

MINUTES
TOWN OF INUVIK ~ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD ON JANUARY 7 AND 9, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Mayor:	Natasha Kulikowski	Natasha Kulikowski
Deputy Mayor:	Steven Baryluk	Steven Baryluk
Councillors:	Dez Loreen	Dez Loreen
	Paul MacDonald	Paul MacDonald
	Gary McBride	Gary McBride
	Alana Mero (<i>via teleconference</i>)	Alana Mero (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Ray Solotki	Ray Solotki
	Kurt Wainman	Kurt Wainman
	Clarence Wood	Clarence Wood

Staff Present: Grant Hood, Senior Administrative Officer
Stephanie Sutton, Council Administrator
Cynthia Hammond, Director of Protective Services (on Monday)
Jackie Challis, Director of Tourism & Economic Development
Lise Saumur, Director of Community Services

Media Present: Inuvik Drum (on Monday), CBC (on Monday)

Item # 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kulikowski called both meetings to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item # 2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 001/01/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the agenda as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Solotki declared a conflict of interest with item 8.1.

Item # 4 DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR PETITIONS

There were no delegations, presentations or petitions.



Item # 5 **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

Item # 6 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

6.1 Minutes of the December 10 and 12, 2018 Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Solotki, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 002/01/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the December 10 and 12, 2019 council meetings as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.2 Minutes of the December 20, 2018 Administration Committee Meeting

Deputy Mayor Baryluk inquired about the timeline for water pressure testing at the pool, which had been delayed last month. SAO Hood advised that pressure testing had been completed and that staff may have isolated a problem area in the concrete in the lazy river area. He added that the pool drawings on file do not match the physical construction. At this time, the plan is to blow hot air into the piping and use an infrared heat gun to detect remaining leaks. He also stated that he would be in contact with the Town's contractor for an update on a part that has been ordered.

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baryluk:

MOTION: 003/01/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the December 20, 2019 administration committee meeting as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 7 **ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Action Items List

Council noted the document.



Item # 8

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 RFCD 2019-SAO-001 ~ FD.004 ~ Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Steel Toe Footwear Policy

Councillor Solotki declared a conflict of interest and left the chambers during both meetings. Director Hammond gave some background on the policy, noting that under employment law, even though firefighters are not employees, they are still considered workers under WSCC and should have steel toed footwear. It was noted that although firefighter bunker gear footwear is steel toed, firefighters do not always wear it during practice or when conducting inspections. Director Hammond confirmed that the policy would cover a single purchase and that footwear would be left at the fire hall. Councillor McBride inquired if the policy contained a clause stipulating that the Town would cover replacing the footwear if damaged. Director Hammond stated that the policy did not specify this but confirmed that the Town would cover replacement due to damage.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Baryluk, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 004/01/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Steel Toe Footwear Policy FD.004 as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.2 RFCD 2019-SAO-002 ~ Inuvik Water Treatment Plant Heat Supply Agreement

SAO Hood advised that Northwest Territories Power Corporation supplies heat via a glycol loop from their power plant that tempers the intake water at the water treatment plant on an as required basis. He noted that the original 13 year agreement signed in 2001 at a cost of \$40,000.00 per year was part of the Town's takeover of the water treatment plant. Following the expiration of that agreement, a new 3 year agreement was signed and the Town was invoiced for metered heat that was supplied.

After recent negotiations, NTPC reduced its proposed new rate for heat from an 87% increase to 24% over what was being paid, or \$35,000.00 in additional cost per year. SAO Hood stated that the cost is on an as used basis and at this time, the Town does not have an alternate means to heat the water. He added that staff has been looking into alternatives and available funding sources.

Deputy Mayor Baryluk inquired if Administration had been able to confirm if the Town is bound by the formula's cost factor amount. On Wednesday, SAO Hood stated that he had e-mailed a contact at NTPC but had not received a response from them by meeting time.



Councillor Wood stated that the Town should be aggressively pursuing other options and that he was fed up with being held hostage by NTPC. Councillor Wainman inquired about what other options were being researched. SAO Hood confirmed that staff has been looking into installing a biomass boiler at the water treatment plant that could burn wood pellets as well as other types of waste. He noted that funding is available from the Arctic Energy Alliance, GNWT and FCM's green fund.

Councillor MacDonald stated that there is essentially no cost for heat that comes from NTPC's diesel generators, and that it is only when they run the natural gas boilers that they incur a cost. He inquired if there was a way to separate the two sources and meter it that way. SAO Hood stated that as he understood it, the meter is on the glycol line itself. Some discussion followed on whether or not the Town could install its own meters on the lines coming from the diesel and natural gas generators.

SAO Hood stated that the Town requires the heat for water tempering and that the contract has a cancellation clause with 6 months' notice.

Councillor Wainman stated that a water tempering system was missed when the new water treatment plant was built and that it was unfortunate that the Town is running into more costs on a project that was already over budget. Councillor Wainman stated that he hoped finding an alternative solution for next year was a top priority for staff.

Keeping the contract in place as a redundancy was briefly discussed.

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

MOTION: 005/01/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby ratifies the agreement as negotiated between the Town of Inuvik and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation effective January 1, 2019 for the supply of heat to the water treatment plant for tempering the intake water."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 9

BYLAWS

There were no by-laws.

Item # 10

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no reports.



Item # 11 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart

Council noted the document. For information only.

11.2 Aurora Research Institute ~ Notification of Research
Collaborative Research: Food Sovereignty and Self-Governance – Inuit Role in Managing Arctic Marine Resources

Council noted the document. For information only.

11.3 John Wayne Kiktorak Centre Report, December 2018

Council noted the document. For information only.

Item # 12 **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

12.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councillor Wood congratulated all those involved with this year's sunrise festival weekend.

Councillor Solotki stated that she had been approached by community members inquiring if the Town could assist with running the ski club which has been closed due to lack of volunteers. She stated that it could be marketed as another recreation option offered by the Town and alleviate stress on a struggling volunteer run organization. SAO Hood stated that it would be difficult to take on running the ski club with our current staffing levels and that more information would be needed in order to determine how many hours and what skills would be required. He noted that the Town does provide the property tax-free.

Deputy Mayor Baryluk noted a piling poking up in the field on the corner of Reliance Street and Inuit Road. On Wednesday, Council was updated that the piling had been removed.

Councillor MacDonald inquired if there had been any follow up to the letter sent to the GNWT about chip sealing Marine By-pass Road. Mayor Kulikowski stated that she had not received a response. It was noted that the item was marked complete on the action items due to the fact that the letter had been sent. Mayor Kulikowski stated that the Town will have an opportunity to speak with Cabinet at the Northwest Territories Association of Communities annual general meeting next month. Councillor Wood reminded Council that the third and final call for resolutions for that meeting has been sent out. SAO Hood stated that Administration has been discussing resolutions and will present them at the next set of Council meetings for approval.



Item #13

IN CAMERA ITEMS

There were no items to be discussed in camera.

Item # 14


ADJOURNMENT

The committee of the whole meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 006/01/19 "THAT the regular council meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m."

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 BY MOTION #007/01/19


MAYOR


SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER