

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #24
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern – via teleconference

Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson

Councillor Kuthula Matshazi

Councillor Jason Rochon

Councillor Simon Nattaq

Councillor Kyle Sheppard

ABSENT

Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

Councillor Noah Papatsie

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO

Matthew Hamp, Engineering and Public Works Director

Andrea Spitzer, Manager of Communications

Jennifer Jarvis, City Planner

Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

Sherri Rowe, Finance Consultant

PRAYER

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion # 18-307

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Adoption of agenda as amended: Add 9(e) Letter of Support for QIA CanNor Application.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a. Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 – April 18, 2018

Motion # 18-308

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 dated April 18, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

- b. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting #02 – July 12, 2018

Motion # 18-309

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 dated July 12, 2018.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Councillor Rochon, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, presented Lorne Levy with a Certificate of Retirement and Thanks for his many years of service on the Recreation Committee. He also thanked him for the other work he has done for the City. Councillor Rochon noted that Mr. Levy will be greatly missed.

Mr. Levy appreciated the acknowledgement and expressed his pleasure working for the City, and with Councillors and staff.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson thanked Mr. Levy for his service to the City.

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Nattaq advised there is a meeting from October 2 - 4, 2018 at the Astro Hill Complex and a feast will be held on October 2 at the high school. This will be his last meeting on the board, as his three year term will be completed as the community director and an election will be held to fill the position.

Councillor Rochon reminded residents to be water-wise and conserve water.

Councillor Rochon noted that the mass registration has been completed and many youth and children are looking forward to participating on teams and clubs for the winter months, which would not be possible without the volunteers, club leaders and coaches who volunteer their time. He noted that there are some excited children and youth. Councillor Rochon noted that residents are very fortunate to be in a city with a large number of recreation facilities. He also thanked the recreation department staff, because without their work, a lot of clubs would not take place.

Mayor Redfern acknowledged that the Commissioners of the National Inquiry on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls are in Iqaluit gathering testimony regarding government relations. She noted there has been a significant amount of statements regarding inequities and harms that have resulted from government and systemic discrimination.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-Law (s)

None

c) Third and Final Reading of By-Laws (s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Appointment of Chair – Taxi Review Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked if there is a councillor who is interested in taking on the responsibility of Chair of the Taxi Review Committee.

Councillor Nattaq was interested in filling the position for the remainder of the year and asked that he be notified of the meeting dates.

Motion # 18-310

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

That Councillor Nattaq is appointed Chair of the Taxi Review Committee.

Unanimously Carried

b) **Appointment of Vice Chair – Economic Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked if there is a councillor who would be interested in taking on the responsibility of Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee.

Councillor Nattaq indicated that he would be interested in filling the position for the remainder of the year.

Motion # 18-311

Moved by: Councillor Matshazi

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That Councillor Nattaq is appointed Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee.

Unanimously Carried

c) **Task Force Update**

Amy Elgersma, Acting CAO, advised that the presentation will update Council on the task force and water supply response activities since the last update on August 28, 2018.

When will the reservoir be full?

- Providing adequate precipitation continues, so pumping will be reduced. It is expected that the reservoir will be full by the end of September. There is approximately 50,000 cubic metres space left in the reservoir right now.

Activities to reduce water demand

- Repairs on access vaults and maintenance holes began on August 27. Some of the repairs required public service announcements regarding service interruptions. This work will continue throughout September.
- The repairs have led to reductions in two ways – the reduced demand allowed more source water to accumulate in the reservoir and the base line winter demand is at a lower level, but this will increase due to the winter temperatures.
- As of yesterday, the reservoir reached 111.15 metres.

Water Loss Control Task Team

- The utilidor leak assessment and repair program began on August 27. Nine high priority leaks have been repaired as of September 6th and the remainder are expected to be completed by September 14th.
- Following the repair of the high priority leaks, the low priority leaks will be repaired.
- An engineering bleed investigation was completed and a report is being developed with a plan to address the bleeds.
- The Department of Health has been involved with the initial utilidor leak assessment and repairs. They will continue to be involved with the plans.
- During the week of August 27, meetings were held with high volume water users as previously identified by the City, to determine how they could contribute to water loss reductions and conservation efforts. A report outlining the findings and recommendations will be completed by the end of September.

Water Demand Management Team

- Data was compiled for future water demand estimates based on approved development permits.
- Annual average demand increase before May 2019 is 142,000 cubic metres. After May 2019, an additional 210,000 cubic metres will be required.

Supplementary Pumping Task Team

- Reported pump flow rates at capacity of 95 litres per second.
- Total water pumped to-date is approximately 155,000 cubic metres.
- Continuation on monitoring the environmental effects due to pumping, and in particular, any adverse effects to the local fish population.
- No stranded fish or concerns have been raised to-date.
- An environmental engineer is on-site to coordinate water sampling and analysis, as well as environmental DNA testing for arctic char upstream from the pumping operation.
- There is a plan in the event that additional water is needed and the river is not able to support the pumping operation. Pumping water from the two smaller lakes on the edge of Lake Geraldine is being considered.

Reverse osmosis unit

- Purchase of the sealift is complete. The shelter, water tanks and piping has been ordered and will be shipped with the last sealift.
- Government of Nunavut shipped the reverse osmosis unit and generator, which are anticipated to arrive the week of October 8, 2018.
- Canadian Water Technologies delivered their assessment report of the reverse osmosis unit and there are some additional repairs and servicing that will be carried out in Iqaluit.
- City will call a competitive bid for the reverse osmosis design due to scheduling demands and to comply with government funding requirements.
- Non-essential procurement for the reverse osmosis unit will be deferred until the design is completed.
- Detailed engineering has not yet been started, as the focus has been on expediting and purchasing equipment to make the sealift.
- An update on options will be presented to Council when the information is available.

Water conservation efforts

- The water conservation campaign has started. This will ensure that key items are in place for the start of the school year, including the return of the city population from summer vacations.
- Public information, including brochures and door hangers with water conservation tips for households and commercial properties, including hotels, rental properties and businesses, will be available in three languages.
- A water conservation booth was set-up to share information on water-wise tips and water conservation techniques at the mass registration. A lot of positive feedback was received.
- Digital display messages at the Iqaluit International Airport making visitors to Iqaluit aware of the current water situation and asking them to be water-wise during their stay will be displayed during the week of September 10th.

Councillor Matshazi asked about water conservation and if work is being done with schools, as it is an effective place. He noted that on the first day of school, his daughter came home and said their teacher told them to conserve water. Councillor Matshazi felt this was a powerful message.

Ms. Elgersma advised that water conservation messages will be given to the schools, which will be done shortly. She noted that it is good that the teachers are already conveying water conservation messages to the students.

Councillor Nattaq commented that in the future, consideration will have to be given to future water use and consumption. There is a lake with no fish, which would be an ideal place to obtain water for our needs.

Councillor Matshazi requested an update on the water management plan.

Ms. Elgersma advised that part of the water management plan includes the water loss control and the utilidor leak assessment. She advised the assessment has been completed and the required repairs have been ranked in priority. The main leaks have been repaired and additional repairs will be completed by September 14, 2018. As part of the process, the utilidor bleed investigation and an engineering plan is being developed, along with a plan to address the issues.

Councillor Matshazi asked if the water fees were increased to a cost-recovery level and were charged to the residents, would this help with the amount of water used by residents.

Ms. Elgersma explained that as the public becomes more water conscious, they may see a reduction in their water bill. She noted that based on the repairs being carried out by the City, there will be a positive impact on the water system and it is expected to be fewer emergency repairs. This will also mean that less water will be processed at the water treatment plant. The City should see some efficiency with all of the work and upgrade of the water system.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson felt that Councillor Matshazi was asking if water prices were raised to the actual cost to the City would that help people conserve water. Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that he has said on numerous occasions, that the water pricing needs to reflect the cost to the City. Currently, the cost is subsidized by the City. Deputy Mayor Stevenson felt if the cost of water is raised, then people will conserve more water. He noted that increasing water fees to a cost-recovery level is not part of the short-term fix for Lake Geraldine and water management, however, it has to be done and he is hoping it will be started by this council.

Ms. Elgersma advised that a Request for Proposal is being developed for a water rate review.

Councillor Matshazi noted that reviewing the water rates is not only about conservation, but also the cost recovery. Hopefully this will enable more funds to be invested in the water infrastructure, to have a more reliable infrastructure system.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson commented that the cost recovery is needed so that funds are available for major infrastructure repairs. He feels by repairing the identified leaks and identifying the required bleeds, it will help towards working to a cost recovery fee.

d) Strategic Plan Update

Councillor Matshazi asked if an update can be received on the strategic plan and when will the Strategic Plan planning session be held.

Ms. Elgersma advised that the Strategic Plan planning session had to be deferred due to the water situation, which has taken a significant amount of staff time and will continue until mid-October. She advised there will be a status update outlining key deliverables

during the budget sessions. She is hoping to hold a comprehensive workshop in the first quarter of the new year, and as such, staff is requesting this change.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson understood that Council planned to have a planning session by September 15, 2018, but due to the water situation, this will not happen. Staff is suggesting that the Strategic Plan will be in the budget process, with the planning session in the new year.

Councillor Matshazi noted that Councillor Sheppard requested when a Request for Decision is presented to Council, it should identify the associated section of the Strategic Plan. Councillor Matshazi asked if this process is being carried out.

Ms. Elgersma advised that this process has not yet been implemented.

Councillor Matshazi noted that a motion was passed requesting this procedure, as it is one way to ensure that the Strategic Plan issues are being addressed.

Mayor Redfern noted that an amendment to the Request for Decision form will have to be carried out and she will ensure that the City Clerk makes the amendment to the form, which would be shown as Policy Option/Strategic Plan. This would require staff to refer to the Strategic Plan to determine if the Request for Decision is fulfilling what Council identified as a strategic priority.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson confirmed that Mayor Redfern committed to making sure this takes place and Mayor Redfern advised she would.

Councillor Sheppard felt that having the Strategic Plan available during the budget process will enable Council to tie the budget to the Strategic Plan.

e) Request for Letter of Support

Deputy Mayor Stevenson advised that a request has been received for a letter of support from the Mayor and Council. The Qikiqtaaluk Business Development Corporation (QBDC) has applied to Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) Strategic Investment Fund to assist in the development of their proposed sanitary sewer extension for the lands and the other lands along Federal Road. The QBDC is requesting \$1.75 million in funding out of the total estimate project cost of \$3.3 million.

The application to CanNor identifies the City as a team member as well as a project supporter, and notes that QBDC and the City have been pursuing a mutual desire to service these lands along Federal Road by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in 2016.

The QBDC has initiated discussions to establish a working group with Council to expedite the private land development approvals. The working group will form part of the City's partner under the proposal.

The QBDC has requested a letter of support to be provided to CanNor to confirm support of the application and outlining the joint efforts that have been undertaken to date.

Motion # 18-312

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

That the City provides QBDC with a letter of support to submit to CanNor for the hotel and conference centre servicing project.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Committee

Councillor Rochon provided an update from the Recreation Committee.

Summer 2018 highlights

- Total of five specialty camps and Qaumaniq Summer Day Camp having more than 220 registrants.
- Curling rink daily use was slightly higher than last year.
- Summer employment for 25 young people.
- Held 13 registered programs for children and youth with 325 registrants.
- Programs included leader-in-training program, swimming lessons, minor soccer, t-ball, dodgeball, KidFit, rugby, multi-sport and minor ball hockey.
- Hosted National Indigenous People Day celebrations, Ste. Jean Baptiste Day Celebrations and Canada Day Events, which were attended by more than 2400.
- Aquatic centre annual maintenance shut-down was carried out on July 30th – August 12th. Much of the maintenance was not urgent and was deferred, so the pool did not have to be drained. The lap pool was drained only as much as necessary to complete some warranty work on the gutters.
- Total aquatic passes to the end of August – 1,050 monthly passes, 67 annual passes and 62 corporate passes.
- MaxGalaxy was launched for program registrants.
- Eleven elders attended the Elders gathering in Sanikiluaq.
- Mass registrations were recently held at the curling rink.
- Turf is currently being removed and the ice will be installed the AWG.

Upcoming Events

- The downstairs arena will be closed for renovations this fall. The boards will be replaced. Additional ice times for groups have been made available at the AWG Arena and ice season at the Arnaitok Arena will be extended by one month.

- Renovations to the Abe Okpik Hall include a new kitchen and flooring to be carried out this fall.
- Upgrades to the Elder's Qammaq include painting and new kitchen area to be carried out this fall.
- The Nunavut Trade Show will take place at the AWG from September 18th – September 20th.
- Rotary Fall Fair will be held on September 22.
- The AWG Arena and the curling rink will open on October 13.
- Upcoming events include swimming lessons, monthly Saturday drop-in programs, Saturday socials, a spook-a-rama dance for teens, visit from Santa Claus and a Santa Claus parade.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 18-313

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council adjourns at 6:39 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Romeyn Stevenson
Deputy Mayor

Amy Elgersma
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **23** day of **October**, 2018.