



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Rankin Inlet  
Regular Council Meeting – No. 01-21  
MINUTES  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
1:30 P.M**

**Present:**

Mayor: Harry Towtongie

Deputy Mayor: Martha Hickes

Councillors: Gabe Karlik, Lynn Rudd, Michael Shouldice, Tommy Makkigak, Danny Kowmuk

**Absent:** Kelly Clark, Justin Merritt.

Staff: SAO Darren Flynn, Comptroller Adine Sandy

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Towtongie recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Councillor Mike Shouldice led the opening prayer.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Res. No.: 001-21**

**Moved by: D. Kowmuk**

**Seconded by: G. Karlik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT :** The agenda is approved as presented.

**“Carried Unanimously”**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None**

**4. DELEGATIONS AND HEARINGS**

RCMP REPORTS - Sgt. Ben Comely presented the detachment report and the statistics for the the month of December, 2020.

He also advised that the RCMP is actively recruiting for Inuit beneficiaries to become members of the RCMP. They have a partnership with Nunavut Arctic College for the training program.

Sgt. Comely thanked the council for their support of the annual Christmas hamper program. With AEM and the Hamlet's support in addition to hampers they were also able to distribute 200 each food vouchers which were really appreciated.

The RCMP is actively looking at ways to divert some incidents. A small number of repeat offenders are in a cycle of offence, incarceration and then repeating all over again. This isn't necessarily driven by criminal intent but is instead driven by past life circumstances that they are having difficulty overcoming. He wants to work with the Hamlet and other groups to see if we can help these individuals get over those past incidents and how we can break the cycle.

- The staffing level is 8 Including the SGT position. Still waiting on the Corporal position to be staffed.
- Continue to monitor large orders entering the community to reduce illegal sales of alcohol.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Regional Director General Gabriel Nirlungnayug presented an update on DFO activities in the Arctic Region. Discussions include:

- Staffing, currently 4 positions staffed in Rankin Inlet.
- Relationship between DFO and the AEM saline discharge project.
- Coast Guard Life Boat Station in Rankin Inlet
- Test Fisheries conducted in the past that can be reviewed with current studies under the "Blue Economy" strategy of DFO. This will better identify species in Hudson's Bay to allow economic benefits for Nunavummiut harvesters.
- The need to assist the local SAR unit and possible consideration of space for SAR when DFO begins construction of an office in Rankin Inlet slated for 2023.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### The Minutes of December 14, 2020

**Res. No.: 002-21**

**Moved by: L. Rudd**

**Seconded by: T. Makkigak**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of December 14, 2020 is approved as presented.  
"Carried Unanimously"

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (None This Meeting)

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE -

- a. GENICE II project requesting support for proposed research in Hudson's Bay on oil spill prevention and remediation.

**Res. No.: 003-21**

**Moved by: M. Shouldice**

**Seconded by: M. Hickes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A letter of support for GENICE II be provided conditional upon them applying for the proper research permit through the Nunavut Research Institute.

"Carried Unanimously"

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning and Lands

Pelagie Papak Presents.

At the November 9, 2020 meeting Council did not approve the snow fence study as there wasn't clarity on why the Hamlet was paying for the cost of the study. These types of studies are an allowable expense to the land fund and are crucial for planning of new subdivisions for community growth and development. The committee recommends that council approve the study at a cost of \$135,600.00

**Res. No.: 004-21**

**Moved by: D. Kowmuk**

**Seconded by: G. Karlik**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** To approve the Snow Fence Study with SLR for \$135,600.00  
"Carried Unanimously"

Geotechnical Evaluation and Drainage Planning for for the new subdivision: Council approved Phase 1 for \$90,641.72 at the November 9, 2020 meeting. The full project scope is now complete and the recommendation is that phase and 3 of the scope be accepted by council. This increases the project costs by \$73,706.08. Total project cost is \$163,347.80.

**Res. No.: 005-21**

**Moved by: G. Karlik**

**Seconded by: L. Rudd**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** To approve the Geotechnical Study and Drainage Planning with Nunami-Stantec for \$163,347.80  
"Carried Unanimously"

Development Permit from Kivalliq Arctic Foods to replace 4 semi-trailer freezer units with a permanent freezer unit. The replacement unit will occupy the same footprint as the existing trailer units and fits within the lot line backsets.

**Res. No.: 006-21**

**Moved by: G. Karlik**

**Seconded by: M. Hickes**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** To conditionally approve the development permit for Kivalliq Arctic Foods provisional on the supply of design and regulatory approvals.  
"Carried Unanimously"

Public Works

The committee is recommending that a 3-way stop be set up at at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> St (Arvinggak) and 61<sup>st</sup> Ave (Tupirvik). It is a heavy traffic intersection and has experienced accidents over the years. Placement of a 3-way stop would improve pedestrian and vehicle safety.

**Res. No.: 007-21**

**Moved by: D. Kowmuk**

**Seconded by: M. Shouldice**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** to approve a 3 way stop at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue.  
"Carried Unanimously"

Snow Removal Sites: The committee discussed the fact that private contractors are not removing cleared snow to the designated dumping areas. The SAO will advise the contractors in writing of the requirements to remove snow to the designated dumping sites.

Garbage Collection: The committee reported that over the next few months it will work with administration to investigate better bins for garbage collection and review equipment necessary to improve garbage collection and waste management.

#### Finance Committee

The Finance committee met on December 23, 2020 to plan the rollout of additional funding received for COVID-19 support From KIA and The GN. 2 voucher distributions will take place. On January 16, 2021 vouchers for \$525 per household will be distributed. A second distribution will take place on February 13, 2021. The Hamlet is also arranging the purchase of country food to be distributed in February.

#### Recreation Committee

With Stage 2 regulations in place the arena is now allowed a maximum of 100 people in the building. 50 total on ice and 50 total spectators. Under Safe Return To Play guidelines we will be limiting spectators to one parent per minor hockey player. All other games, such as senior men's and old timers will be restricted to players and officials only with no spectator's present.

### **9. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND differed ITEMS – None**

### **10. BY-LAWS**

a. By-law 316 SAO Appointment

**Res. No.: 008-21**

**Moved by: D. Kowmuk**

**Seconded by: M. Shouldice**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: to approve Third and Final Reading of By-law 316. The SAO Appointment of Darren Flynn.

“Carried Unanimously”

### **11. OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **12. NEW BUSINESS - None**

### **13. MAYOR/COUNCILLOR/SAO REPORTS**

Councillor Shouldice. Any Update on TAXI service's? SAO advises that 2 companies are back in service since just before Christmas. A third company has surrendered its licence back to the Hamlet and discussions are still taking place with the 4<sup>th</sup> license holder. The CEDO is actively working the file.

Councillor Makkigak. There are still some large loose dogs roaming. Ask Bylaw to be on the lookout for these so that children playing remain safe.

Councillor Kowmuk. Can the SAO check with the GN about the status of the beer and wine store opening? Very proud of the people in Rankin Inlet for following the public health rules and listening to public health officials. This stopped the outbreak and it is helping us all remain safe.

Councillor Rudd. Community Wellness Coordinator ran a number of draws, games and programs over the past month. This really helps residents coping with restrictions and improves their wellbeing. The Wellness Coordinator has also set up counselling helpline and this is helping with people during this pandemic. There is also a Facebook page that people can get information about wellness programs and services. Councillor Rudd has been volunteering with Community Wellness to run some of the events. There have been complaints of municipal heavy equipment speeding but will speak to the SAO about this after the meeting.

Councillor Karlik. Apologize for missing the last meeting but had a last-minute work commitment that made it necessary to miss the meeting. Hamlet crew did an excellent job clearing away from the last blizzard. The New Year's Eve fireworks show was excellent and the Fire Department and Recreation did a great job putting that off. Looking forward to seeing COVID-19 come to an end.

Deputy Mayor Hickes. Hamlet Crew have been doing an excellent job. Recreation also did a great job on Christmas games along with Radio Station Staff. Very happy with the work being done by Wellness. The Road Crew cleaned up very fast after the blizzard. Would like to recognize and thank the Mayor for going on the radio and keeping the public up to date.

Mayor Towtongie. Pleased with the Public Works review of garbage services. Perhaps we can order metal bins and assemble them in town, perhaps sponsor a welding course to look after this. The Mayor and SAO have been having weekly teleconference calls with the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO). This supplies a lot of the information that we can then communicate to the residents.

SAO Report. Currently in Pandemic Stage 2. Following CPHO guidelines. Voucher distribution to begin on January 16. Staff will meet with Public Health staff on January 12 to plan logistics for the Vaccination Clinics. Department managers met for our first face to face meeting on December 16, 2021. These meetings will take place on a monthly basis or more often if needed. Preparing over the next few weeks for development of the 2021/2022 budget. Before the next council meeting on January 25, 2021 will need a By-law Committee meeting to review a Bylaw Officer Appointment as well as review the mutual aid agreement with AEM in order to bring those items back to council

**14. IN-CAMERA - None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. No.: 009-21**

**Moved by: M. Shouldice**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 2: 59 pm.**



**Mayor**



**Senior Administrative Officer**