

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
APRIL 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

ABSENT

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Peter Tumilty, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/ Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Evic, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Carol Nakanwagi, Executive Assistant
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager
Tracey Oram, Director of Financial Services

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

During the meeting, a motion was passed to add the following item to the agenda:

8. BY-LAWS
 - c) Third Reading of By-law(s)
 - ii. By-law No. 1034, Amendment to Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813

Motion #26-85

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) **City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated April 14, 2026**

Motion #26-86

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

City Council Meeting #04 Minutes dated April 14, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest regarding:

8. BY-LAWS

c) Third 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

Councillor Stevenson noted that a Public Service Announcement (PSA) was issued on April 16, 2026 notifying residents that the taxi fare would increase by 25 cents on May 1, 2026, and requested that residents exchange the current taxi vouchers for new vouchers.

Councillor Stevenson commented that he brought this matter up the last time there was an increase in taxi fares, as drivers were refusing to accept vouchers that did not have the approved taxi fare. He noted that at that time, a joint Public Service Announcement with

Caribou Cabs was issued, advising that the old vouchers would be accepted, however, taxi drivers continued to refuse the old vouchers.

Councillor Stevenson advised that he has always supported the taxi industry as they are the public transit in the city, and they need to make a fair wage.

Councillor Stevenson expressed concern regarding the taxi industry's refusal to accept outdated vouchers, only accepting cash payment, lack of accessible vehicles, and that general upkeep of current vehicles requires necessary changes. He commented on the numerous times that taxis drive on sidewalks to go up hills because vehicles do not have appropriate tires.

Councillor Stevenson asked that the Vehicle for Hire By-law be presented to the Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole for review and modification, which may include amending the fare structure.

Councillor Stevenson advised that improvements were needed to ensure the taxi industry provided better services. He stated that he opposed taxi fares at the current level without improved services. Councillor Stevenson indicated that this may require revamping the taxi industry to better serve citizens.

Mayor Awa advised that he attended the National Day of Mourning Ceremony to remember and honour the lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy. He noted that there was a presentation regarding worker safety.

Mayor Awa spoke about Inuit traditional hunters who were employed as harvesters to feed the community. He stated that it was important to remember and practice safety when hunting and working.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) – Scientific Research License
Application – Sebastien Niessen, University of Bern, Switzerland**

Motion #26-87

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “International Minority Rights and Intangible Cultural Heritage”, proposed to take place from July 31, 2026 to August 7, 2026, Sebastien Niessen, University of Bern, Switzerland.

Unanimously Carried

b) Information Item – Premier John Main, Minister Responsible for Liquor and Cannabis, Government of Nunavut – Summary of Feedback Received on Proposed Relocation of Enclosed Cannabis Store in Iqaluit

The following item was presented for information: Government of Nunavut – Premier John Main, Minister Responsible for Liquor and Cannabis – Summary of feedback received during community consultations regarding the proposed relocation of an existing enclosed cannabis store in Iqaluit from 760 Queen Elizabeth Way to 613 Mattaaq Crescent.

8. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-law(s)

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

Motion #26-88

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

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

Unanimously Carried

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

Motion #26-89

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

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

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-90

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council amends the agenda to add Third Reading of By-law No. 1034, Amendment to Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813.

Unanimously Carried

c) Third Reading of By-law(s)

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

Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Motion #26-91

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

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

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Stevenson returned to the Council Chambers.

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

Motion #26-92

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

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

Unanimously Carried

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Presentation of 2025 Audited Financial Statements

Peter Tumilty, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2025 Draft Audited Financial Statements. The following are the highlights of his presentation:

- Clean Audit Report
- Complies with the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*
- Overall financial health has improved from the previous year
- Managing long-term debt and continuing to deliver on major capital investments
- Reviewed each major statement and related funds

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Strong financial statements
- City is in a very good financial position
- Results are due to the budgeting process and the work by Administration

Councillor Stevenson asked the following question, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Why is there a high long-term debt repayment?
 - Long-term debt repayment relates to the aquatic centre, which is renewed in five-year intervals
 - Next renewal is in 2026

Motion #26-93

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council accepts the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried

**b) Request for Decision and Planning Report – Zoning By-law Amendment
ZBA 26-003A – Lot 860, Plan 2105**

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented a Request for Decision and Planning Report for Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 26-003A for Lot 860, Plan 2105. He advised that the amendment related to rezoning Lot 860 from R2 Medium-density to R3 High-density Residential Special Exception Zone to support a public housing project.

The following are the highlights of his presentation:

- Request was previously considered at the last Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting
- Applicant has submitted a revised application
 - Includes provisions for recreational vehicle parking on-site

- Staff reviewed the 2024 Parking Utilization Study and determined that the demand for recreation parking stalls for apartments is one recreational parking stall per ten residential units
- Recreational parking stalls will be at the back of the property adjacent to the snowmobile trail
 - Civil work will have to be carried out to ensure that the recreational parking stalls are usable

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- Visited a similar building
 - Proposed building has an additional floor
- High-quality housing proposed
- High-density is not for everyone
- Housing units are needed
- Understood the concerns relating to the number of parking stalls
 - Based on data collected, one parking stall for every two units is reasonable at this time
- Supports the proposal

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Supports the proposal
- Thanked the proponent and Administration for taking Council's feedback into consideration and presenting a revised proposal

Councillor Stevenson made the following comments:

- Spoke about the councillors who voted against the motion at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting and noted that they were not present to hear the revised proposal
- Presentation of a revised proposal is not generally presented at the next meeting
- Spoke again about a Public Hearing not being held on the same day that Council considers Second Reading in order to allow Council time to consider presentations
 - Brianna Longworth, City Clerk, explained that a motion of Council was required to delay Second Reading to the meeting following the Public Hearing
 - Noted that if Second Reading was delayed, it may cause delays for the applicant

Councillor Sheppard asked the following question, which Ms. Longworth answered:

- Can Council hold First Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 26-003A tonight?
 - Noted the proposal was recommended to hold First Reading at the next Council meeting
 - Agenda could be amended to add First Reading

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments:

- In respect to the earlier comment regarding the absence of councillors who voted against the proposal at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting, supported having as many councillors present as possible when decisions were being made
- Spoke about the importance and benefit of getting the process underway in order to meet the sealift delivery to start construction this year
- Noted that Second Reading, Third Reading and presentation of a Development Permit Application for the proposed apartment buildings allows a number of times for councillors to provide input

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments:

- Corresponded with Administration last week to determine if amendments to the proposal could be carried out to align with councillors' comments at the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting
- There was no intention that the councillors who voted against the proposed amendment would not be attending tonight's Council meeting.
- Reiterated again that the proposal was for First Reading and does not approve the rezoning or apartment buildings
- Agreed there will be a number of times for councillors to provide input on the rezoning and proposed apartment buildings

Councillor Stevenson made the following comment and asked the following question, which Mr. Dodds answered:

- Felt that First Reading should be held at a future Council meeting because it was not on the agenda and would have to be added
- How does delaying the process affect the proposal?
 - If the Request for Decision was recommended to Council, it would have been included in the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Report presented at tonight's meeting and First Reading would be held at the next Council meeting.
 - If Council approves the request tonight, First Reading would be held at the next Council meeting.
 - In essence, there would be no delay in the timeline for First Reading.

Motion #26-94

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council:

1. Gives First Reading to Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 26-003A at the next City Council meeting and directs staff to schedule a Public Hearing and Second Reading for Lot 860, Plan 2105; and
2. If Second Reading is given to ZBA 26-003A, withholds Third Reading until a Development Permit for the proposed apartment buildings has been conditionally approved by Council.

Unanimously Carried

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #04 – April 21, 2026 Report**

Motion #26-95

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves:

1. Development Permit Application DP 26-006 to permit the development of a 4-storey apartment building with commercial space on the ground floor, subject to the Special Conditions, the City's Standard Conditions, and in accordance with the plans referenced in Section 2.
2. Survey Sketch SK 26-002.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

- Legal

Motion #26-96

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council goes In Camera at 6:42 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-97

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-98

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council accepts the Management Letter for the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #26-99

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 7:07 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 12th day of May 2026.