



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Rankin Inlet
Regular Council Meeting – No. 05-21
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
1:30 P.M**

Present:

Mayor: Harry Towtongie

Deputy Mayor: Martha Hickes

Councillors: Michael Shouldice, Kelly Lindell, Tommy Makkigak, Danny Kowmuk, Justin Merritt

Absent: Gabriel Karlik, Lynn Rudd,

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 Michael Shouldice led the opening prayer.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. No.: 046-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M.Hickes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT : The agenda is approved as presented
“Carried Unanimously”

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

4. DELEGATIONS AND HEARINGS

a. Honorable Elisapee Sheutiapik, Minister of Family Services, Honorable

b. Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Health, MLA Rankin South

Honorable Elisapee Sheutiapik spoke on her Nunavut travels, and commented on the Adult Group Home that was awarded to the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet 6 years ago that has been awarded to Shift. Family Services regrets that it was not awarded to the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. Also spoke on Child support problems.

Minister of Health, MLA Rankin Inlet Lorne Kusugak spoke on Family Services and Birthing Centre, and that the Government is talking hiring Mid-Wives from South. He also mentioned that the new Airport terminal will be built in Rankin Inlet. Covid vaccinations will be available for Mine Workers. Isolation Hubs will be continued to be used.

Councillor Merritt – Commented on the Contract for the Adult Group Home that was awarded to Shift. Hamlet Administrator will write a press release. Unfortunately there is nothing they can do about it now.

- Smoking rates in Canada that will be discussed further. People who reside in Housing Association Houses absolutely should not be smoking inside their homes.
- And it would be good if more counselors would be added to Mental Health.

Alcohol use in the community was mentioned, also beer and wine store and bootlegging.

Councillor Makkigak – As councillors we are working for the whole community. I agree with Councillor Merritt's comments, we just cannot be put aside with our needs.

- Want to know how to deal with drugs in the north, it's going on way too much in the community.
- Asked how many Hubs there are in Winnipeg, seeing the food they provide on Facebook are not fit for consuming.

Councillor Kowmuk – Thankful that the Ministers could attend our our meeting today. The hubs need to be pushed to be located in Nunavut so the people arriving from South can be observed.

- The RCMP in Rankin Inlet is very good and caring. We should be more concerned about heavy drugs that is coming around.

MLA Kusugak – the Government is looking at more Departments, and will continue working on the two mental health people, and we are hoping to get more professionals to the Department.

- We regret that Rankin Inlet did not get the contract, council should be writing a letter about it.
- There are two Isolation Hubs in Winnipeg, the patients who are doing quarantine in the hotels have to follow the rules, if they break the rules, they have to do another round. The people send me pictures of food they serve, the cooks are doing the best they can, but the patience have to go to front desk when entering the hotel to let them know what they can and cannot eat.
- There are no room for isolation in Iqaluit, as soon as we are able, we will see the Hub opening in Iqaluit.

Councillor Shouldice -

- In our college, there are so many opportunities, Government don't have to shop for workers from south, they need to keep pouring money to our programs for training Mental Officers and Nursing Programs.
- Are the people given a choice where to isolate, either in Winnipeg, Ottawa or Iqaluit?

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of February March 22, 2021

Res. No.: 047-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M. Shouldice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of March 22, 2021 is approved as presented.

“Carried Unanimously”

Councillor Merritt noted that it has been a long meeting because of the the delegations and rather than make the recreation director stay any longer he would like to move the Recreation Committee Report ahead in the agenda and deal with it now. Council agrees.

Recreation Committee Report with Recreation Director David Clark present.

-Bingo Licences for the next 6 months have been reviewed and approved by the committee. The draw to assign slots will take place next week.

-Skidoo race committee is working toward holding their event April 30 to May2, 2021. David is working with the committee and public works to make a much larger parking lot that will allow people to properly distance in their vehicles while remaining in or near their vehicles. The committee wants to know if it will be a “Rankin” only event or will people from other communities be allowed to participate in the races. Council has no issues with the races being open to participants from other communities as long as the Chief Public Health Officer approves the event.

-COVID guidelines continue to restrict activities that can be held due to the restriction of 50 people for indoor gatherings and 100 people for those held outdoors. Pakalaak Tyme planning is underway but it will be very difficult given the restrictions. It wont be possible to hold indoor events but some outdoor activities such as ice sculpting in front of houses will still be able to go ahead. The events will be similar to the games at Christmas. Some events will be online or through the radio.

-Fishing Derby. That committee is still planning for a the fishing derby and continue to fundraise.

-The arena will close for the season on April 1, 2021. Recreation and Public Works will be building 3 rinks on Williamson Lake this year. Two will be for hockey and one will be an oval for public skating.

Back to regular agenda order:

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – There were no Financial Statements

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Arctic Buying Company – Informational

b) Canada Post Letter calling for improved service - The mail was completely sorted out on the weekend with volunteers and additional staff, but there’s a lot more mail waiting for shipment in Winnipeg to Rankin Inlet.

c) Terry McCallum CGS Municipal Funding 2021/2022

Terry McCallum advised Council that Municipal Funding for Rankin Inlet is increased as follows;

1) Annual increase of \$18,673.34 to offset some of the utility and O&M for operations.

1a) An addition of \$626,000.00 for the operating cost of the new arena.

2) Annual increase of \$1,284.00 CGS allocation was increased for 2021/22 fiscal year.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Lands Committee

1. Application for Development Permit, Request for variance – EPLS Properties Ltd.

Res. No.: 048-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: D.Kowmuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To approve the Development Permit/Request for Variance – EPLS Property Ltd. On Lot 134 Block 7 Plan 4444 to build a Multi-Use building with Office Space on the First Floor and 16 Residential Units on the upper 2 floors.

“Carried Unanimously”

2. Request for Variance – EPLS Properties Ltd.

Res. No.: 049-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: K.Lindell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To approve setback variance for Lots 134 Block 7 Plan 4444.

“Carried Unanimously”

3. Request for Extension – EPLS Properties Ltd.

Res. No.: 050-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M. Hickes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To approve Request for extension for the construction Clause for Lots 83 and 84 Block 7 Plan 4444.

“Carried Unanimously”

4. Request for Extension – EPLS Properties Ltd.

Res. No.: 051-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M. Hickes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To approve Request for extension for the Construction Clause for Lots 551 Block 7 Plan 2551.

“Carried Unanimously”

b. Public Works committee–

1. Public Works Committee recommends to purchase 950GC Loader for \$350,000.00.

Res. No.: 052-21

Moved by: D. Kowmuk

Seconded by: M. Hickes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of March 22, 2021 is approved as presented.

“Carried Unanimously

c. Finance Committee –

-Councillor Justin Merritt read the Summary of Budgeted Expenditures 2021-2022.

Res. No.: 053-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M. Shouldice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the proposed 2021/2022 municipal operating budget be adopted as recommended by the finance committee.

“Carried Unanimously

- Airport Contract/Recommendation for 3Year Contract starting April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

Res. No.: 054-21

Moved by: J. Merritt

Seconded by: M. Shouldice

BE IT RESOLVED: To approve to the 2021-2024 Airport Operations Contract as negotiated with Nunavut Airports Division and as presented.

“Carried Unanimously”

9. BY-LAWS - None

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS - None

12. MAYOR/COUNCILLOR/SAO REPORTS

SAO Report

- Signed an agreement with CGS for \$30,000.00, for Covid. Also signed a contract for \$35,0000 to pay a subsidy to essential works making less than \$25/ hour during pandemic.

Councillor Shouldice

- Went to AEM’s Water and Fish Meeting last Tuesday, it was interesting.
- Kathleen Sigurdson’s drive may need to be improved. DEA needs to check it out.

Councillor Makkigak

- Snow bank needs to be removed by group Home for drivers’ safety. It is creating a blind spot

Councillor Kowmuk

- Wants SAO to request another cell phone tower to be erected in the community.

Councillor Merritt –

- Commented on Family Services and Group Home. He wants the Mayor to put out a press release about the contract being awarded to a southern company.
- The Essential worker program that the SAO mentioned will help low paid people such as Radio Station workers who

Councillor Lindell

- School parking lot problem every year, DEA has to go to Education Department and deal with the problem.

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Deputy Mayor – Attended AEM Meeting, they just want to find out about their question from people.

Mayor - Has been getting complaints on Hamlet employee. SAO said to send people to talk to him regarding their complaints, as he has to manage the staff and it is much easier if there isn't interference.

13. IN-CAMERA - None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. No.: 051-21

Moved by: D. Kowmuk

Seconded by: J. Merritt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting adjourn at 4:30 pm.



Mayor

Senior Administrative Officer