

**INCORPORATED HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK
MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #RCM06-20
7:00PM, Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020**

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Erwin Elias, Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya, Councillors James Pokiak, Joe Nasogaluak, Shawn Lundrigan, Dennis Raddi Sr, Jeannie Gruben and Youth Representative Maverick Elias.

Staff: SAO Shawn Stuckey and MCS Katrina Cockney

3) MEMBERS ABSENT

Motion made by Councillor Joe Nasogaluak and seconded by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan that Council excuse Georgina Jacobson-Masuzumi from the March 18th Council meeting.

Motion# 062-20

Carried.

4) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- i) 8c (ii) EDO Report
- ii) 8c (iv) Fire Chief Report
- iii) 11 (ix) Cindy LeGrow- Resignation letter
- iv) 11 a (x)Chris Hewitt- ILA Land Exchange
- v) 11 a (xi)Maura Riordon- Signs
- vi) 11 a (xii)Cabin Radio- Declaring an Emergency
- vii) 11 a (xiii)Veryl Gruben, THA- Water deliveries
- viii) 11a (xiv) GNWT- Public Health Advisory

b) MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council accept the agenda as presented.

Motion#063-20

Carried.

5) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

As & When.

6) DELEGATIONS

a) MLA Jackie Jacobson

Mr. Jacobson provided Council with a brief update on the meeting that was held at the Hamlet chambers on the 17th of March regarding the Local Emergency Organization Committee (L.E.M.O)

He informed Council that the Minister of Health Diane Thom has declared a state of emergency for the N.W.T.

He also stated that in order for the Hamlet to move forward in regards to the business bylaw Council will have to make an amendment to their bylaw and the Minister would sign off on it tomorrow. He stated in regards to the extra water deliveries for the housing tenants Council would have to motion a state of emergency so that the Minister can enact on it. He will be

working out of his office during his stay at home.

He stated that the Hamlet would have to enact their Emergency Measures Plan and that they'd also need to find out who is responsible for what. He informed Council that information has been sent to all residents through the post office.

Councillor Shawn Lundrigan questioned if the Hamlet can find funding to hire someone to sit at the highway entrance and monitor where people are coming from.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that he asked the RCMP to ask the tour group to leave the community for their own safety. He stated that we need to figure out the authority to keep people out of the community. He also stated that the Hamlet cannot revoke business licences for anyone or any business.

Mr. Jacobson stated that he will do his best to getting the Hamlet reimbursed for any expenses related to COVID19.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that out of the \$1 billion dollars the NWT will be receiving \$600k. He stated that this is small amount in the scope of it all. He questioned if the Hamlet can partner with T.C.C. in purchasing cleaning supplies and get them delivered to each home as there are people waiting for the 20th to do their shopping.

Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr stated that if you look at the other countries and how they are dealing with COVID19 he stated that they are making it mandatory for everyone to be tested and if they refuse testing they are put in jail. He stated that we may have to resort to the same approach as history shows that our people haven't done well when facing an epidemic.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that the NWT Premier, the Chief Medical Officer, MP, MLA and Mayor's will be having a meeting tomorrow to discuss the issues and concerns we have around COVID19. He stated that he hopes that Duane at I.R.C will push for Mayors and Chiefs to shut down our region. He also stated that a courtesy call should be made to the outside tour guides to ask them to cooperate with the Hamlets wishes to keep tourist out during this time.

Motion made by Councillor Joe Nasogaluak and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya that Council declare a state of emergency.

Motion#064-20

Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan and seconded by Councillor Jeannie Gruben that Council create a Tuktoyaktuk Emergency Measure Plan.

Motion# 065-20

Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Joe Nasogaluak and seconded by Councillor Jeannie Gruben that Council write a letter to the Minister of Housing to request for one (1) additional load of water delivery per week for cleanliness/sanitation purposes as per Minister Diane Thom's Emergency Declaration for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Motion# 066-20

Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya that Council write a letter to the tourism operators and outfitters to enact the tourism limitations as per protocols set out by Minister Diane Thom's Emergency Declaration for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Motion#067-20

Carried.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Erwin Elias and seconded by Councillor Joe Nasogaluak that Council write a letter to the local stores to request that they allow seniors ages 65 and older the first two (2) hours in the morning for shopping.

Motion#068-20

Carried.

Mayor Erwin Elias thanked MLA Jackie Jacobson for coming to the meeting and for all the support that he has given with everything this week in regards to COVID19.

7) ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

a) COMMITTEE

NIL

b) SPECIAL MEETING(S)

NIL

c) REGULAR MEETING(S)

i) RCM05-20 Mar 4

Councillor James Pokiak stated that he'd like the statements made by Councillor Joe Nasogaluak removed from the minutes as this was dealt with after the meeting as done.

Administration will remove the comments from the minutes.

Motion made by Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya that Council approve the minutes from March 4th, 2020 as presented.

Motion# 069-20

Carried.

8) REPORTS

a) ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya announced that they will begin the hauling of the cement pads this Friday.

b) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Erwin Elias reviewed his report with Council.

c) STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Erwin Elias informed Council that SAO Shawn Stuckey and MCS Katrina Cockney have been focusing on issues regarding COVID19 so some items will be set aside.

i) Community Tourism Coordinator (CTC)

Filed as received.

ii) Economic Development Officer (EDO)

Filed as received.

iii) Public Works Foreman

SAO Shawn Stuckey informed Council that the Kitti hall had a positive test for coliform. He stated that the tanks were sanitized and the system flushed, he also stated that the tanks were cleaned. He assured Council that testing was redone and tests came back negative.

Councillor James Pokiak stated that he was concerned that the foam truck was sitting since November.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that there are new protocols for the Fire Chief to have the system flushed out after each use.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that it is important to have assessments done on our Hamlet facilities. He stated that MACA may be able to come in to complete these assessments.

iv) Fire Chief Report

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that the air compressor needs repairs and that it cannot be used as our fire department does not have the training to do so. He stated that he along with the Fire Chief and Public Works Foreman will be looking at costing for a new fire truck.

Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr stated that when it comes to the safety of our community it shouldn't be about saving dollars or cents.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that when administration and staff do find quotes they will be reviewed with Council prior to purchasing.

v) SAO

SAO Shawn Stuckey provided a verbal report to Council.

Mayor Erwin Elias questioned with everything that is happening with COVID19 would any of our funding pots be effected.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that it is still too early to request for extensions but if the time comes the requests can be put in.

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya that Council accept all staff reports as presented.

Motion# 070-20

Carried.

Mayor Erwin Elias called a break at 8:38pm returning back at 8:48pm.

9) BUSINESS ARISING (from)

a) DELEGATIONS

i) Dustin Whalen-Presentation

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that during the presentation Dustin Whalen showed a map of the community with notes from our Lands officer that were inputted. He'd like to ensure that Council has the opportunity to have their say.

b) PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

10) OLD BUSINESS

a) CORRESPONDENCE: OUTGOING

i) Ltr to Manager, Liquor Enforcement RE: Temp. Prohibition 2020
Filed as information.

b) OTHER

i) Beluga Jamboree

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that Inuvik has sopped all fundraising as of this Friday and stated that they will still continue with the crowning of King & Queen and raffles will be drawn the next week. He questioned if Council should consider cancelling our jamboree.

Councillor Joe Nasogaluak stated that the community needs to make a statement to show that we are taking this serious and by cancelling we are doing so.

Councillor James Pokiak stated that if the jamboree does get cancelled we should still go ahead with the crowing and raffle draws.

Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr stated that he agrees that the jamboree should be cancelled as there will be a lot of people coming into the community due to other jamborees being cancelled.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that based on the concerns of Council the jamboree will need to be cancelled.

Council agreed to allow the contestants to fundraise online only until the 27th of March and to have the crowning with the raffle draws done on the same date.

Motion made by Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr and seconded by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan that Council set the date for the next Beluga Jamboree to April 16-29th, 2021.
Motion# 071-20 **Carried.**

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan that Council hold a modified Beluga Jamboree to allow for the crowning of the King and Queen and to also allow the raffle draws to be done on March 27th, 2020.
Motion# 072-20 **Carried.**

Mayor Erwin Elias would like the SAO to check into future meetings of Council with MACA and update Council via email.

11) NEW BUSINESS

a) CORRESPONDENCE: INCOMING

i) GNWT Request for 2020 General Mill Rate Increase
Filed as information.

ii) Chris Hewitt- Re: ILA land exchange project
SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that Mr. Hewitt was supposed to present tonight to Council on the land exchange project. He stated that Council would need to consider developing land for the future based on Dustin Whalen's presentation.

iii) TCCRP Quarterly Newsletter February 2020
Filed as information.

iv) GNWT- NWT Preparations in response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) update
Filed as information.

v) GNWT- Northwest Territories 2020-21 Policing Priorities
Filed as information.

vi) British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society- 2020 gathering
Filed as information.

vii) ARI- App. No 4664

Council stated that there should not be any research being done unless its urgent.

viii) Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation- RE: 2020 Beluga Jamboree Donation
Mayor Erwin Elias stated that there have been a lot of donations that were given for the 2020 Beluga Jamboree. He'd like letters written to whomever donated to inform them that our jamboree has been cancelled and to see if its okay for the Hamlet to move funds over to next year.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that letters will be sent out in this effect.

ix) Cindy LeGrow- Resignation letter

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council accept the resignation letter from Cindy LeGrow.

Motion# 073-20

Carried.

x) Chris Hewitt- ILA Land Exchange

Filed as information.

xi) Maura Riordon- Signs

Filed as information.

xii) Cabin Radio- Declaring an Emergency

Filed as information.

xiii) Veryl Gruben, THA- Water deliveries

Filed as information.

xiv) GNWT- Public Health Advisory

Filed as information.

b) LAND/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

NIL

c) OTHER

i) Tuktoyaktuk Coastal Erosion

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that during the presentation Dustin Whalen showed a map of the community with notes from our Lands officer that were inputted. He'd like to ensure that Council has the opportunity to have their say

12) BYLAWS

NIL

13) COUNCIL CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS

a) NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

b) OTHER

i) Councillor Shawn Lundrigan made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Questioned if the Hamlet can have checks on the highway and if we can find funding to have this position.
- Questioned if we can have our full balance owing on our water bills as the way it is now we only see what is owing.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that administration will look into how this can be changed.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council allow a 30-day grace period for water/sewer payments for residents of Tuktoyaktuk.

Motion# 074-20

Carried.

ii) Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Questioned what would happen if the Hamlet employees were to get sick is there a plan in place to hire casuals.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that the Hamlet needs to have a plan in place in case this becomes a reality.

iii) Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Stated that there is a lot of snow around the community. He'd like to see the cemetery being kept clear in case we have to use it.
- Stated that with all the bingos that have been cancelled there is no way to get announcements out to the residents as everyone listened to the radio through the radio station.

He suggested having a radio show from 1-3 daily for announcements and that maybe the Health centre would be able to read some information for COVID19.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that administration will work with our radio station employee for a radio show.

iv) Councillor Joe Nasogaluak made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Questioned our capacity of the morgue and our capacity to dig graves. He stated worst case scenario we're going to need an alternative place for holding bodies.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that this is a good point to bring up when we are reviewing our Emergency Response Plan.

v) Councillor James Pokiak made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Questioned if the Kitti hall has a generator, if not this should be a high priority for the community.
- Stated that during the last power outage the school was used as a safe shelter. He stated that school staff were there serving people with soup and coffee. He stated that there were some community members who were there that were very rude towards the school staff. He stated that people need to be educated

on the importance of volunteering in the community during times like this. He also stated that the school spent roughly around \$900.00 for this and he'd like to see them be reimbursed as the funds came out of their sport fundraising.

vi) Councillor Jeannie Gruben made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- Questioned if there was any update in regards to the group of rally cars/trucks that there doing donuts with their vehicles at the point and on the baseball field.
MCS Katrina Cockney stated that she reached out to one of the members through Facebook but have not heard anything back. She also stated that the information of the person(s) involved were sent to ITI, Minerva Ward in Inuvik.

vii) Mayor Erwin Elias made the following statement/concern/suggestion:

- He thanked the SAO and his staff for what they did throughout the power outage.
- He thanked the MLA Jackie Jacobson for all that he did during the outage as well.
- He thanked all the people who have donated during the power outage such as the DEA, School staff, Audrey Walker, Stanton's for delivering food with his family, Noella Cockney who ran around and checked on elders, Eileen Jacobson, Tuk Taxi for offering free rides to and from the school, Steen Enterprises Ltd, and anyone else who he has missed. He'd also like letters sent out to these individuals.
- Letter's to the NTPC and Minister in charge of NTPC need to be sent out to question if they would send linemen into our community prior to a blizzard so that long outages can be avoided. He stated that it is unacceptable for them not to send anyone here, he stated that we are being treated like 3rd world people. He'd like them invited to a Council meeting to discuss issues regarding the power outages.

Councillor James Pokiak suggested that the Hamlet include previous years' letters that were sent to the NWTPC regarding outages and having linemen come into the community.

14) IN-CAMERA SESSION

a) Personnel

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Councillor Jeannie Gruben that Council revert to an in-camera session to discuss personnel at 10:03pm

Motion# 075-20

Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Dennis Raddi Sr and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council revert back to public session at 10:21pm.

Motion# 076-20

Carried.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Deputy-Mayor Ryan Yakeleya

that Council adjourn the meeting of March 18, 2020 at 10:22pm.

Motion# 077-20

Carried.

I hereby certify that these minutes have been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Hamlets Act* and the bylaws of the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk.



SAO Shawn Stuckey



Mayor, Erwin Elias