

MINUTES
TOWN OF INUVIK ~ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD ON DECEMBER 14 AND 16, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. via VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Mayor:	Natasha Kulikowski (video)	Natasha Kulikowski (video)
Deputy Mayor:	Paul MacDonald (video)	Paul MacDonald (video)
Councillors:	Steven Baryluk (video)	Steven Baryluk (video)
	Gary McBride (video)	Gary McBride (video)
	Alana Mero (video)	Alana Mero (video)
	Ray Solotki (video)	Ray Solotki (video)
	Kurt Wainman (video)	Kurt Wainman (video)
	Clarence Wood (video)	Clarence Wood (video)
Youth Representative:	Cassidy Lennie-Ipana	Cassidy Lennie-Ipana
Absent:	Councillor Dez Loreen (both meetings)	
Staff Present:	Grant Hood, Senior Administrative Officer (video, both meetings) Stephanie Sutton, Council Administrator (video, both meetings) Jackie Challis, Director of Tourism & Economic Development (video, both meetings) James Das, Director of Finance (video, both meetings) Lise Saumur, Director of Community Services (video, both meetings) Cynthia Hammond, Director of Protective Services (video, both meetings) Rick Campbell, Director of Public Services (video, on Monday) Kecil Joseph, Development Officer (video, on Monday)	
Others Present:	Michael McLeod, MP Northwest Territories (video, on Monday) Cst. Stephanie Leduc, Inuvik RCMP (video, on Monday) A/Detachment Commander Sgt. Mark Bishop (video, 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 McBride, seconded by Councillor Wood:	
MOTION: 239/12/20	"THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the agenda as presented." 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 Michael McLeod, MP Northwest Territories

MP McLeod gave an update on federal funding assistance provided to the territory and residents since the beginning of the pandemic as well as some indications about what may be included in the upcoming 2021 federal budget.

Prepared questions from Council were:

1. What is the expected impact of federal Covid-19 spending over the next 2-5 years?
2. Will federal funding be available for northern research as it has been in the past?
3. What is the plan for federal military presence in the north and how will Inuvik be impacted?
4. Will the federal gas tax funding continue and is 2021 considered an index year?

In response to questions, MP McLeod advised that federal stimulus funding of between \$70-100 billion has been identified, although spending areas have not yet been identified. He stated that he expected federal funding for research would continue but was unable to confirm. He advised that Canada's Department of National Defence has been working hard to modernize NORAD in collaboration with the United States and that ships and frigates are being built, and submarines acquired to defend arctic sovereignty. He added that he would continue to stay involved in future military discussions and developments.

MP McLeod mentioned that the federal gas tax funding has seen an increase nearly every year and that the NWT Association of Communities had made a presentation to the Government of Canada's finance committee expressing its support of the continuation of the program.

Councillor Wood thanked MP McLeod for his work on the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework and expressed the need for an addictions treatment facility in the North, mentioning that funding had been cut several years ago, effectively closing the treatment facility that existed in Inuvik. MP McLeod stated that the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework he envisioned would be a mechanism for federal government funding to flow more easily and directly to the territory. He stated that the pandemic has made the North's challenges and deficits even more apparent. He expressed his support of the concept of a northern treatment centre and mental health supports and acknowledged that partners would be needed to make that happen. He confirmed that the GNWT would continue to support making southern addictions services available to northerners.

Mayor Kulikowski thanked MP McLeod for attending.

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4.2 Inuvik RCMP

Acting detachment commander Sgt Bishop gave an overview of the report. Mayor Kulikowski thanked Cst. Leduc for her dedication to the community and wished her well in her new position in Fort Smith.

Item # 5 **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

Item # 6 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

6.1 Minutes of the November 23 and 25, 2020 Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Wainman:

MOTION: 240/12/20 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the November 23 and 25, 2020 council meetings as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.2 Minutes of the September 29, 2020 Economic Development Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Baryluk:

MOTION: 241/12/20 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the September 29, 2020 economic development committee meeting as presented."

Motion **CARRIED**.

6.3 Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Recreation, Parks & Library Advisory Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Baryluk:

MOTION: 242/12/20 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the minutes of the November 3, 2020 recreation, parks and library advisory 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 2020-SAO-096 ~ 2021 Interim Operating and Capital Budget

Mayor Kulikowski acknowledged the adjusted budget summary document that was sent to Council members prior to the Monday evening meeting. Council expressed appreciation to staff for its work in preparing the budget.

In response to an inquiry about a \$12,000 increase in casual wages, SAO Hood stated that the original budgeted amounts presented were incorrect and that casual wages were adjusted to cover anticipated staffing shortages.

Moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Baryluk:

MOTION: 243/12/20 "THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby approves the 2021 Interim Operating and Capital Budget as amended."

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 9 **BY-LAWS**

There were no by-laws.

Item # 10 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

10.1 Public Works Report

Council noted the document. There were no questions, comments, or concerns.

10.2 Planning and Development Report

Council noted the document. There were no questions, comments, or concerns.

10.3 Senior Administrative Officer Report

Council noted the document. Mayor Kulikowski provided a brief update on the conference call with Nav Canada.

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10.4 Economic Development and Tourism Report

Council noted the document. There were no questions, comments, or concerns.

10.5 Community Services Report

Council noted the document. Councillor Baryluk expressed his appreciation to outgoing Library Services Manager Kolin Murray for his work both with the Town and as a volunteer.

10.6 Protective Services Report

Council noted the document. Councillor Wood inquired about taxi driver insurance requirements. Director Hammond stated that she would provide the information after reviewing the passenger transportation by-law.

Moved by Councillor Wainman, seconded by Councillor Wood:

MOTION: 244/12/20 **"THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby adopts the following staff reports as presented: Item 10.1 – Public Works; Item 10.2 – Planning and Development; Item 10.3 – Senior Administrative Officer; Item 10.4 – Economic Development and Tourism; Item 10.5 – Community Services; and Item 10.6 – Protective Services."**

Motion **CARRIED**.

Item # 11 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart

Council noted the document. Mayor Kulikowski mentioned that the Council priorities portion of the chart had been partially updated and would be reviewed in January.

11.2 Aurora Research Institute ~ Notification of Research

Council noted the document.

Item # 12 **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Councillor Wainman inquired who was responsible for maintaining the sidewalk on Mackenzie Road in front of the North Mart store and noted its poor condition. Director Campbell advised that the Town was responsible, however, there were no funds available in the upcoming budget to repair that section of sidewalk.

Councillors requested an increased RCMP presence on the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway and Dempster Highway to help curb impaired driving, and more local patrols to reduce speeding in town, particularly in the Bonnetplume and Kingmingya Roads areas. On



Wednesday, Mayor Kulikowski advised that she had provided the concerns to the RCMP and was awaiting a response.

It was noted that this year's holiday light-up and decorating contest winners would be announced by the end of the week.

Item #13 **IN CAMERA ITEMS**

There were no items to be discussed in camera.

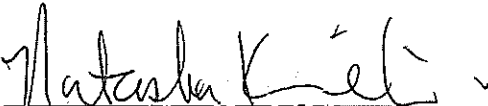
Item # 14 **ADJOURNMENT**

The committee of the whole meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

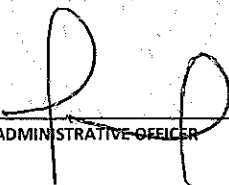
Moved by Councillor Wainman:

MOTION: 245/12/20 "THAT the regular council meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m."

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 BY MOTION #002/01/21



MAYOR



SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER