

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #09
July 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Solomon Awa
Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty – via teleconference
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi
Councillor Kyle Sheppard

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Simon Nattaq
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
Carol Nakanwagi, Executive Assistant
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development
Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Awa opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

a) City Councillor – Kuthula Matshazi

Kuthula Matshazi was sworn in as City Councillor by Brianna Longworth, City Clerk.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:

1. APPEAL HEARING – PER UNSIGHTLY LAND BY-LAW NO. 714
 - b) In Camera Session – Legal – Verbal

Motion #26-159

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Adoption of agenda as amended.

Unanimously Carried

1. APPEAL HEARING – PER UNSIGHTLY LAND BY-LAW NO. 714

**a) Appeal of Clean Up Order – Lot 3, Block 10, Plan 1986 – House 3266
Jack Anawak Street**

Mayor Awa advised that an Appeal Hearing would be held as per Unsightly Land By-law No. 714. The following details were noted:

- Clean Up Order was issued by the Municipal Enforcement Department on May 29, 2026 to Keven Brouillette, House 3266 Jack Anawak Street, Lot 3, Block 10, Plan 1986
- Appeal Hearing to be held for Council to consider the appeal
- Council would hear the circumstances and merits of the case
- After hearing all comments and evidence presented, Council may confirm, reverse or vary the Clean Up Order being appealed
- Decision of Council is final
- Mr. Brouillette had advised that he would not be attending the appeal hearing
- Mr. Brouillette had submitted an appeal letter, which was included with the agenda package

Mayor Awa asked Brianna Longworth, City Clerk, to read the appeal letter received from Keven Brouillette, who requested an extension until September 10, 2026, 90 days beyond the compliance deadline of June 12, 2026.

Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer, presented a Request for Decision for an Unsightly Property Appeal for House 3266 Jack Anawak Street. Mr. Allen advised that the report was in conjunction with Sol Tagak, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a second time.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public a third and final time.

Hearing none, Mayor Awa opened the floor for questions and/or comments from Council.

There being no questions and/or comments from Council, Mayor Awa opened the floor to anyone who wished to be heard.

There being no one, Mayor Awa advised that Council would go In Camera.

b) In Camera Session – Legal

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

Mayor Awa asked the members of the public present in the gallery to leave the Council Chambers, indicating that they would be invited back to the meeting when the meeting resumed.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty was present via teleconference and therefore did not participate in the In Camera session.

Motion #26-160

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council goes In Camera at 6:19 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-161

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council returns to Regular Session at 6:45 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Members of the public were invited back to the meeting.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty returned to the meeting via teleconference.

Motion #26-162

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council denies the appeal of the request for an extension of the Clean Up Order issued to Keven Brouillette at House 3266 Jack Anawak Street, Lot 3, Block 10, Plan 1986, and orders the immediate clean up as outlined in the Clean Up Order issued under Unsightly Land By-law No. 714.

Unanimously Carried

2. MINUTES

a) Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole Meeting #04 Minutes dated June 16, 2026

Motion #26-163

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole Meeting #04 Minutes dated June 16, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

b) City Council Meeting #08 Minutes dated June 23, 2026

Motion #26-164

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

City Council Meeting #08 Minutes dated June 23, 2026.

Unanimously Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict of interest regarding:

- 10. NEW BUSINESS
 - b) Request for Decision – Private Land Development PLD 26-001 – The Expansion of Tundra Ridge – Approval of Land Disposal Agreement
- 13. IN CAMERA
 - a) Legal

Mayor Awa declared a conflict of interest regarding:

- 4. DELEGATIONS
 - c) Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association – Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt – Sponsorship Request
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE
 - b) Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association – Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt – Sponsorship Request

Mayor Awa appointed Councillor Sheppard as Chair for items 4 c) and 12 b).

4. **DELEGATIONS**

a) Structured Exercise Program for Cancer Survivors – Request to Waive Recreation Facility Fees for Participants

Dr. Matthew Kwon, Family Physician, Qikiqtani General Hospital, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the Structured Exercise Program for Cancer Survivors and the Request to Waive Program Facility Fees for Participants. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Colorectal cancer is common in Nunavut
 - Between 2008 and 2022, there were approximately 130 cases
 - 20 percent die within the first year of being diagnosed
 - 30 percent die within two years of being diagnosed
- Three ways to treat cancer in Nunavut
 - Surgery
 - Radiation – patients are transported to Ottawa for treatment
 - Chemotherapy – patients are transported to Ottawa for treatment
- Studies have shown that cancer patients can be treated through structured exercise
 - Lowers the risk of returning cancer - 28 percent
 - Lowers the risk of dying – 37 percent
- Exercise is an effective way to treat cancer patients and, in some instances, as effective as chemotherapy
- Personal trainer will meet with participants every two to four weeks
- Patients are asked to exercise two to four times a week for two to two and half hours a week
- Doctors will monitor and test patients to determine if cancer reoccurs
- Requesting Council to waive the fees for cancer patients to access the recreation facility
- Attempting to take cancer care outside the hospital and asking Council to partner with the hospital to provide a service to treat cancer patients
- If Council approves the proposal, Iqaluit will be the first city in Canada to integrate cancer care with recreation facilities

Councillor Sheppard made the following comment and asked the following question, which Dr. Kwon answered:

- Supports the request
- Was City staff engaged regarding the request?
 - Spoke to gym facility staff
 - Collaborating to find ways to work together
 - Personal trainers that are currently providing rehabilitation for heart attack patients
 - Are approximately five to ten cancer patients that are interested in the exercise program
 - Sourcing funding opportunities from other organizations - Department of Health and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI)

Councillor Aglukark made the following comments:

- Spoke favorably about Dr. Kwon's care and help with patients
- Spoke about the positive outcome of a patient that is currently using the recreational facilities
- Supports the request

b) Caribou Cabs – Proposed Amendment to Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997

Danny Savard and Ronnie McGregor, Caribou Cabs Ltd., were in attendance to make a presentation on the Proposed Amendment to Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Policy regarding vouchers when taxi fares increase
 - Vouchers are exchanged for new taxi vouchers
 - The only fee associated with the exchange is the value difference in fares
- Various taxi fare vouchers, which can become confusing for new drivers
- To avoid confusion, misunderstanding and/or counterfeit vouchers, a policy has been implemented to accept only the current taxi vouchers
- Considering alternative payment method, being a taxi pass, which can be loaded and scanned in the cab
 - Will eliminate concerns with taxi vouchers when fares increase
 - Will also provide a cashless payment option
 - Anticipating that taxi passes will be available the end of 2026 or early 2027
- Recommend that the taxi fare rate be frozen once the rate increases to \$10 in 2027
 - Future increases can be discussed with Council
- Raising taxi standards is necessary and overdue
 - Amendments will increase public safety and provide better service
 - Professionalism, safety and accountability should not dictate which taxi company is called
- Provided written suggestions for consideration by Council to change and modernize the by-law

Councillor Sheppard made the following comments and asked the following questions, which Mr. Savard answered:

- Council tends to hear only about the problems encountered by passengers, rather than hearing about the positive experiences
- Are taxi vouchers prepaid or are the vouchers used to invoice organizations?
 - Government of Nunavut orders and pays for taxi vouchers
 - Taxi vouchers hold a cash value and can be exchanged for new vouchers showing the increased taxi fare
- Generally, supports the proposed recommendations to the Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997
- Why didn't Caribou Cabs institute the proposed recommendations instead of proposing that the by-law be amended?

- Some features are being implemented
- Driver training
- Investing in technology – dispatch system and cashless payment
- Installing new camera technology

c) Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association – Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt – Sponsorship Request

Mayor Awa declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

Councillor Sheppard took the Chair.

Sally Mikijuk, Manager, Teena Kakee and Adamie Naulaq Inookie, Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association, were in attendance regarding a Sponsorship Request for the Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Bowhead whale hunt was originally carried out as a memorial
 - Only the oil was processed
 - Meat and bones were wasted
- Bowhead whales became endangered and could no longer be hunted
- A license is required to hunt a bowhead whale
- Inuit rely on animals for food and was never told there was a limit on hunting animals
- Inuit culture understands the importance of hunting for food and does not overhunt
- Requesting \$10,000 from Council
 - Apply for a bowhead whale license to proceed with the hunt
 - Other places will also apply for a license, and planning has to start now
 - Money will be used for supplies and food for 30 plus people
 - Seven boats will participate in the hunt, and each boat has been assigned a task
 - Distributing the meat
- Spoke about the importance of culture and supporting the bowhead whale hunt
- Bowhead whales provide food for many families
- Funding
 - Core surplus from last year of \$70,000
 - Used to pay hunters a per diem
 - Hunters have jobs and they take time off from their job for the bowhead whale hunt
 - Uqsuq Corporation provided \$15,000
 - Used for petroleum products
 - Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) provided \$5,000
- Hunters of all ages will take part
 - Rookie hunters will learn how to hunt bowhead whales
- Hunters will leave on August 14, 2026 for a two-week hunting trip

Councillor Kunuk made the following comments:

- Participated in the first bowhead whale hunt as a searcher
- Supports the request
- Available to help
 - Ms. Kakee advised that there is an ongoing list of people who have indicated they are available to help
 - Important to have a list of people in the event someone is unable to help

Councillor Aglukark made the following comment:

- Spoke about the positive impact that Ms. Kakee has on the community in ensuring Inuit culture thrives

Mayor Awa returned to the Council Chambers and took the Chair.

d) Iqaluit RCMP Detachment Monthly Reports – May and June 2026

Corporal Darick Ramminger, Iqaluit RCMP, was in attendance and presented the May and June Monthly Reports.

e) ATII Nunavut Inc. – Livery License Application - Verbal

Jean-Claude Nguyen, Legal Counsel, ATII Nunavut Inc., Shiyan Kamal, Project Manager, ATII Nunavut Inc., and Kumarasamy Venugopan, President, ATII Nunavut Inc., were present via teleconference. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- ATII Nunavut Inc. is a technology-based company
- Platform will be built specifically for communities in Nunavut
- Company is completely Inuit-owned
- Headquarters in Iqaluit
- Through a mobile app, Iqaluit residents can request on-demand rides, food and parcel delivery, and a digital marketplace for local businesses
- Platform will include GPS tracking, electronic fare collection, SOS function and 24/7 customer support
- Company will comply with Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997
- All required documentation has been submitted to the City

5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

6. STATEMENTS

Councillor Aglukark advised that she attended the General Assembly of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, which had seven booths of interpreters working in different languages, and she thanked the translators who attended. Councillor Aglukark advised that there were Inuit present from four Arctic regions.

Councillor Aglukark went on to share remarks regarding the experience of attending the General Assembly and its significance in the community. The following are highlights of her remarks:

- As an Inuit woman in a leadership role, she has the strength, wisdom and resilience from those who came before her.
- The Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly held in Iqaluit was an important reminder that Inuit leadership extends across borders and generations.
- Inuit have always held many roles within communities as caregivers, educators, leaders, hunters, knowledge keepers, mentors, advocates and bridge builders.
 - Inuit often carry more than one responsibility at a time through supporting families, while contributing to workplaces and communities.
- Inuit values guide being respectful of others, caring for communities, collaboration, environment stewardship and sharing of knowledge, which are principles that have sustained Inuit for generations.
- As Inuit continue to revive and celebrate culture, there is a responsibility to ensure that Inuit language, knowledge and traditions remain vibrant and visible.
 - Cultural revitalization is not only about preserving the past, but also about strengthening the future that is deeply rooted in culture.
 - Every opportunity created to share stories, teach the language and practice traditions contributes to the resilience of communities.
- Working in diverse communities requires Inuit to embrace both uniqueness and shared humanity.
 - Inuit perspectives bring invaluable knowledge and approaches to leadership, collaboration and community well-being.
 - Fostering inclusive spaces where everyone is valued and heard, makes stronger communities that are created for everyone.
- Inuit leaders are entrusted with carrying forward the values of past generations, while helping to shape a future grounded in dignity, equity and hope.
 - It is important to continue to uplift each other, honour the Inuit culture and lead with compassion and courage.
 - In doing so, communities are strengthened and contributes to a more inclusive and resilient Arctic for generations.

Mayor Awa advised that during the Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly, he met with mayors from Greenland and Alaska. He stated that during the meeting, it was very clear that it was important to work together, which is also very good for Council.

Mayor Awa noted that planning was always ongoing, and the Department of National Defence was requesting to come to Nunavut to meet with the mayors from Nunavut.

Mayor Awa advised that he would be attending the international Arctic Mayors' Forum and would be advocating for Iqaluit.

7. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

8. **BY-LAWS**

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

None

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

None

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

None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Request for Decision – Livery License Application – ATII Nunavut Inc.**

Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer, presented a Request for Decision for a Livery License Application for ATII Nunavut Inc.

Motion #26-165

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves the Livery License Application for ATII Nunavut Inc., conditional on meeting all the requirements of Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 997.

Unanimously Carried

b) **Request for Decision – Private Land Development PLD 26-001 – The Expansion of Tundra Ridge – Approval of Land Disposal Agreement**

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

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented a Request for Decision for Private Land Development PLD 26-001 - Approval of Land Disposal Agreement for

the Expansion of Tundra Ridge. Mr. Dodds provided background information leading up to the Land Disposal Agreement.

Motion #26-166

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council approves the Land Disposal Agreement between the City of Iqaluit and Tom Fitzgerald Construction for Private Land Development Agreement PLD 26-001 for the Expansion of Tundra Ridge.

**For – Aglukark, Kunuk, Matshazi
Abstained – Flaherty
Carried**

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

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty made the following comments, and asked the following question, which Mr. Dodds answered:

- Advised he was not involved or participated in the process at the June 23, 2026 Council meeting – Motion #26-156 – awarding Tom Fitzgerald Construction Private Land Development Agreement PLD 26-001 for the expansion of Tundra Ridge
- Felt he was now able to make comments regarding the Land Disposal Agreement
- Opportunity to review the Land Disposal Agreement, which is complicated and includes particular details relating to Inuit ownership of affordable homes
- Felt this was a very important project and Schedule “B” does not include timelines for all the various steps. When will the dates be included in Schedule “B”?
- Agreement indicates that construction will proceed as per the approved plan. What approved plan is being referred to?
 - The following reply relates to the above two questions:
 - The Private Land Development Agreement makes reference to the winning submission, which includes a detailed schedule about plans and construction.
 - There are approvals in the timeline that make the remainder of the Schedule contingent on the approvals. It was difficult to include exact dates and timelines.
 - Refer to the end of Schedule “B” - the target timeline shown as 2027 construction season, subject to approvals
 - Important to note that the text in the Private Land Development Agreement carries more weight than the Schedules
 - If the question relates to the submittal, the development has to be in the form of what was submitted in the Private Land Development Agreement.

The development must be constructed to the approved plans that are referenced in Schedule "B".

- Expressed concern with approving an agreement with no specific time frames or at least a forecast

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

c) Request for Decision – Disposal of Assets

Bill Williams, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Request for Decision regarding the Disposal of Assets.

Motion #26-167

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council:

1. Authorizes Administration to dispose of the listed surplus City assets by sealed tender in accordance with Property Procedures By-law No. 404;
2. Directs Administration to publicly post notice of the sale for a minimum of two weeks, including item descriptions, viewing details, bid submission requirements, deposit requirements, removal timelines, and sale terms; and
3. Authorizes that all items be sold **as-is, where-is**, with the purchaser responsible for all removal and related costs, and with Council not bound to accept the highest or any bid.

Unanimously Carried

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Dr. Matthew Kwon, Family Physician, Qikiqtani General Hospital – Request to Waive Recreation Facility Fees for Participants in Structured Exercise Program for Cancer Survivors**

Motion #26-168

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council directs Administration to work with Dr. Matthew Kwon, Family Physician, and his team at the Qikiqtani General Hospital, and waive Recreation Facility Fees for participants in the Structured Exercise Program for Cancer Survivors.

Unanimously Carried

b) Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association – Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt – Sponsorship Request

Mayor Awa declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

Councillor Sheppard took the Chair.

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty asked the following question, which Councillor Sheppard answered:

- What is the policy for a sponsorship request?
 - There is no specific policy for community donations.
 - It is up to Council to make a decision on the sponsorship amount
 - Any donation approved by Council comes from General Revenue

Motion #26-169

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

Council supports the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Association's 2026 Qalugiaq Bowhead Whale Hunt with a sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000.

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Mayor Awa returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

c) Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) – Scientific Research License Application – Mathieu Landriault, Observatoire de la politique et de la sécurité de l'Arctique, École Nationale d'Administration Publique

Motion #26-170

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “The Future of Regional and Local Self-Determination in the North American Arctic”, proposed to take place from July 7, 2026 to December 31, 2026, Mathieu Landriault, Observatoire de la politique et de la sécurité de l'Arctique, École Nationale d'Administration Publique.

Unanimously Carried

- d) Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) – Scientific Research License
Application – Dimitri della Faille, Department of Social Sciences,
Université du Quebec en Outaouais**

Motion #26-171

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Nunavut Research Institute – Application: “Filipino Immigration to Iqaluit”, proposed to take place from August 23, 2026 to December 24, 2026, Dimitri della Faille, Department of Social Sciences, Université du Quebec en Outaouais.

Unanimously Carried

- e) Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) – Archaeology Permit Application – Murielle Nagy, Atlas Ocean Voyages**

Motion #26-172

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “The Canadian Arctic Explorer”, Expedition on the vessel World Navigator, proposed to depart on September 21, 2026 from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland and arrive on October 8, 2026, in St. John’s, NL, Murielle Nagy, Atlas Ocean Voyages.

Unanimously Carried

- f) Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) – Archaeology Permit Application – Kristian Pedersen, Silversea Cruises**

Motion #26-173

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Inuit Heritage Trust – Application: “Silversea Cruises Voyages”, Expedition on the vessel Silver Wind, proposed to depart on August 30, 2026 from Nuuk, Greenland and arrive on September 14, 2026, in Iqaluit, Kristian Pedersen, Silversea Cruises.

Unanimously Carried

- g) Information Item – Support Letters Issued Under Council Policy CNCL 26-001**

CNCL 26-001 – Victoria Perron – Funding Application to New Horizons – Community Bike Repair Workshops – Signed July 14, 2026

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

a) Legal

Alternate Deputy Mayor Flaherty was present via teleconference and could not participate in the In Camera session, and therefore left for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Motion #26-174

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark
Seconded by: Councillor Kunuk

Council goes In Camera at 8:23 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-175

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:33 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #26-176

Moved by: Councillor Kunuk
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council approves the award of 2026-RFP-010 for Janitorial Services to C&K Services Limited for a two-year term.

Unanimously Carried

Following the vote, Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #26-177

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Council adjourns at 8:36 p.m.

Unanimously Carried



for

Mayor Solomon Awa
Chair

KIMBERLY SMITH
DIMAYOR

for

Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

K. SARMIENTO
ADDITIONAL CLERK

Approved by City Council on the 25th day of August 2026.