

**CITY OF IQALUIT
FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #01
FEBRUARY 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith, Chair
Mayor Solomon Awa
Councillor Amber Aglukark
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Alternate Deputy Mayor Harry Flaherty
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Williams, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Carol Nakanwagi, Executive Assistant
Peter Tumilty, Chief Financial Officer
Geoffrey Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

Deputy Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion FIN 26-01

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for Decision – Amendment to the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813

Peter Tumilty, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Request for Decision regarding an Amendment to the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813. Mr. Tumilty reviewed proposed rate changes, new rates, and rates that have been added, which are currently being charged and not in the by-law.

Mayor Awa arrived at 6:06 p.m. during the presentation.

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments and asked the following questions, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Aquatic Centre – pool only lists rates for children and youth and Council previously approved that there would be no fee
- Family rate would also need to be adjusted to include adults only
 - That is correct and the fee will be changed to free, and the rate adjusted for family.
- Noted increases in fees under the Department of Emergency and Protective Services. Will the fee be covered under insured benefits?
- Expressed concern that if a resident does not have insurance coverage and the cost is charged directly to the resident.
 - Understands that majority of ambulance services are paid by the Government of Nunavut
 - Occasionally, residents are charged
 - Fee is currently \$900 per call, and this will increase

Councillor Nattaq made the following comment:

- Expressed concern regarding rates that elders would pay

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

- Will the rates be free for elders?
 - Can discuss if there is a particular fee that should have an elder rate, such as recreation
 - Most fees would not apply to elders
- Previously discussed that a vehicle disposal fee be charged when a vehicle is registered
 - Discussed an import fee that would be charged by the Government of Nunavut
 - Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the proposed changes related to fees that have not been updated in quite some time
 - Council has discussed an import fee but has never given direction to Administration
 - Matter can be discussed at a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting
 - If directed, staff can discuss with the Government of Nunavut to determine if it is possible to have an import fee.

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments:

- Inukshuk logos are being used as signage outside of buildings
- Different Inukshuk logos have different meanings
- Important to use the correct Inukshuk when used as a logo

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comment and asked the following questions, which Mr. Tumilty answered:

- Is the False Fire Alarm Response fee for a particular time period, such as annual or lifetime of the property?
 - Mr. England advised that a time frame is not defined
 - Considered a deterrent fee to encourage people to maintain their alarm systems
 - Process in place to communicate with the individual regarding repeat false alarms and if the matter is not resolved, then a False Fire Alarm Response fee will be charged
 - Once an individual advises that the false alarm issue has been resolved, the false fire alarm response process will start over for the next false alarm
- The dog impound fee indicates a 12-month period for the second offence. Is the 12-month period the same for the third and fourth offence?
 - Mr. England advised that this was a deterrent fee for repeat offenders and staff would be reasonable when applying the fee.

Mayor Awa asked the following question, which Bill Williams, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, answered:

- What does the Piped Infrastructure Model Check fee relate to?
 - Previously, the City required the developer to carry out a model check, which potentially had the opportunity for some bias

- Process did not allow for the City to update their model
- Planning and Engineering Departments suggested that a fee be instituted, and the City's contractor would conduct the model check
- Not a connection fee for a home or development
- When an application is submitted to construct a development, the City conducts a model check to determine if the piped water and sewer capacity is large enough to meet the demand

Deputy Mayor Smith asked the following questions, which Mr. Williams answered:

- With recent proposed changes to increase delegated authority with the Development Officer to approve minor variances, has consideration been given to changing the variance fee if the matter does not have to be approved by Council?
 - Staff carry out the same due diligence process for a minor or major variance
 - Proposed change for an additional \$150 for each additional non-conforming variance
 - Encourages developers to submit applications that conform to the requirements within the General Plan and Zoning By-law
 - In instances when developers submit items that do not conform, it requires additional staff work.
 - Fee is for each non-conforming variance instead of a minor or major variance
- Why is there a fee for the digital PDF of the city map?
- Is it possible to have the digital PDF city map on the website?
 - Pertains to additional work required by staff on the Geographic Information System (GIS) for detailed site-specific requests

Motion FIN 26-02

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Committee recommends that Council approve the amendments to the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law No. 813 and to "Schedule A" as presented, with revisions to the aquatic centre membership fees to bring them in line with the current policy, and further, that the amended by-law be presented at the next Council meeting for First Reading.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Approval of 2026 Canada Community-Building Fund List

Peter Tumilty, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Request for Decision for Approval of the 2026 Canada Community-Building Fund List.

Motion FIN 26-03

Moved by: Councillor Aglukark

Seconded by: Councillor Tilley

Committee recommends that Council approve the 2026 Canada Community-Building Fund - Wastewater System Upgrade Projects as follows:

1. Lift Station #1 and Sewer System Protection Upgrades in the amount of \$3,500,000.
2. Sewer Upgrades to AV205 to AV601 in the amount of \$425,000.

For – Awa, Tilley, Aglukark, Kunuk

Opposed – Nattaq

Carried

c) Discussion and Direction Item – Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program Policy

Peter Tumilty, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program Policy for discussion and direction.

Mayor Awa made the following comments and asked the following questions, which Mr. England answered:

- Purpose of the Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program is to provide assistance to families to bury their loved ones
- No longer need to have fundraisers to generate funds for a funeral
- Where do other communities obtain funding for funerals?
- Can the City receive third-party funding for funerals?
 - Most hamlets carry out funerals and burials themselves
 - Iqaluit has a company that provides funeral services
 - Capital Plan included funds to consider the construction of a funeral home in Apex
 - Will enable contracted funeral services
 - City could reduce funeral costs by bringing in caskets but there is the matter of storage
 - Until a decision is made regarding the construction of a funeral home, this is the best available option
- Iqaluit is a multi-cultural community
- People living in Iqaluit are from other areas of Nunavut
- Is it possible to provide support to families to return loved ones to their Nunavut community?

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comment:

- Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program is to provide financial assistance during their time of need

Steve England, Chief Administrative Officer, made the following comments:

- Policy was written for the residents of Iqaluit
- Committee can make a motion to direct Administration to research the cost of providing support to families to return loved ones to their Nunavut community

Deputy Mayor Smith made the following comments and asked the following question, which Mr. Tumilty answered.

- Iqaluit has a regional health centre and people from other communities come for health services
- In some instances, it is unfortunate, but people pass away.
- Once Iqaluit has their own funeral home, is it possible to have discussions with Inuit organizations and Government of Nunavut regarding funeral services?
 - There are some bereavement and compassionate support with Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for travel and transporting deceased.
 - Repatriation of people who are not Inuit or residents of Iqaluit may be a challenging situation

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

- Some employed individuals have life insurance
- Is the Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program available to individuals who do not have life insurance?
 - Intention of the program is to access any available benefits and any remaining costs that fall within the program would be covered

Councillor Nattaq made the following comments and asked the following question, which Deputy Mayor Smith answered:

- Some individuals have prearranged funeral services and have purchased headstones
- In past years, there was no cost for a funeral.
- Funeral costs are high today
- Will the program be available to employed and unemployed people?
 - Program available to everyone no matter if they are employed or not
 - Program sets out the funding amount received based on existing benefits
 - Those who do not have benefits, would receive a higher funding amount.

Councillor Kunuk made the following comments and asked the following question, which Deputy Mayor Smith answered:

- Funeral services and associated costs are high
- Cost to transport deceased to the church and burial site is a considerable amount

- Will the program cover transportation fees?
 - Maximum payable under the program for each funeral is \$10,000
 - Eligible expenses include administration costs, most economical coffin or urn, body preparation, transportation of remains for up to three trips – hospital to church to cemetery, standard cross or non-religious grave marker, standard name plaque, burial plot in cemetery, opening and closing of the grave
 - Funeral services are provided by a company, and fees are set by the company
- Good program to help residents

Motion FIN 26-04

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

Committee recommends that Council approve the updated Compassionate Funeral Subsidy Program Policy as presented.

Unanimously Carried

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

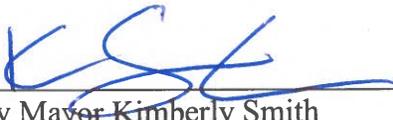
Motion FIN 26-05

Moved by: Councillor Tilley
Seconded by: Councillor Aglukark

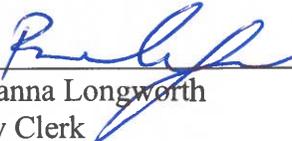
Committee adjourns at 7:00 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Deputy Mayor Kimberly Smith
Chair



Brianna Longworth
City Clerk

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

