

MINUTES
TOWN OF INUVIK ~ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 25, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Mayor:	Natasha Kulikowski	Natasha Kulikowski
Councillors:	Paul MacDonald (via teleconference) Gary McBride Alana Mero (via teleconference) Ray Solotki Clarence Wood	Gary McBride Alana Mero (via teleconference) Ray Solotki Clarence Wood
Absent:	Deputy Mayor Steven Baryluk (with notice, both meetings) Councillor Paul MacDonald (with notice on Wednesday) Councillor Kurt Wainman (with notice, both meetings) Councillor Dez Loreen (with notice, both meetings)	
Staff Present:	Nicole Cherniwchan Acting SAO/Director of Finance (both meetings) Grant Hood, SAO (via teleconference on Monday) Jackie Challis, Director of Tourism & Economic Development (both meetings) Cynthia Hammond, Director of Protective Services (both meetings) Matt Hogan, Municipal Enforcement Peace Officer (both meetings)	
Others Present:	Jozef Carnogursky, Nihtat Gwich'in Council (on Monday) Rick Lindsay and Ashley Geraghty, GNWT Municipal and Community Affairs (via teleconference on Monday) Mustafa Elamin (on Monday), Amar Al Ser Alawad (on Monday), Win Maung Hla (on Monday)	
Media Present:	Inuvik Drum (both meetings) CBC (on Monday)	

Item # 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kulikowski called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item # 2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 218/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the agenda with the following noted addition: Item 8.13 ~ Environmental Working Group."

Motion CARRIED.



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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest or pecuniary interest.

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

4.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Rick Lindsay ~ 9-1-1 System

Mr. Lindsay gave a presentation on the new 9-1-1 system being implemented across the Territory in November 2019.

Councillor McBride inquired if cell phone users would be charged the monthly fee and if the system would be accessible using cell phones. Mr. Geraghty confirmed that \$1.70 per month will be charged to each telephone line and that 9-1-1 will be accessible by cell phones.

Director Hammond inquired whether NWT residents who have cell phone plans in other provinces would be able to access the system. Mr. Geraghty advised that all carriers doing business in the NWT were required to enable 9-1-1 services and that the system will be able to reroute all calls. Councillor Mero inquired about calls from satellite phones. Mr. Geraghty stated that some newer satellite phones will be able to direct dial 9-1-1 and that those without the capacity to dial 9-1-1 directly will be provided with a 10 digit number to call. Councillor Mero inquired if that information would be advertised. Mr. Geraghty confirmed that it would be part of the communications package available on MACA's website. He mentioned that tour operators coming into the territory would be responsible for familiarizing themselves with local emergency numbers.

Councillor McBride inquired if the monthly charge would be charged for each phone line at a residence. Mr. Geraghty confirmed that all phones that can access the 9-1-1 service, which is the international standard, would be charged the monthly fee.

Councillor MacDonald inquired about search and rescue organizations' ability to use location identifiers. Mr. Geraghty stated that in order to ping a cell phone, 3 towers would be required and that many communities only have one tower. He stated that in 2023, CRTC has mandated that cell phone companies and NorthwesTel provide general location identifiers with a 2 foot radius.

Councillor Wood stated that he thought there should have been more planning in terms of installing cell phone infrastructure on remote highways that could access the 9-1-1 service for emergencies. He stated that residents in Inuvik can call the fire department and RCMP directly and that the 9-1-1 service adds another layer or delay in response time. Mr. Lindsay stated that smaller communities should maintain their direct fire and RCMP numbers and that the 9-1-1 system would not be replacing those.

Mr. Geraghty stated that upgrading cell phone infrastructure was estimated to cost \$90 million dollars and recommended that those traveling frequently on remote highways

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invest in either a SPOT device or satellite phone. He explained that a spot device signal goes directly to a central agency and is then dispatched to 9-1-1, which is a normal practice with other services such as On Star. He added that the 9-1-1 staff will be able to provide over-the-phone emergency medical instructions.

Director Hammond stated that one of the major benefits of 9-1-1 for Inuvik's fire department will be as a backup if land lines are down. Mr. Geraghty stated that the 9-1-1 service will be NorthwesTel's main priority when lines go down and that if there was an interruption, 9-1-1 would have the ability to broadcast alerts.

Councillor McBride stated that all schools in the region have SPOT devices for their on-the-land programs as well as for use by consultants traveling remote highways.

Item # 5 **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

Item # 6 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

6.1 Minutes of the September 9 and 11, 2019 Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Solotki:

MOTION: 219/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the September 9 and 11, 2019 Council Meetings as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.2 Minutes of the September 17, 2019 Public Works Committee Meeting

Some minor adjustments to the attendance were noted.

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 220/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the September 17, 2019 public works committee meeting as amended."

Motion **CARRIED**.

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6.3 Minutes of the September 19, 2019 Administration Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor Solotki, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 221/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the September 19, 2019 administration committee meeting as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 7 **ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Action Items List

Councillor MacDonald stated that the additional gravel put down in the industrial area has helped with ambulance response time issues and requested that the item be removed from the action items list at this time.

In response to Councillor Wood's request for an update on self government, Mayor Kulikowski advised that neither group was ready to come and speak to Council at this time.

Item # 8 **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Request from United Taxi Ltd. for Amendments to Passenger Transportation By-law Regarding Vehicle Age Requirements for Accessible Taxis

Mayor Kulikowski noted the letter submitted to Administration by United Taxi. Officer Hogan explained that based on the current passenger transportation by-law, taxis cannot exceed 10 years of age and that United Taxi is requesting an amendment to allow vehicles older than 10 years to be used as accessible taxis. He stated that municipal enforcement along with the by-law review committee would be looking into making these changes if Council was in favour of it. Mayor Kulikowski stated that the passenger transportation by-law was scheduled to be reviewed by the by-law review committee in November which would give time to make the changes prior to the next renewal period. Officer Hogan stated that the vehicle in question will not meet the renewal requirements as of February 28, 2020. He added that letters would be sent to all taxi drivers and the two taxi companies advising of the intent to review the passenger transportation by-law with their input.

When asked when Mr. Elamin purchased the vehicle, Mr. Elamin advised that it was purchased in April 2019. Councillor Wood inquired if Mr. Elamin was aware of the vehicle age limit when he purchased the vehicle. Mr. Elamin confirmed that he was made aware by municipal enforcement. Officer Hogan explained that United Taxi was struggling to find a vehicle at the time and that they had been planning to approach Town Council to request an amendment to the by-law to allow for an extension on the age of the vehicle. It was noted that the cost to outfit a vehicle to make it accessible was a factor.

8.2 RFCD 2019-SAO-091 ~ NWTAC AGM Expression of Interest to Host the NWT Association of Communities Annual General Meeting

Mayor Kulikowski stated that the Administration Committee discussed requesting that NWTAC put less responsibility on host communities with respect to the annual general meeting. Councillor Mero inquired about costs to host the meeting. Mayor Kulikowski confirmed that between \$7,500 and \$10,000 was expected to be contributed depending on whether the Town can secure a corporate sponsor for the banquet. Councillor Mero inquired if money spent in the community by attendees would balance off that cost. Mayor Kulikowski stated that there would be financial benefits to community businesses. Councillor Wood advised that the conference typically brings in 100-120 delegates requiring accommodations as well as a catered banquet dinner and an auction with a portion of the proceeds being donated to a local non-profit organization. He noted that one corporate sponsor had already been secured. Mayor Kulikowski stated that the Town would be assisting with finding other sponsors.

Moved by Councillor Solotki, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 222/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby approves hosting the Northwest Territories Association of Communities Annual General Meeting from February 26 to March 1, 2020."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.3 RFCD 2019-SAO-082 ~ 2019-2020 As and When Required Electrical & Controls Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Solotki:

MOTION: 223/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2019 - 2020 As and When Required Electrical & Controls Tender Contract to McDonald Brothers Electric Ltd. for the tendered price of \$36,000.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.4 RFCD 2019-SAO-083 ~ 2019-2020 As and When Required Plumbing & Mechanical Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 224/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2019 - 2020 As and When Required Plumbing & Mechanical Tender Contract to Rocky's Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for the tendered price of \$33,500.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

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8.5 RFCD 2019-SAO-084 ~ 2019-2020 As and When Required Road Sanding Tender Award

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 225/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2019 - 2020 As and When Required Road Sanding Tender Contract to Northwind Industries Ltd. for the tendered price of \$48,675.20."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.6 RFCD 2019-SAO-085 ~ 2020 As and When Required Utilidor Piling Repair Tender Award

It was noted that one of the bidders had never previously bid and that this year's lowest bid was in line with last year's winning bid.

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 226/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2020 As and When Required Utilidor Piling Repair Tender Contract to Northwind Industries Ltd. for the tendered price of \$26,250.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.7 RFCD 2019-SAO-086 ~ 2020 As and When Required Road and Ditch Maintenance Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 227/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2020 As and When Required Road and Ditch Maintenance Tender Contract to Northwind Industries Ltd. for the tendered price of \$68,500.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.8 RFCD 2019-SAO-087 ~ 2020 As and When Required Sign, Guard-rail and Paving Repair Tender Award

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 228/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2020 As and When Required Sign, Guard-Rail & Paving Repair Tender Contract to Northwind Industries Ltd. for the tendered price of \$29,250.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.



8.9 RFCD 2019-SAO-088 ~ 2020 As and When Required Brush Cutting Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 229/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2020 As and When Required Brush Cutting Tender Contract to Northwind Industries Ltd. for the tendered price of \$40,300.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.10 RFCD 2019-SAO-089 ~ 2020 As and When Required Road Fuel Supply Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor McBride:

MOTION: 230/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby awards the 2020 As and When Required Road Fuel Supply Tender Contract to Northwind Petroleum for the tendered price of \$16,300.00."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.11 RFCD 2019-SAO-090 ~ Request for Property Line Setback Exemption

On Monday, some discussion took place on whether the request should have been advertised to the public. SAO Hood confirmed that the Zoning By-law did not require advertising requests for approval of conditional uses. Councillor Wood noted that the recent request from NWT Housing Corporation to approve a conditional use to construct duplex units in an R1 zone was advertised. Councillor McBride stated that a previous request to approve a conditional use for the same type of development on a different property was not advertised and that the Town needs to be consistent.

Mr. Carnogursky clarified that the project involved installing solar panels as well as fencing the area. Councillor Wood noted that the development was considered a local utility service, and therefore required approval as a conditional use under the zoning by-law, and that there was also a request for a setback exemption. Mr. Carnogursky confirmed that there would be no issues with the Town accessing the utilidor if needed.

SAO Hood clarified that the request was to approve the conditional use and a front yard setback.

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Solotki:

MOTION: 231/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby approves the proposal to accommodate a solar array system on Lot 41-7-3, Block 18, Plan 1136."

Motion **CARRIED**.

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8.12 RFCD 2019-SAO-092 ~ Town Surplus Vehicle Auction

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Solotki:

MOTION: 232/09/19 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby approves the sale of municipal assets by public auction held on September 14, 2019."

Motion **CARRIED**.

8.13 Environmental Working Group

Councillors Solotki and Wood put their names forward. It was noted Town directors would also be involved and that reporting would not come to Council unless requested or if money was involved. Mayor Kulikowski mentioned that meetings would take place approximately every six weeks and would be scheduled during regular working hours.

Item # 9 **BY-LAWS**

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 – Research Notifications

Council noted the document. For information only.

Item # 12 **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

12.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councillor Wood mentioned illegal left-hand turns and vehicles not stopping for children in the school zone and inquired if municipal enforcement could spend more time in the area during peak times. Officer Hogan stated that the schools are one of municipal enforcement's main priorities and suggested that Council and Administration approach the RCMP to request increased patrols in the area. Councillor MacDonald inquired if the



Town had jurisdiction on school property. Officer Hogan advised that any signage within the school property was the school's responsibility and that the Town could only enforce the areas that touch town roadways, which would include the left-hand turn from the elementary side onto Breynat Street.

On Wednesday, Officer Hogan advised that municipal enforcement had requested more RCMP presence at the school during peak times.

Item #13 IN CAMERA ITEMS

There were no items to be discussed in camera.

Item # 14 ADJOURNMENT

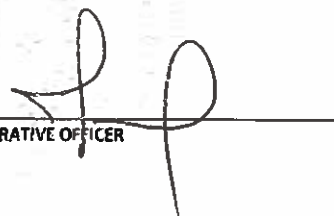
The committee of the whole meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Solotki:

MOTION: 233/09/19 "THAT the regular council meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m."

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 BY MOTION #235/10/19


MAYOR


SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER