

**INCORPORATED HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #RCM08-21  
7:00PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Erwin Elias called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**2) RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Erwin Elias, Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens, Councillors Shawn Lundrigan, Ryan Yakeleya, Joe Nasogaluak and James Pokiak.

Staff: SAO Shawn Stuckey, ASAO Katrina Cockney

**3) CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO EXCUSE ABSENCE OF MEMBER**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council excuse Councillors Tyrone Raddi and Tianna Gordon-Ruben from the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion# 087-21**

**Carried.**

**4) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**a) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

- i. CPC Recommendation- Community Energy Plan**
- ii. Nunakput MLA, Jackie Jacobson**

**b) MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council adopt the agenda with additions.

**Motion# 088-21**

**Carried.**

**5) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**As & When.**

**6) DELEGATIONS**

**a) RCMP**

Sgt. McDonald reviewed the March policing report with Council and answered any questions that came out of the report.

Councillor James Pokiak questioned how the weekend was with the prohibition in place.

Sgt. McDonald stated that the calls for service were still high regardless of the prohibition being in place or not.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that skipping season will be here soon and we'd like to know if the Hamlet can do anything to support the RCMP to try deter it from happening.

Sgt. McDonald stated that the first step should be education on the matter and getting them to wear their life jackets.

Mayor Erwin Elias thanked Sgt. McDonald for coming and for his service to the community.

**b) Nunakput MLA, Jackie Jacobson**

Mr. Jacobson provided Council with a verbal update on the things that he is working on. He congratulated the Hamlet on a successful weekend.

He stated that Tuk will be receiving 4 additional housing units.

He also stated that the self isolation has been changed from 14 days to 8 if you are fully vaccinated.

Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens stated that he did not receive a second card for when he got vaccinated and that the cards that they do provide do not have the patients information on it.

Mr. Jacobson stated that he will follow up with the Minister of Health tomorrow in regards to the cards being issued.

Mr. Jacobson also announced that the school renovation project has started and stated that there may be a ground breaking ceremony scheduled.

Councillor James Pokiak stated that he was very disappointed with the lack of communication between the contractor for the school and the school staff. He stated that he was informed by the Principal that he was supposed to be in contact with the contractors to know what is going on in the school area and there hasn't been any communication between the two. He stated that he had to go and speak with the contractor as the school had to change the pick up and drop off locations for the school bus.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that he is unsure if we can do anything on our end but possibly the MLA can look into this for us.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that the timeline that was requested was done by the GNWT and that he'd request the latest update from the contractor.

Mayor Erwin Elias would like a letter written to the Minister of Education to answer our questions and to see what their hiring process is. He stated that there is an opportunity for a trades opportunity to get someone qualified under an apprentice.

Councillor Shawn Lundrigan stated that in the meantime the principal should announce that it is an active construction site and that administration should get written information from the school for us to announce.

Mayor Erwin Elias thanked Mr. Jackie Jacobson for coming before Council to give a quick update and thanked him for getting us the \$30K and for volunteering for the dog races over the jamboree weekend.

**7) ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**a) COMMITTEE**

CPC Recommendation:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens and seconded by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan that Council approve the Community Energy Plan as presented.

**Motion# 089-21**

**Carried.**

**b) SPECIAL MEETING(S)**

NIL

**c) REGULAR MEETING(S)**

**i. RCM07-21 Apr 7**

Councillor Joe Nasogaluak stated that on page 5 of 6 under bullet 13B (ii) he stated that it should also read that the area should be flattened to be more smooth.

Councillor Joe Nasogaluak stated that a correction is needed under item 3 he stated that he was present at the meeting.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens and seconded by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya that Council accept the April 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with the noted corrections.

**Motion# 090-21**

**Carried.**

**8) REPORTS**

**a) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**i. Councillor James Pokiak announced that his sister Margaret Fenton Pokiak passed on yesterday.**

Mayor Erwin Elias extended condolences to James Pokiak and the family of Margaret.

**b) MAYOR'S REPORT**

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens that Council accept the Mayors verbal report.

Mayor Erwin Elias provided Council with a verbal report and highlighted the following:

- Thanked and congratulated the Recreation department, fire department and garage staff on a successful jamboree especially with all the restrictions we had to follow.
- He thanked all the volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible, he stated that we were even able to bring in a small group of people from out of town to help run the skidoo races.
- He conducted an interview with CBC regarding restrictions in the NWT and stated that all decisions regarding the restrictions are being made out of Yellowknife.
- He conducted an interview regarding shoreline erosion issues that the Hamlet is facing.
- He met with THTC and TCC regarding the community harvest fund that the Hamlet contributed \$23k towards. He stated that the next meeting will be in July to discuss summer harvests.
- Met with MLA Jackie Jacobson regarding the issues on the ITH as well as the Minister regarding the current condition of the ITH.
- He stated that with Spring season approaching we need to promote ice safety and be sure that postings are sent out as it's a different year.
- He requested that staff reports be sent to Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month.

**c) STAFF REPORTS**

SAO Shawn Stuckey provided Council with a short update on the following:

- He announced that there was \$688M added for the Disaster Mitigation Assistant

Fund (D.M.A.F) and that he has no further information on when the pot may be opening up.

- He informed Council that the Economic Development Officer and Community Tourism Coordinator positions will be posted and that we are still 3 staff members short in the office.

Mayor Erwin Elias announced that there will be a DMAF meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the 3 options that were delivered. He stated that all 3 options are suitable models for protection and that the next step is to ask how they came up with the numbers especially with the rock that we have now coming from outside. He stated that no other companies were looking into or consulted. He stated that all numbers are based out of Inuvik and that the Hamlet would need to go with the option that we can afford to take on. He stated that it is unfair to the committee if we don't have detailed information and stated that the minutes of the DMAF committee should always be presented to Council.

**9) BUSINESS ARISING (from)**

**a) DELEGATIONS**

NIL

**b) PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**i. RCM07-21- Signage**

Councillor James Pokiak recommended that both welcome to Tuk signs be relocated to areas where they won't pose a danger hazard to oncoming traffic. He stated that people are stopping at the signs to take photos. He'd like to see the area flattened by the Welcome to Tuk sign on the highway and he'd also like to see the old airport sign moved closer to the visitors centre.

Motion made by Councillor James Pokiak and seconded by Councillor Shawn Lundrigan that Council give direction to administration to get both the "Welcome to Tuk" signage moved by June 2021.

**Motion# 091-21**

**Carried.**

**10) OLD BUSINESS**

**a) CORRESPONDENCE: OUTGOING**

- Letter to Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation RE: Letter of Support April 9
- Letter of support RE: Arctic Coastal Community Sustainable Development Framework April 12
- Letter of support to Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation April 15

**b) OTHER**

NIL

**11) NEW BUSINESS**

**a) CORRESPONDENCE: INCOMING**

- Coastal Zone Canada 2021 Conference-** Information
- Pierce Manufacturing Inc- Thank you for purchase-** Information
- Helen Burt- Run2theEnd Documentary-**Information
- Inuvialuit Water Board- 2020 Annual Report-** Information
- Arctic Science Summit Week 2021-** Information

**b) LAND/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
NIL**

**c) OTHER  
NIL**

**Mayor Erwin Elias declared a break at 8:32pm returning back at 8:40pm.**

**12) BYLAWS  
NIL**

**13) COUNCIL CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS**

**a) NOTICE OF MOTIONS  
NIL**

**b) OTHER**

**i. Councillor Shawn Lundrigan made the following concern/suggestion:**

- He informed Council that the Coastal Restoration Fund is open and that it would be great to see a community cleanup done.

Mayor Erwin Elias informed Councillor Lundrigan to get the information on the funding to the SAO for review.

**i) Councillor Ryan Yakeleya made the following concern/suggestion:**

- He thanked the volunteers and the Recreation department for a successful weekend
- He thanked the Mayor for everything that he did over the weekend as it was good to see people out.
- He questioned if this is our last meeting until June.

SAO Shawn Stuckey informed him that the next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ii) Councillor Joe Nasogaluak made the following concern/suggestion:**

- He stated that a few weeks ago he brought up the metal posts by the airport and he wanted to know if he can bring the SAO out to show him where the posts are. He also stated that he can bring him to the point to show him what's needed for the spring as well.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that the airport lot is not the Hamlet's property and that letters did go out to the proper authorities for this.

**iii) Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens made the following concern/suggestion:**

- He questioned if anyone has been keeping track of when or if the water trucks have been shocked as per the contract they are supposed to conduct shocks every (6) six months. He stated that previously it was the Water Treatment Plant Operators responsibility.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that he will check the contract to see what it reads in regards to the shocking of tanks.

iv) Councillor James Pokiak made the following concern/suggestion:

- He congratulated everyone on a job well done especially with ensuring COVID requirements were followed.
- He wished everyone a safe spring.
- He'd like a reminder sent out to parents who allow their children to drive around.
- He stated that the igloos that were built by the Mangilaluk school students were vandalized by four youth.
- He stated that flyers need to be sent out for people who are having suicidal thoughts.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that there was an incident where an individual was having suicidal thoughts and the RCMP released that individual only after 30 minutes. He stated that he's pretty sure they are supposed to be under 24hr suicide watch.

He stated that there was no follow up done on this file.

He'd like a letter sent to the Minister of Health and include our MLA on the letter as well. He stated that we have no mental health support in our community.

Councillor James Pokiak stated that we need to start having more grieving workshops as some people struggle with grief.

Councillor Ryan Yakeleya stated that the Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation has funding for this type of workshops and that all Hamlet would need to do is send in a letter of request.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that it would be great to get people in from across the N.W.T to avoid COVID restrictions/isolation.

Councillor James Pokiak stated that Tuktuk B&B will cover the bill if there were workshops happening in the community.

- He stated that he will be out of town on the 28<sup>th</sup> for two weeks.

v) Mayor Erwin Elias made the following concern/suggestion:

- He questioned if the Hamlet received any notification for the S.C.E.S. funding, if not we should get a letter to their department to see if we'll get the funding again this year.

SAO Shawn Stuckey stated that we will do a follow up in regards to the S.C.E.S. funding.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that this fund helped the Hamlet hire an additional 20 employees.

- He stated that he was shown a video of people jumping on the fencing on the caisson while intoxicated. He would like the Hamlet to get back to the owners of the caisson to inform them about the safety concerns as these are young adults.

Councillor Joe Nasogaluak stated that the Hamlet shack that is by the M.T.S. lot is being used as a party place. He stated that this is a huge safety concern.

Mayor Erwin Elias would like a letter sent to M.T.S. as well to inform them of this concern.

#### 14) IN-CAMERA SESSION

NIL

#### 15) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Jim Stevens and seconded by Councillor James Pokiak that Council adjourn the meeting of April 21, 2021 at 9:06pm.

**Motion#092-21**

**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