

**The Corporation of the City of Iqaluit  
Minutes of a Public Hearing #05**

Held on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the 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  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Samuel Tilley

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective Services  
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk  
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk  
Bill Williams, Senior Executive Director of Municipal Infrastructure and Planning  
Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development  
Geoff Byrne, Communications and Customer Service Manager

Mayor Awa called the Public Hearing to order.

Mayor Awa advised that the Public Hearing for By-law No. 1019, Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 899 for Lot 19, Block 7, Plan 2871, was originally scheduled for tonight, however, this by-law must first be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting. He indicated that the Public Hearing for this item would be postponed, and a new date announced once a decision was made.

**1. By-law No. 1025, General Plan Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001)**

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented By-law No. 1025, General Plan Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (GPA 25-001). Mr. Dodds explained that the amendment protects dog areas with an open space designation, aligns the zoning and land use map with the Industrial Concept Plan, and removes the dog area land use from the General Industrial Zone, as dog areas are protected in open space.

Mayor Awa asked if any representations were received by the Planning Department.

Mr. Dodds advised that no representations were received via e-mail or telephone.

- Concern is in regards to safety
- Understood that area would be used by outfitters or other user groups
- Recently, there has been an incident with an outfitter who felt that the Dog Teams travelling on the public road were interfering with the business
- Good indication that tension will increase if outfitters move to the other side of Hubbard Lane
- Cannot guarantee there will be no loose dogs and do not want residents, clients, and outfitters to have a negative experience
- Possible to have a buffer zone that could be fenced between the Dog Team area and the industrial zone

Mayor Awa acknowledged that comments would be considered during the Second Reading of the by-law.

## **2. By-law No. 1026, Zoning By-law Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005)**

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, presented By-law No. 1026, Zoning By-law Amendment for West 40 Subdivision (ZBA 25-005). Mr. Dodds explained that the amendment protects dog areas with an open space designation, aligns the zoning and land use map with the Industrial Concept Plan, and removes and readjusts the Industrial Zone to match the industrial subdivision that Council previously reviewed.

Mayor Awa asked if any representations were received by the Planning Department.

Mathew Dodds, Director of Planning and Development, advised that this item was related to and approved with the previous item – By-law No. 1025. He indicated that no representations were received separately.

Mayor Awa called for input from the public.

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

Cory Bell, lifelong resident of Iqaluit, shared the following comment from a Dog Team owner:

- Very grateful for the City and the efforts to ensure that the spaces remain protected for the continued use, growth, and future for dog teaming
- Expressed concern regarding the close proximity of the planned development of the surrounding area, which could possibly lead to a negative encounter between business operators and the public
- Dog Team owners strongly advocate for a healthy boundary on the opposite side of the road to protect the Dog Team area
- Encourage the installation of tall, secured fencing to limit access to the Dog Teams to protect both the Dog Teams and to ensure that the occasional loose dog does not disturb nearby businesses and operations