

MINUTES
TOWN OF INUVIK ~ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 11 AND 13, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Absent: Mayor Natasha Kulikowski (with notice, on Monday)
Deputy Mayor Steven Baryluk (with notice, on Monday)
Councillor Ray Solotki (with notice, on Wednesday)

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
Rick Campbell, Director of Public Services (on Monday)
Eric Whitworth, Director of Finance (on Monday)

Others Present: Mike Harlow, Patricia Davison and Adam Wright, Children First Society (on Monday)
Jesse Harder (on Monday)
Rick Lindsay, Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary (on Monday)
S/Sgt Dustin Ward, RCMP (on Wednesday)

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

Item # 1 CALL TO ORDER

Assistant Deputy Mayor Loreen called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kulikowski called the regular council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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Item # 2 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 021/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the agenda with the deletion of Item 8.4 ~ Junior Girls Curling Team Request for Donation, and the following noted additions: New Item 8.4 ~ RFCD 2019-SAO-004 ~ Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary Request for Increased Bingo Jackpot; and, Item 9.3 ~ RFCD 2019-SAO-010 ~ By-law 2626/APP/19 – To Appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 3 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest with Item 8.4.

Item # 4 **DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR PETITIONS**

4.1 Children First Society

On Monday, Children First Society representatives gave an update on the centre's activities and progress which included:

- Revisiting their strategic plan
- Regular loan payments to the Town of Inuvik
- Installation of pellet boiler and solar panel systems with funding assistance from CanNor
- The effects of GNWT implementation of Junior Kindergarten
- Successful implementation of a community outreach program
- Continued partnership with Aboriginal Head Start, the rehabilitation department at the hospital and collaboration with the school's on-the-land program

Councillor Wainman requested more details about cost savings with the solar and pellet systems. Ms. Davison stated that due to an issue last spring with the solar panels, the centre was unable to determine the exact savings. She indicated that the pellet boiler saved the centre approximately \$10,000.00 in costs last year and that the same amount of savings is anticipated for this year. Discussion on adding batteries to the solar panels followed. Mr. Harlow stated that although the centre does not currently generate enough revenue to seriously consider purchasing and installing them, it is a possibility for the future with funding assistance.

Councillor McBride inquired if the Children First facility was included in the energy study being conducted on Town facilities. SAO Hood advised that it was not included at this time.



Mr. Harlow thanked outgoing Town of Inuvik Director of Finance, Eric Whitworth, for his assistance with the centre's finances as an ex-officio Board member and presented him with a gift from the children.

4.2

RCMP Report (Regular Council Meeting)

S/Sgt Ward gave an overview of detachment activities in January. He stated that members continue to be involved throughout the community coaching minor hockey and with the Mini Mountie program at East Three Elementary. It was noted that the program involves working with students from grades 4 through 6 on different safety topics, and that February's theme is anti-bullying.

Councillor Wainman advised that speeding and cell phone use while driving continue to be big problems in the community and requested that the detachment concentrate efforts on trying to reduce them.

Councillor Loreen inquired if the RCMP increases its patrols on busy weekends such as Muskrat Jamboree and hockey tournaments. S/Sgt Ward advised that the detachment brings in extra officers when they receive advance notice of events.

Mayor Kulikowski thanked S/Sgt Ward for his report.

Item # 5

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

5.1

Development Permit

On Monday, Mr. Harder stated that he had submitted a development permit application and blueprints to the Town which he understood would be on this week's council agenda for discussion. SAO Hood stated that he had met with Mr. Harder and advised him that as he was not qualified to issue the permit, it would have to wait until the Development Officer returns from annual leave next week. He advised that the permit would be included on the agenda for the February 25 and 27, 2019 Council meetings.

SAO Hood mentioned that Mr. Harder had been asked to submit the documents to the Development Officer prior to his departure but that the documents were not received. Mr. Harder stated that he had not been asked to provide documents as stated by the SAO and questioned how the Town handles permitting when staff is not available. SAO Hood stated that it depends on how complicated a permit application is and that it can take some time to review documents. Mr. Harder stated that the delay would mean postponing everything and that he was frustrated with the process.

SAO Hood stated that he did not feel that this was the forum to discuss the item any further and that because the proposal is a commercial venture, there is a question of whether or not it would require the Fire Marshal's approval. Mr. Harder stated that he had talked with Mayor Kulikowski about rezoning his industrial lot to residential which he felt could be done quicker than the process indicated to him by the SAO. SAO Hood



explained that the rezoning process was not a simple motion and required advertising, consultation with adjacent property owners, a public hearing and 3 readings of a by-law.

Mr. Harder thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

Item # 6

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

6.1

Minutes of the January 21 and 23, 2019 Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Loreen, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 022/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the January 21 and 23, 2019 council meetings as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.2

Minutes of the January 23, 2019 By-law Review Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

MOTION: 023/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the January 23, 2019 by-law review committee meeting as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.3

Minutes of the January 29, 2019 Economic Development Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 024/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the January 29, 2019 economic development committee meeting as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 7

ACTION ITEMS

7.1

Action Items List

Item 3 ~ Cannabis Legislation

Councillor Wainman inquired about progress on incorporating rules for cannabis into our municipal by-laws. SAO Hood advised that the zoning by-law amendment requires a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for March 13, to seek input into the proposed



amendment. He added that a first draft of new proposed smoking and business licence by-laws were presented to the by-law review committee in January and will be brought back to committee with recommended changes from our solicitor.

Some discussion followed on where retail cannabis stores should be permitted within town boundaries. The zoning by-law amendment that received First Reading in December proposes that cannabis stores and cannabis-related retail be listed as conditional uses under the C1 Core Commercial, C2 General Commercial and M1 Light Industrial zones. Councillor Wainman stated that allowing cannabis retail in the downtown core within such close proximity to the school was unacceptable. He added that although he was not against someone setting up a shop, conditional uses can be challenged and he strongly suggested that Council consider setting a distance from the downtown core or moving it to the outskirts of town.

Mayor Kulikowski stated that a city planner and manager from Colorado had presented his community's challenges with implementing rules and regulations for cannabis related retail and manufacturing businesses at the *Cannabis in your Community* conference held in Yellowknife last month. It was noted that in early by-laws, the first shop that was allowed to open was located next to a community centre and park. Although this led to amendments to prohibit setting up within 1000 feet of schools and public parks, the first shop was grandfathered in under the amendment and has now expanded to include manufacturing. Manufacturing shops are limited to 3 per zone and 3000 feet from certain areas. Councillor Wainman suggested reviewing the community's legislation to learn from their experience when writing our own legislation.

SAO Hood stated that a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled ahead of the regular council meeting on March 13 and that the proposed zoning amendment will be presented for second reading. He added that Council can amend the draft zoning by-law amendment at second reading. He also mentioned that lawyers have indicated that imposing distances can sometimes cause grief.

Councillor Wainman reiterated that he was most concerned with these types of businesses setting up downtown and in local established businesses. Mayor Kulikowski stated that GNWT rules are clear that businesses cannot set up counters at convenience stores or the local grocery store. She added that each time an application is submitted, the Town will be advised.

Item 6 ~ Pool Leak

SAO Hood stated that the pool is successfully holding water and that the air handling system is being tested prior to reopening. He added that there is still an issue with the red mushroom component, however, it will not affect re-opening the pool.

Item 11 ~ Ski Club Lease

Councillor Wainman suggested that the Town and ski club finish the lease while the ski club is currently not operating. Some discussion followed on the land survey that was needed in order to complete the lease. Administration was asked to inquire if the survey has been completed and to confirm that the Town is ready to sign a lease should the land issue be resolved.

Item # 8

NEW BUSINESS

8.1

RFCD 2019-SAO-007 ~ By-law Review Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Wainman:

MOTION: 025/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the By-law Review Committee Terms of Reference as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.2

Environmental Health Regulations for Food Vendors at the Arctic Market

Councillor Wood requested that Director Challis provide some background on the impact that Environmental Health regulations have on local vendors at the Arctic Market. Ms. Challis advised that the last Saturday market held saw a decrease from 11 to 2 food vendors due to the limitations being interpreted by Environmental Health. She pointed out that the Town was advised a few weeks ago by the Territorial Chief Environmental Health Officer that current interpretation of the legislation for the temporary food establishment permit allows a maximum of 2 weeks or 14 days of operation. Vendors have two options: a) to limit their participation to a maximum of 14 times over the course of a calendar year; or b) choose to apply and pay for a seasonal food establishment permit which is valid for up to 4 months or 120 market days. She noted that the regulations do not currently limit the number of times a person can apply for a term permit.

Director Challis expressed that the Town wants to work closely with the Environmental Health Officer to secure the best outcome for vendors and patrons and that staff ensure that all food vendors secure their temporary food establishment permits for each market. She added that the Town's first priority is keeping people safe and that our request to Environmental Health is that they not limit the number of days or times a vendor can sell. It was also noted that the Environmental Health Department has only recently begun to enforce the regulations' fee schedule.

Councillor Wood thanked Director Challis for her comments. He stated that residents are selling food online through public Facebook pages without restrictions and inquired why Environmental Health is singling out the Arctic Market. Councillor Solotki stated that she supported having the permits and that those selling food from their homes would be reprimanded if Inuvik had more than one Environmental Health Officer. Ms. Challis stated

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that keeping people safe is the Town's top priority and that staff support all vendors having their permits. She added that the Town does not want to see economic opportunities being limited.

SAO Hood stated that Yellowknife may be facing a similar issue but that he had not confirmed with the City. He advised that the Town's legal counsel is reviewing the legislation to determine if they feel it is being misinterpreted by Environmental Health.

Councillor Mero inquired where the Act states that a vendor is limited to 14 days. Director Challis stated that neither the Act nor the Regulations contain any reference to the 14 days and that the only mention of it is in the Food Establishment Safety Regulations' food establishment permit schedule. She added that Environmental Health is interpreting 2 weeks as 14 days in a calendar year. She expressed that the Town supports every food vendor obtaining their temporary food establishment permit and that it is the limitation on vendors and residents from having additional food options in Inuvik that is the issue.

8.3 Proposed NWT Sugar-sweetened Drinks Tax

SAO Hood noted that the deadline to submit the NWT Sugar-sweetened Drink Tax Survey document included in the Council package is February 25 and that Administration was seeking Council's input prior to submission. Councillor MacDonald stated that the economic development committee had also requested that the mayor submit a letter opposing the tax. He added that with the current economic downturn, continuing to tax residents is an added burden. Councillor McBride expressed that there is no real solid evidence to indicate that taxing sugary drinks will reduce consumption. Assistant Deputy Mayor Loreen stated that the consultants at a recent public meeting had indicated that although usage and purchases initially decreased, they ended up increasing later on.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Town write a letter to the GNWT Department of Finance expressing its opposition to the tax in lieu of completing the survey.

8.4 RFCD 2019-SAO-004 ~ Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary Request for Increased Bingo Jackpot

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest and left the chambers during both meetings.

Mr. Lindsay advised that the Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary obtained two rescue seadoos and that the organization requires a support vessel in order to be able to use them safely. He stated that the organization wishes to increase an upcoming bingo on March 23 from a jackpot of \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 as well as a half blackout increase to \$2,000.00 and a waiver of any additional lottery licence fees. Although the request originally noted that the bingo was scheduled during Muskrat Jamboree weekend, it was later clarified that the Jamboree will be taking place in April.

When asked what type of vessel the organization is looking to acquire, Mr. Lindsay advised that the Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary is intending to purchase a new support vessel that is more economical with a heated fibreglass hull big enough to house 3 people. He stated that 90% of past rescues have taken place either before freeze-up or after break-up when it is always very cold.

SAO Hood noted that the waiver of approximately \$2,000.00 in lottery licence fees was not included in the original request and that Administration would not recommend waiving them due to setting a precedent.

Councillor Wood thanked the group for the work it does and stated that he supported the increase in the bingo jackpot. He stated that he agreed with Administration's recommendation not to waive lottery licence fees.

It was noted that any changes to the bingo would not impact the Town financially. SAO Hood stated that licence fees are based on 10% of the total jackpot prize. Councillor Wainman expressed that the Town should be increasing the fees for these types of requests. SAO Hood advised that the proposed lottery regulations coming forward next month include some changes to the bingo threshold from the existing \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 along with rules for Chase the Ace style lotteries. He added that the proposed regulations have been reviewed by our legal counsel and are currently being reviewed by the lottery committee.

Moved by Councillor Wainman, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

- MOTION: 026/02/19** "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby approves of amending the terms of the Inuvik Coast Guard Auxiliary's Lottery Licence for its March 23, 2019 Bingo as follows:
1. Increasing the Jackpot Card prize to \$50,000.00;
 2. Setting the price of Jackpot Cards at \$20.00 each;
 3. Increasing the prize amount for the ½ Blackout Jackpot Card to \$2,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT no other type of lottery except for an approved 'Nevada Licence' during the selling of the cards or during the actual media bingo games will be permitted."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 9

BYLAWS

9.1

By-law 2624/TAX/19 ~ 2019 Interim Tax Billing By-law

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

- MOTION: 027/02/19** "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives **THIRD AND FINAL READING** to By-law 2624/TAX/19, a by-law to provide for an interim tax billing."

Motion **CARRIED**.



9.2 By-law 2625/GEN/19 ~ A By-law to Repeal By-laws no Longer in Effect

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 028/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives **FIRST READING** to By-law 2625/GEN/19, a by-law to repeal by-laws no longer in effect."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Baryluk, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 029/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives **SECOND READING** to By-law 2625/GEN/19, a by-law to repeal by-laws no longer in effect."

Motion **CARRIED**.

9.3 RFCD 2019-SAO-010 ~ By-law 2626/APP/19 – To Appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 030/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives **FIRST READING** to By-law 2626/APP/19, a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

MOTION: 031/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives **SECOND READING** to By-law 2626/APP/19, a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 10 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

10.1 Capital Projects Report

Council noted the document.

10.2 Senior Administrative Officer's Report

Council noted the document. A minor grammatical error was noted.

10.3 Mayor's Report

Council noted the document.

10.4 Economic Development and Tourism Department Report

Council noted the document.

10.5 Public Works Department Report

Council noted the document.

10.6 Community Services Department Report

Council noted the document.

10.7 Protective Services Department Report

Moved by Councillor Loreen, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 032/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the following department reports as presented: Item 10.1 ~ Capital Projects Report; Item 10.2 ~ Senior Administrative Officer's Report; Item 10.3 ~ Mayor's Report; Item 10.4 ~ Economic Development and Tourism Department Report; Item ~ 10.5 Public Works Department Report; Item 10.6 ~ Community Services Department Report; and, Item 10.7 ~ Protective Services Department Report."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 11 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart

Council noted the document. Councillor MacDonald requested that the Economic Development Strategy, listed under current Council Priorities, be moved to the top of the list.

11.2 Letter from GNWT in Response to our Letter Regarding Marine By-pass Road

Council noted the document. Councillor Wainman pointed out that the response from the GNWT indicated paving and not chip sealing. Councillor MacDonald requested that the mayor follow up with a clarification letter.

11.3 Aurora Research Institute ~ Various Notifications of Research

Council noted the document. For information only.



11.4 Letter from GNWT Regarding Cannabis Retail Outlet

Council noted the document. For information only.

Item # 12 **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

12.1 Delegations

Councillor Wood requested that Administration ensure delegations provide a copy of their presentations to Council prior to the meeting.

12.2 Ambulance Response Time

Councillor MacDonald stated that ambulance response time has been increasing since a fire destroyed their facility on Airport Road, forcing them to move farther out of town. Regarding a recent call for a vital signs absent patient, Director Hammond advised that the ambulance was in town on another call at the time and was in transit with another patient which caused a delayed response. Councillor MacDonald stated that there were other cases where response time has been slower than it should be for a community our size.

12.3 CanNor Meeting

Councillor MacDonald stated that he had not been advised by Administration about a meeting next week being hosted by CanNor, and inquired what would be discussed from the Town's perspective. SAO Hood stated that he was not aware of the meeting. Mayor Kulikowski stated that she would be discussing topics with the SAO and Director of Economic Development & Tourism and would have answers ready to questions that CanNor would be posing. Councillor MacDonald inquired if the meeting was open to the public and mentioned that he had some questions that he would like to put forward. Mayor Kulikowski encouraged him to bring his questions forward to her, and added that the meeting had been publicly advertised.

12.4 Addressing Questions from the Public

Councillor MacDonald stated that he was concerned that the response from Administration to Monday night's questions during the public question period was a bit heavy handed. He added that the conversation was definitely heated and that there was some previous history. Councillor Wainman stated that he felt that Mr. Harder was disrespectful in his approach to Council and that there is a process that needs to be followed to build a house. He added that it was unfortunate that staff was not available to review his application. Councillor MacDonald stated that Mr. Harder had indicated to him that he was told by the SAO that his application would be on the agenda. SAO Hood confirmed that he had not committed to including it on the agenda, but rather that he would review it to see if he could include it without the Development Officer's review. Councillor McBride commended SAO Hood for the manner in which



he addressed Mr. Harder, adding that Mr. Harder was pushing to have the zoning by-law amended, which he stated was the wrong approach.

Item #13 **IN CAMERA ITEMS**

13.1 In Camera session (Regular Council Meeting) ~ CTV Act, Sections 23 (3) (a) (b) and (e)

Moved by Councillor Wainman, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

MOTION: 033/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby moves in camera at 7:47 p.m."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Loreen:

MOTION: 034/02/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby moves out of camera at 9:00 p.m."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 14 **ADJOURNMENT**

The committee of the whole meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald:

MOTION: 035/02/19 "THAT the regular council meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m."

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 BY MOTION #037/02/19



MAYOR



SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER