CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #26
NOVEMBER 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster, Chair
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson, via teleconference
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie
Councillor Solomon Awa

ABSENT
Mayor Kenny Bell
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Shelia Flaherty

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION
Matthew Hamp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Rod Mugford, City Clerk
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Brewster opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Change:
1 b) Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes #25 – November 12, 2019

Motion #19-377

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Adoption of agenda as amended.

For –Stevenson, Sheppard, Lucassie, Awa
Opposed – Nattaq

Motion Carried

1. MINUTES

a) City Council Meeting Minutes #23 dated October 8, 2019

Motion #19-338

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

City Council Meeting Minutes #23 dated October 8, 2019.

Unanimously Carried

b) City Council Meeting Minutes #25 dated November 12, 2019

Motion #19-339

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

City Council Meeting Minutes #25 dated November 12, 2019.

Unanimously Carried

c) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #3 dated September 9, 2019

Motion #19-340

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #3 dated September 9, 2019.

Unanimously Carried

d) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #2 dated July 8, 2019

Motion #19-341

Moved by: Councillor Lucassie
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #2 dated July 8, 2019.
Unanimously Carried

e) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #1 dated March 28, 2019

Motion #19-342

Moved by: Councillor Lucassie
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #1 dated March 28, 2019.
Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Staff Sergeant Garfield Elliott was in attendance to present the police report from August 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. He welcomed the new council and indicated this report was a month late due to the municipal election.

Staff Sergeant Elliott made the following comments:

- New members are in place. Calls for service are being met. There are four corporals providing enhanced supervision and are being able to stay on top of the investigations. Extra resources mean cases are being resolved in a quicker manner.
- The cooler weather traditionally means calls for service slows down.
- Extra staff are enabling the back log of files to get caught up, including the higher profile files.

- A concern with the colder weather approaching is for those who do not have a warm place to go at night time due to the shelter closing.
- Shack fires are a concern.
- Community outreach workers do amazing work and they try to do what they can to help those less fortunate.
- Urges the City to find a building that can be used as a shelter.
- He will be attending a discussion meeting on November 29th relating to this concern.
- Detachment cells are not a place to house people who have not committed a crime.
- Reiterated that the City had met with the RCMP and some of the Government agencies in July regarding solutions for the homeless situation, but as of today, a place has not been identified.
- Welcomed two new constables since last report.
- Detachment has switched to a 12-hour shift schedule beginning November 1st for a six-month pilot project.
- National Christmas Check-Stop Program that runs all across Canada will be Saturday, December 7, 2019. Iqaluit will be participating. The RCMP will once again partner with By-law and the program will run through to January 2nd, 2020.
- Spot checks will be happening throughout all of December and into the new year.
- RCMP will partner with the Nunavut Liquor Commission again this year in handing out taxi vouchers to those supporting sober driving.
- Other community events that the RCMP will be a part of include the Elders dinner and the Rotary Club Christmas hampers,
- The Crime Statistics Report for January 1st to October 31st, 2019 was presented. It was noted that this report includes statistics for the past the three years. The next meeting Staff Sergeant Elliott attends will show November and December 2019 stats and the year-end totals.
- Two suspicious fires were reported last week and both fires remain under investigation.

Councillor Awa inquired about the Crime Statistics Report in regard to the number of sexual assault offences and inquired how many were repeat offenders. Staff Sergeant Elliott explained he was unsure and would have to check. He went on to explain the process in terms of repeat offenders and their past history.

Councillor Awa noted that the community has to support repeat offenders. Staff Sergeant Elliott agreed. Councillor Awa also suggested letting people know who they can call if they need help, perhaps by giving out a card with the numbers listed. Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated the RCMP do contact those resources on behalf of the person in custody.

Councillor Sheppard noted he was upset when the shelter closed and indicated there is a lot of work going on in getting a new shelter re-opened. He stated progress is definitely being made and indicated that he will be in attendance at the meeting on November 29th. He indicated he is optimistic that a resolution will be coming sooner rather than later.

Councillor Sheppard inquired about diversion to justice and the fact that the stats show nothing so far this year. Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that in some cases, the seriousness of the crime has already bypassed the diversion to justice. He indicated that he believes in restorative justice and stated that the education side on the end of the RCMP has to be in place.

Councillor Nattaq noted that crime is very high in 2019 in some areas when you look at the traditional trends from previous years and seems to be going up rather than down. He indicated that drug possession and trafficking numbers have fallen in 2019 and hopes to see it decrease even further in the future.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that they are close to being back on track on their goals with a performance plan to deal with the trafficking and possession complaints on the drug end. He noted there is still a lot of work to be done and there are now resources to help deal with the problem.

Councillor Lucassie mentioned the cocaine problem in Iqaluit. She wanted to know what the RCMP would be doing about getting the dangerous drug off the streets of Iqaluit.

Staff Sergeant Elliott indicated that there are steps being taken and there are things taking place behind the scenes, however, he was unable to speak to them in a public forum. He stated that he is aware of the increase of cocaine in Iqaluit.

Deputy Mayor Brewster thanked Staff Sergeant Elliott for his report and for his time. She noted that everyone is appreciative of the work that the RCMP does. Deputy Mayor Brewster indicated she will also be attending the meeting on November 29th.

b) Northwestel – Bell Let's Talk Day
Gabby Fuentes

Ms. Fuentes indicated she is the Manager of Government Relation and Community Engagement. She noted that Northwestel tries to provide contributions and sponsorships to four main pillars: Arts and Culture, Youth and Recreation, Communities and Health, and Mental Health.

Ms. Fuentes stated that Northwestel has contributed about $100,000 to Nunavut this year.

Ms. Fuentes spoke about Bell Let's Talk Day Flag Raising Ceremony. She indicated this would be the 10th anniversary of Bell Let's Talk Day. She explained that on January 10th of every year, every text sent to or from a Bell Mobility phone or with the sharing of the Bell Mobility Let's Talk video on Facebook, Snapchat or Twitter, Bell will contribute five cents to mental health.

Ms. Fuentes asked the City of Iqaluit to join Bell in a flag raising ceremony to help generate more conversation about the important cause to help end the stigma against mental illness.

Deputy Mayor Brewster asked Ms. Fuentes where and when the flag raising ceremony was. Ms. Fuentes indicated that last year it was just outside of City Hall and it is on January 29th, usually around noon. She stated that Bell will provide the flag and will do any media the City may want done. She noted they really would like to have the City of Iqaluit as a partner and Bell will do the rest.

Councillor Sheppard indicated he will make a motion to have this added to the agenda of the next council meeting and hoped some of the other councillors would support him so the City of Iqaluit can participate again.

Councillor Awa stated he will pass this on to the Recreation Department as well.

Deputy Mayor Brewster thanked Ms. Fuentes for her presentation to Council.

c) Citizen at Large
Janet Armstrong

Ms. Armstrong appeared before Council to discuss the problem of stolen bicycles in Iqaluit. She spoke about the number of bicycles she has seen over the summer near the waterways.

Ms. Armstrong stated that she feels all bicycles should be locked up at night or put in somewhere where they are safe. She noted that some people don't understand how important this is.

She noted that in most cities, bicycles are picked up by City staff and an owner is attempted to be found. She stated that the City of Iqaluit, By-law Enforcement and the RCMP need to take some responsibility to deal with the thefts. She also noted that bicycle safety has to be taught to children.

Deputy Mayor Brewster thanked Ms. Armstrong for her presentation and agreed that this issue needs to be addressed.

Councillor Sheppard indicated that a transportation master plan is being worked on by the City and it will address all forms of transport in the city, including cycling.

Ms. Armstrong stated she is concerned for those people riding bicycles now and would rather not wait for a transportation plan to be completed.

Councillor Sheppard indicated that by-law was the only thing that can be enforced, and it would take some time to put some regulations in place, but perhaps a PSA could be done in the meantime.

Councillor Stevenson agreed that it takes a lot of effort on everybody's part. He mentioned that people walking and biking should be wearing reflective tape in the dark.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Sheppard stated that last Wednesday, he attended the City of Iqaluit's Volunteer Appreciation Awards. He proceeded to congratulate each recipient for their award and contribution.

Councillor Nattaq stated he was concerned about underground water and underground wells and culverts freezing up. Deputy Mayor Brewster indicated she thought Public Works was responsible for this issue and felt they would be taking the matter into consideration.

Councillor Awa stated that the Recreation Department showed him some of the facilities that they operate. He also stated that the Recreation Committee is looking for members. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2019 and applications can be found at City Hall.

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

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Nunavut Research Institute Application – Mosha Cote**
"Social Determinant of Mental Health that Support the Relationship Between Crime and Suicide." – Lester Hudson, Executive Director of Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce, University of Essex Online, Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Motion #19-343

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

NRI Application "Social Determinant of Mental Health that Support the Relationship between Crime and Suicide."
Unanimously Carried

Councillor Nattaq commented about the availability of programs to help those who need mental health support. Deputy Mayor Brewster stated that perhaps the Recreation Committee could place that on their agenda for discussion.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #19-344

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Lucassie

Council adjourns at 7:11 p.m.
Unanimously Carried

Janet Brewster
Deputy Mayor

Rod Mugford
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 11th day February 2020.