



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Rankin Inlet  
Regular Council Meeting – No. 10-21  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
1:30 P.M**

**Present:**

Mayor: Harry Towntongie  
Deputy Mayor: Martha Hickes  
Councillors: Kelly Clark Lynn Rudd, Justin Merritt, Tommy Makkigak, Danny Kowmuk

**Absent:** Gabe Karlik, Michael Shouldice

Staff: SAO Darren Flynn, Information Officer Alma Ulayok, Summer Student Dodie Netser, Lands Officer Pelagie Papak

Attendance: MLA Lorne Kusugak, SGT Ben Comely, AEM Pujjuut Kusugak and Bernadette Tutanuak

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Towntongie recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Martha Hickes led the opening prayer.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Res. No.: 92-21**

**Moved by: J. Merrit**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

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

“Carried Unanimously”

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

**4. DELEGATIONS AND HEARINGS - In delegations were, SGT Ben Comely, AEM Pujjuut Kusugak and Bernadette Tutanuak.**

SGT Ben Comely- He gave the Monthly Report for May 2021, Divisional and Mayors Report, they received several complaints, they also made a stake holder partner. The detachment priorities, Road

safety and impaired driving and crime reduction. He mentioned the RCMP will have an open house on July 7, 2021. Inuit in the north can hunt on each others land.

Lorne Kusugak- He talked about the vaccine. He also said the Rankin Inlet Elders Facility will be going ahead.

Pujjuut Kusugak and Bernadette Tutanuak AEM- They reported to council on the AEM shipping update, Shipping for AEM will be the same as last year, they will be following covid-19 protocol. Employees will not be in contact with the community members.

**5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. Regular Council Meeting of May 25, 2021

**Res. No.: 93-21**

**Moved by: K. Lindell**

**Seconded by: L. Rudd**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes for May 25, 2021 are approved as presented.

“Carried Unanimously”

b. Recreation Funding application missed at May 25, 2021 meeting.

**Res. No.: 94-21**

**Moved by: J. Merritt**

**Seconded by: K. Lindell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To approve Recreation funding application to Sport and Recreation Division for Volleyball court project , requested amount \$20,000.

“Carried Unanimously

**6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –** Councilor Merrit read the draft 2020-21 audit update. He said he doesn't need a motion at this time. We will present the full statement when it returns from CGS

**7. CORRESPONDENCE-** Mayor Percy Kabloona of Whale Cove wrote a letter to Mayor Towntongie, requesting for dotation of the scoreboard at the old arena

**Res. No.: 95-21**

**Moved by: J. Merrit**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council approved Mayor Percy Kabloona's request for donation of the old arena scoreboard to the Hamlet of Whale Cove.

“Carried Unanimously”

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee**

- 1- CIBC Cash Management. This would facilitate the transfer of balances between accounts. Only transfereable between Hamlet accounts and would still follow the requisition process and every transaction would have to be countersigned by the Comptroller and SAO.

**Res. No.: 96-21**  
**Moved by: D. Kowmuk**  
**Seconded by: L. Rudd**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council approved that cash can be managed online with CIBC.  
“Carried Unanimously”

**b. Indemnity Bylaw Review**

**Res. No.: 97-21**  
**Moved by: L. Rudd**  
**Seconded by: T. Makkigak**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council approved the introduction of a new Councillor Indemnity bylaw to be brought back to the next meeting.

“Carried Unanimously”

**Mayor Towntongie declared conflict of interest and removes himself from chamber for discussion on item 8.C at 2:25 PM and hands the chair over to DM Hickee**

**c. Municipal Works Committee**

Access road RFQ Results

**Res. No.: 98-21**  
**Moved by: J. Merrit**  
**Seconded by: K. Lindell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council approved recommendation, option B for Inukshuk Construction for the Access Road RFQ Results.

“Carried Unanimously”,

**Mayor Towntongie returns to the chamber at 2:33 PM and resumes in the chair.**

**d. Lands Committee**

1. Zoning Amendment Request to Lot 831 Plan 4370 requested by The Northwest Company

**Res. No.: 99-21**  
**Moved by: J. Merrit**  
**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The council rejected the zoning amendment request.

“Carried Unanimously”

**e. Recreation Committee**

1. Radio Station equipment is in and the installation should take place in July.
2. Shanti Dias is the Assitant Recreation Director for the summer.
3. Canada Day. This year is still restricted by COVID regulations so the committee is recommending that a drive up distribution of 700 picnic bags be held. When people pick up their picnic bags they can also enter their name in a draw for \$5400 worth of gift cards to be drawn after the distribution. There will be no parade this year.

**Res. No.: 100-21**

**Moved by: J. Merritt**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council approved the 2021 Canada Day activities..

“Carried Unanimously”

9. **BY-LAWS - None**

10. **OLD BUSINESS – None**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Dump Fencing Project Materials Increase by \$37000.00 due to metal prices increasing due to COVID demand issues.

**Res. No.: 101-21**

**Moved by: J. Merrit**

**Seconded by: D. Kowmuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves the additional cost for dump fencing by \$37,000.00. to be financed from accumulated surplus.

“Carried Unanimously”

- b. Town Clean-up Day

**Res. No.: 102-21**

**Moved by: J. Merrit**

**Seconded by: M. Hickes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Community Clean-up Day be on June 23, 2021 and that \$2500.00 in gift cards for draws be approved.

“Carried Unanimously”

12. **MAYOR’S AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND SAO REORT**

Councillor T. Makkigak- Expressed his concerned on the community dump getting too full, the fence being low, also garbage getting too the sea ice. The community dump needs to be looked after and more effort needs to be done to it.

Councillor D. Kowmuk- He suggested that the hamlet ask the government or AEM to help cover the cost of an incinerator for the dump. He then mentioned that council should ask AEM to apply dust control from char river bridge to Meliadine. He wanted to have a portable dialysis available in Rankin Inlet, to make it easier for all Kivalliqmiut because we are the hub of Kivalliq.

Councillor L. Rudd- She was happy Rankin now has a new permanent dentist in town. Now she wants to see more frequently visiting eye doctors. She also said that her daughter reached \$11,000.00 for brain tumor research, she also expressed her appreciation for all the help given. She announced there will be a brain tumor walk on June 27, 2021.

Councillor J. Merrit- He commented about the garbage dump being too full, suggested to have a special meeting on the dump. He was concerned about the eye technicians we have available now,

and that Rankin needs actual eye doctors/specialists available. He suggested small fixes be done to the dump in the mean time, and get block funding from the GN.

Councillor K. Lindell- She said that Iilitaqsirniq will have 500 bags available for Canada Day. She was happy about how much cleaning the summer students did already. She also said that parents were lining up at 9:30am for the registration of the summer day camp, and that Rankin needs more activities for children available.

Deputy Mayor M. Hickes- She questioned about the broken sewer pipes, also the beer and wine store. (T. Makkigak answered the question saying the beer and wine store is ongoing)

Mayor H. Towtongie- He spoke about the dump and that AEM should help with the cost of fixing the dump. He wanted to hold a special meeting on the dump as well. He wanted to congratulate all of the graduates on the news paper. (SAO replies saying it was already done)

SAO D. Flynn- Mentioned that the fuel tank at the fitness center needs to be replaced. He said summer students are hired and working till Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 13. IN-CAMERA

**Res. No.:** 103-21

**Moved by:** M. Hickes

**Seconded by:** K. Lindell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** In-Camera begins at 3:39pm.

“Carried Unanimously.

**Res. No.:** 104-21

**Moved by:** M. Hickes

**Seconded by:** K. Lindell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** In-Camera ended at 3:55 pm.

“Carried Unanimously.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Res. No.:** 105-21

**Moved by:** D. Kowmuk

**Seconded by:** J. Merritt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The meeting adjourn at 3:56 pm.



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Mayor



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Senior Administrative Office