially women and Inuit
- Councillors should encourage people who would be a good fit for Council
- Proposed that the public call-out close on May 22
  - Council could then invite prospective candidates to participate at a June meeting

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Will encourage residents to submit their names during the public call-out
- Could also consider the candidates with the next highest amount of votes from the last election

Mayor Awa made the following comment:

- Majority of councillors would like to hold a public call-out

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Explained that being a councillor was a considerable amount of work and requires research
- Legislation that governs how Council works
- Anyone interested in submitting their names should speak to any councillor as they are a wealth of information

#### **Motion #26-74**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council directs Administration to hold a public call-out for the vacant Council seat, with a cut-off date being May 22, 2026 and a candidate being selected on June 23, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty made the following comments:

- Being a councillor can sometimes be challenging
  - Candidates need to understand they have to be dedicated and work as a team member
  - Work well with Administration and staff who are also a great resource
- Encourage younger generation to submit their names as young people are not often represented in government
  - Would be nice to hear a younger voice on matters
  - Younger person would complement Council

7. **BY-LAWS**

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

- i) By-law No. 1033, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 25-040)

**Motion #26-75**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1033, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 (ZBA 25-040).

**For – Smith, Nattaq, Aglukark, Kunuk, Sheppard  
Abstained – Flaherty  
Carried**

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty abstained from voting; however, a reason was not provided for the abstention.

- ii) By-law No. 1034, Amendment to Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813

**Motion #26-76**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1034, Amendment to Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813.

**Unanimously Carried**

- iii) By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty and Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

**Motion #26-77**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972.

**Unanimously Carried**

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

- i) By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty and Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and remained outside of the Council Chambers.

**Motion #26-78**

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves Second Reading of By-law No. 1035, Land Disposal By-law for Lot 2, Block 252, Plan 4972.

**Unanimously Carried**

Following the vote, Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty and Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

**c) Third Reading of By-law(s)**

None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Information Item – Engineering Department Projects Update**

Kevin Kerr, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, provided an update on Engineering Department Projects. Mr. Kerr provided an update on the following projects:

- Long-term Water Project
  - Water Distribution Upgrades
  - Raw Water Supply and Storage – new reservoir

Due to technical difficulties, the presentation was stopped and deferred until the next meeting.

#### **b) 2026 Council Meeting Calendar**

Brianna Longworth, City Clerk, presented the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar from May to December. The following are her comments:

- Calendar is based on Council's decision to consolidate the committees of Council into the Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole
- Calendar was developed taking into account events throughout the year that may impact meetings
  - Conferences
  - Important community events
  - Seasonal on-the-land activities
- Most months will follow a new structure
  - Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month
  - Regular Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month
- Reduced summer schedule
  - One regular Council meeting and one Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole meeting per month during June, July and August
- Based on Council's feedback, proposing to cancel meetings that would fall on the day immediately following an extended weekend
  - Ensures that Council has adequate working time to review agenda packages
  - Avoid potential difficulties with quorum
- Based on the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, Council is required to hold one regular Council meeting a month
  - Should a meeting be cancelled during the months that have only one scheduled regular Council meeting, Department of Community Services would have to be notified

#### **Motion #26-79**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves the 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar for May to December and authorizes the Mayor to make changes as required.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Appointment of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Jamie Evic, as Authorized Acting Chief Administrative Officer when Designated by Chief Administrative Officer - Verbal**

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the appointment of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Jamie Evic, as Authorized Acting Chief Administrative Officer when Designated by Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. England noted that earlier this year, Council approved team members that could be appointed as Acting Chief Administrative Officer during an absence.

**Motion #26-80**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council authorizes Jamie Evic, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to act as the Chief Administrative Officer as designated from time to time by the Chief Administrative Officer, during periods where the Chief Administrative Officer is absent or otherwise unable to fulfill their duties.

**Unanimously Carried**

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) – Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)  
General Assembly – Sponsorship Request**

Mayor Awa noted that Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) was seeking financial contributions to help cover key areas of the Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly.

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Incredible event for the city to host
- Supports providing in-kind services such as the use of recreational facilities
- Does not support a financial contribution

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment and asked the following question, which Mr. England answered:

- Event will have a meaningful economic impact in Iqaluit

- Could Administration communicate with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. to determine if there is any in-kind support that the City could provide?
  - Administration has had a meeting with the organizing and planning team and are determining what in-kind supports the City can provide

Councillor Aglukark made the following comments:

- Agreed with providing in-kind donations
- Acknowledged the Inuit Circumpolar Council as she attended the first Inuit Women's Summit, which was an incredible experience
- Good opportunity for Iqaluit to host the event
- Important that members are welcomed

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty made the following comments:

- Inuit Circumpolar Council is for Inuit worldwide
- In some instances, large events like this are not advertised.
- Important that Nunavummiut are aware of the conference and welcome attendees
- City should work with the organization to determine ways to support the event

Mayor Awa made the following comments:

- Met with the event planning committee to determine what facilities are available that can be utilized
- Understood that a craft fair will be held
- Event will include Inuit from the Circumpolar region including Alaska, Denmark and Russia
- City must provide a welcoming community for all attendees and not just Canadians
- Some attendees will be staying in Inuit homes
- Musicians will also be attending the event to provide a cultural component
- City has the ability to provide in-kind support
- Event planning meetings will continue

Mr. England made the following comments:

- Administration understands that Council wants to provide in-kind support only
- Administration will continue to work with the Planning Committee to provide in-kind support

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment:

- Once Administration determines the in-kind support, it can be presented to Council.

**b) Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) – Archaeology Permit Application – Elizabeth Robertson, Adventure Canada (Heart of the Arctic Expedition)**

**Motion #26-81**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: The “Heart of the Arctic” Expedition on the vessel “Ocean Nova”, proposed to depart from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland on August 2, 2026 and arrive in Iqaluit on August 15, 2026, Elizabeth Robertson, Adventure Canada.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) – Archaeology Permit Application – Elizabeth Robertson, Adventure Canada (Circling the Midnight Sun Expedition)**

**Motion #26-82**

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: The “Circling the Midnight Sun” Expedition on the vessel “Ocean Nova”, proposed to depart from Iqaluit on August 15, 2026 and arrive in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland on August 28, 2026, Elizabeth Robertson, Adventure Canada.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) – Scientific Research License Application – Andrea Monahan, Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre (QHRC)**

**Motion #26-83**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Building Youth Networks and an Understanding of Youth Perspectives on Wellness in Iqaluit through Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit”, proposed to take place from April 21, 2026 to December 31, 2026, Andrea Monahan, Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

( ) as per Section 22 (2) (a) *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and By-law No. 526  
Section 67

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #26-84

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council adjourns at 6:52 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



Mayor Solomon Awa  
Chair

Brianna Longworth  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

