



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Rankin Inlet  
Regular Council Meeting – No. 04-21  
MINUTES  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
1:30 P.M**

**Present:**

Deputy Mayor: Martha Hickes  
Councillors: Michael Shouldice, Lynn Rudd, Kelly Lindell, Tommy Makkigak, Danny Kowmuk, Justin Merritt

**Absent:** Gabriel Karlik, Mayor Harry Towtongie

Staff: SAO Darren Flynn, Comptroller Adine Sandy

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Res. No.: 041-21**

**Moved by: J. Merritt**

**Seconded by: M.Shouldice**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT : The agenda is approved with the addition of a letter from Arctic  
Buying under item 7 a.

“Carried Unanimously”

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

**4. DELEGATIONS AND HEARINGS**

- a. Sgt Ben Comely RCMP Rankin Inlet Detachment Commander

Sgt. Comely presented the council report and detachment statistics for January and February, 2021. He noted that there has been success with the seizure of a large quantity of alcohol from an alleged bootlegger. The detachment has been hosting students taking the pre-entry training for

RCMP recruits. A number of the students have just completed the entrance exams and are awaiting their results.

Councillors Kowmuk and Shouldice both commented that they are pleased with the crackdown on bootlegging. Councillor Merritt had recently seen an article that sexual assault kits were no longer being supplied in some northern Manitoba communities resulting in victims being sent south to hospitals for evidence collection. He asked if the same was happening here. Sgt. Comely advised that the detachment here has the kits, however, depending on the circumstances, victims are sometimes sent south for additional attention.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Minutes of February 22, 2021**

**Res. No.: 042-21**

**Moved by: K. Lindell**

**Seconded by: J. Merritt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of February 22 , 2021 is approved with item # 15, ADJOURNMENT corrected to show M.Shouldice as the seconder.

“Carried Unanimously”

**6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**a. CIBC Banking Agreement.**

SAO explained that the agreement was being presented for approval and that the change now has all of the municipality’s accounts earning interest on a rate based on the total of all account balances combined. Previously only 2 of the 10 accounts were interest bearing.

**Res. No.: 043-21**

**Moved by: J. Merritt**

**Seconded by: M. Shouldice**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: to authorize signing of the new CIBC banking agreement.

“Carried Unanimously”

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Arctic Buying Company. Letter expressing disappointment in not having been included in the recent hamlet voucher distribution programs and requesting that they be included in any future distributions.

Councillors discussed and noted that despite not being included in the voucher distribution, Arctic Buying is a supplier that the hamlet uses regularly. Its good for residents to have additional options so council will include Arctic Buying on future distributions if they become available.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**b. Lands Committee**

1. A revised application from Richard and Silu Connelly for a conditional development permit for construction on lot 241. They are proposing to bring in materials fall of 2021, start construction in May 2022 with completion in fall of 2022.

Utilidor connection to the building will not be made until approved by CGS following completion of Johnson Cove sewage lift station in 2022.

**Res. No.: 044-21**

**Moved by: J. Merritt**

**Seconded by: D.Kowmuk**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** To approve the Development Permit for lot 241, Richard and Silu Connelly conditional on the property not be connected to the utilidor system until approved by CGS.

“Carried Unanimously”

**9. BY-LAWS - None**

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Airport Contract Update**

SAO advises that the budget tentatively agreed to by Nunavut Airports on January 27, 2021 for the 21/22 Airport Operations Maintenance contract was returned to the SAO on Friday March 5, 2021. Airports rejected it and suggested that the Hamlet enter into a 1-year contract with a possible 1-year extension at the same amount as 2020. The SAO rejected that proposal and advised Nunavut Airports to be prepared to return to negotiate a contract that reflected operational costs. Late Monday Morning airports countered with an offer to enter into a 3-year contract effective April 1, 2021 with a 3% increase over base per year. While the amount is not as high as originally negotiated, it is an increase. With some budget adjustments, it is a workable amount. The contract will also include any unforeseen expenses being able to be billed back to Nunavut Airports with a 10% admin fee. The SAO wants to be able to review the new contract and then bring it back to council for approval. Expect to have the final document back from Nunavut Airports in time for the March 22, 2021 meeting.

**11. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**12. MAYOR/COUNCILLOR/SAO REPORTS**

**SAO Report**

- Hamlet and Ikurraq Food Bank held a drive-up food distribution of caribou meat, char and chicken breast on Saturday March 6, 2021. Big turnout.
- The draft 21/21 budget is complete. Adine is reviewing and it will go to the Finance Committee later this week.
- Final Prices for equipment replacement are being completed and expect to submit to the Public Works Committee this week.

**Councillor Lindell**

- Hockey tournament this past week went well and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the kids. Its good that they are getting the opportunity to participate. The recent reports of violence in Nunavut schools are troubling. Is that something that is happening in any of the schools in Rankin Inlet?  
Councillor Merritt suggested that we could meet with the DEA chair.

**Councillor Rudd**

- She is on the Community Wellness Committee. They met this week and have selected a name and a logo for the committee. Noah Tiktak is the committee chair. The committee is planning on doing a radio show so they will probably meet with the Radio Committee.
- A 55 and up games/gathering night has been set up and will take place at the drop-in center every Sunday evening from 6 to 10 PM.
- The Wellness Coordinator is planning a lunch for elders but it will have to be restricted to 20 people under COVID regulations.
- Post Office. People are having lots of issues with the post office. Delayed deliveries, mail backed up and generally poor service. Can we write a letter to Canada Post and ask them to look into improving service?

**Councillor Kowmuk**

- Has all the Gas Tax money been spent? SAO advises yes. Just waiting on a few invoices.
- The clock outside the office doesn't work and is damaged. We need to remove it.
- Hamlet Office. We need a new one.
- Pakalak Times. What are we doing? Councillor Merritt advises the Rec Committee will begin planning next meeting.
- Medical travel from Arviat and people in isolation, any update? SAO advises that Mayor Towtongie and he met with ACPHO Andre Corriveau on March 5. Only medical patients approved by him or Dr. Patterson are allowed to travel and they are all very low risk.
- Letter of Condolence to be sent to the Hamlet of Arviat.

**Councillor Makkigak**

- Too many loose dogs in Area 6. I am up early to go hunting and at 4 o'clock in the morning there are drunk people driving around. Is bylaw looking after this? Do they provide 24-hour coverage? What do they do?
- Councillor Merritt says Bylaw works 16 hours of coverage a day. If you have problems with dogs call in to the bylaw number. If you are seeing drunk drivers call the RCMP.
- SAO said that loose dogs are the responsibility of the dog owners. Bylaw rounds them up but it is the owners allowing them to be loose. Do you want us to start fining people?

**Councillor Shouldice**

- Good Luck on collecting fines from people for loose dogs. That doesn't work, people don't pay them.

**Deputy Mayor**

- Would like the SAO to write to Canada Post addressing post office concerns.
- Would like to thank the SAO and the other volunteers who did the food distribution

**13. IN-CAMERA - None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. No.: 045-21**

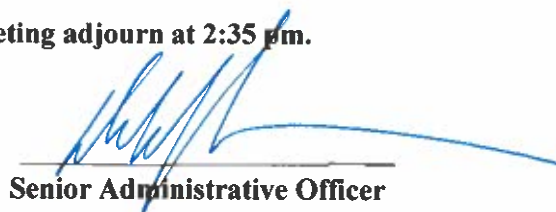
**Moved by: K. Lindell**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm.**



**Mayor**



**Senior Administrative Officer**