

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #06  
MAY 12, 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 Kyle Sheppard  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

**ABSENT**

Councillor Methusalah Kunuk  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**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  
Brenton McNeil, Director of Recreation  
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development  
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:

9. NEW BUSINESS
  - d) Appointment of Acting Mayor - June 2 to 9, 2026 – Verbal

**Motion #26-100**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Adoption of agenda as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

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

**Motion #26-101**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting #04 Minutes dated April 21, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Public Hearing #03 Minutes dated April 28, 2026**

**Motion #26-102**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Public Hearing #03 Minutes dated April 28, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

- c) City Council Meeting #05 Minutes dated April 28, 2026**

**Motion #26-103**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting #05 Minutes dated April 28, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

### 7. BY-LAWS

#### c) First Reading of By-law(s)

- iii. By-law No. 1031, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for Lots 1 and 3, Block 239, Plan 4565 (GPA 26-001)
- iv. 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) **Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce – 2026 Nunavut Tradeshow – Sponsorship**

Tom Fitzgerald, Vice President, Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the 2026 Nunavut Tradeshow Sponsorship. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Nunavut Trade Show and Conference to be held from September 14 to 17, 2026 in Iqaluit
- Event provides economic benefits to the community
- Requesting City's support to use the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Arena

### b) **Nunavut Black History Society – 2026 Emancipation Festival – Support Letter Request for Funding Application to the Canadian Heritage Program – Verbal**

Stephanie Bernard, President, Nunavut Black History Society, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the 2026 Emancipation Festival and Support Letter Request that would be submitted with a Funding Application to the Canadian Heritage Program. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Festival will be held from September 25 to 27, 2026
- Festival includes local artisans
- Provides an opportunity to showcase Black History arts and culture
- Pending funding, the festival will increase its offerings and also include many Inuit artisans

## 4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

## 5. STATEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Smith extended birthday wishes to her dad on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mayor Awa reminded residents that the deadline for candidates to apply to fill the vacant Council seat was May 22, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Awa advised that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have published a report entitled “The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada”, which includes comments from mayors, councillors, Indigenous governments and frontline staff. The report includes four topics: social well-being, infrastructure and transportation, climate change and environment, and sovereignty and security. Mayor Awa noted that the report was available for councillors to read on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ website.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**7. BY-LAWS**

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

- i) By-law No. 1036, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 860, Plan 2105 (ZBA 26-003A)

**Motion #26-104**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves First Reading of By-law No. 1036, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 860, Plan 2105 (ZBA 26-003A).

**For – Smith, Aglukark, Sheppard, Stevenson  
Opposed – Flaherty  
Carried**

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty indicated that he was not in favour of the building that was going to be erected as the parking space was not sufficient and he felt that people were not informed on the matter.

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

None

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

- i.) By-law No. 1025, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001)

**Motion #26-105**

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

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 1025, Amendment to General Plan By-law No. 898 for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001).

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii.) By-law No. 1026, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005)

**Motion #26-106**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council approves Third and Final Reading of By-law No. 1026, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005).

**Unanimously Carried**

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

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

**Motion #26-107**

Moved by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approves Third and Final 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**

- iv.) 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 #26-108**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

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

**Unanimously Carried**

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Request for Decision – Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce 2026 Nunavut Tradeshow, September 14 to 17, 2026 – Sponsorship**

Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer, presented a Request for Decision regarding the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce 2026 Nunavut Tradeshow and Conference Sponsorship request.

Mr. Gagné made the following comments:

- Staff are recommending waiving applicable fees and supporting the tradeshow with a Platinum Sponsorship and an in-kind contribution totalling \$18,954.40.

**Motion #26-109**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves a Platinum Sponsorship of \$10,000 and an in-kind contribution, resulting in a total cost of \$18,954.40, to the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 2026 Nunavut Tradeshow and Conference being held in Iqaluit from September 14 to September 17, 2026.

**Unanimously Carried**

**b) Request for Decision – 2026 Fiscal Year Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) Budget**

Dominik Gagné, Economic Development Officer, presented a Request for Decision for the 2026 Fiscal Year Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) Budget.

Mr. Gagné made the following comments:

- Government of Nunavut fully supports the Economic Development Officer position annually with a contribution of \$190,000
- Proposed budget has been preliminarily approved by the Government of Nunavut

- Requires a motion of Council to ratify the contribution

**Motion #26-110**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty

Council approves the submission of the 2026 Fiscal Year Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) budget to the Government of Nunavut.

**Unanimously Carried**

**c) Request for Decision – Alianait Arts Festival - June 20 to 22, 2026 – In-Kind Support**

Brenton McNeil, Director of Recreation, presented a Request for Decision for In-kind Sponsorship Support for the Alianait Arts Festival being held from June 20 to 22, 2026.

Mr. McNeil made the following comments:

- Alianait has requested sponsorship and in-kind support
  - 40 week-long pool passes for guest artists attending the festival
  - Use of tents, garbage bins, port-a-potties and other festival equipment
  - Staff resources
  - Hosting a youth focused drum dancing pool party on June 19 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Total in-kind contribution is \$8,566

**Motion #26-111**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves in-kind sponsorship support in the amount of \$8,566 for the 2026 Alianait Arts Festival being held from June 20 to June 22, 2026

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Appointment of Acting Mayor – June 2 to 9, 2026 – Verbal**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole Meeting #03 – May 5, 2026 Report**

Councillor Stevenson indicated that the committee tabled the Vehicle for Hire By-law, with the intention that the committee would review the by-law, making improvements to better serve Iqalumiut.

**Motion #26-112**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Smith

Council approves the Public Engagement Scope of Work as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Nunavut Black History Society – 2026 Emancipation Festival – Support Letter Request for Funding Application to the Canadian Heritage Program**

**Motion #26-113**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council provides a letter of support to the Nunavut Black History Society for their funding application to the Canadian Heritage Program to deliver an Emancipation Festival.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application – Dr. Cheryl Forchuk, Western University & Lawson Research Institute**

**Motion #26-114**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Canadian Women Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: Current State and Suggested Solutions”, proposed to take place from July 1, 2026 to July 15, 2026, Dr. Cheryl Forchuk, Department of Nursing, Western University & Lawson Research Institute.

**Unanimously Carried**

- c) Nunavut Research Institute – Scientific Research License Application – Nick Mule, Department of Social Work, York University**

**Motion #26-115**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “2SLGBTQIA+ Poverty in Canada: Improving Livelihood and Social Wellbeing”, proposed to take place from June 1, 2026 to October 30, 2026, Nick Mule, Department of Social Work, York University.

**Unanimously Carried**

**d) Information Item – North West Company – Update on Fuel Costs**

The following item was presented for information: Letter from Doug Anderson, Director of Sales and Operations, North West Company, regarding an update on rising fuel costs and the impact on store prices in Iqaluit.

**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 #26-116**

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard  
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 6:26 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**



  
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Mayor Solomon Awa  
Chair

  
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Brianna Longworth  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

