

**INCORPORATED HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK
MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #RCM02-24
7:00PM, Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Erwin Elias called meeting to order at 7:07pm

2) RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Erwin Elias, Deputy Mayor Tyrone Raddi (ph), Councillors Jackie Jacobson, Maureen Gruben, Ryan Yakeleya, Elizabeth Arey, Vince Teddy, Audrey Nasogaluak
Staff: ASAO, Katrina Cockney and Office Assistant Meagan Cockney, Nuna Assistant Devalynn Pokiak, RCMP Delegate Sgt. Chris Whynot

3) CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO EXCUSE ABSENCE OF MEMBER

Mayor Erwin Elias informed Council of Councillor James Pokiak's intention to step down. This will be discussed further in Notice of Motions/In-Camera

4) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- i) EDO Report (8.c.iii.)
- ii) Project Nuna, Devalynn Pokiak – present (8.c.ii.)
- iii) Avian North Consulting Inc. – Consultation services (11.a.xiv.)
- iv) Lorie Fyfe, Department of Environment and Climate Change – letter of support (11.a.xv.)

b) MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Councillor Vince Teddy and seconded by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya that Council adopt the agenda with additions.

Motion #013-24

Carried.

5) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

As & When

6) DELEGATIONS

a) Terri-Lee Kuptana, GNWT Family Worker

Deferred until present – Terri-Lee Kuptana arrived at 7:15 and presented her report on Tuktoyaktuk Healthy Family Program, Moosehide Tanning Workshop 2023

Terri-Lee Kuptana informs Council; Last years program was funded by the Healthy Choices Fund, hides were donated from ICEDO, there were 8 participants, 2 per hide. Participants completed the hides from the very first to the last steps, the tools used were made locally, and Participants from last year will be mentoring this year. Terri-Lee Kuptana is asking Council for support for this program, a support letter and in distribution of finances. The program is looking at getting 20 participants this year, and would also like to start caribou hide tanning. Terri-Lee Kuptana stated that she has reached out to the Healthy Choices Fund Initiative this year, as well as ECC & is looking to enter into an agreement with the Hamlet as was done last year, whether a cheque be written directly to the Hamlet, or the Hamlet would issue cheques & a full invoice be sent to the program.

Mayor Erwin Elias States that this is an amazing program, but he wasn't aware that the Hamlet supported this last year. If an organization is utilizing the Hamlets administrative capacity, the Council is usually aware of it, as it has to be approved. Mayor Elias states that he is unsure of whether or not the Hamlet has the administrative capacity right now with upcoming projects, and the amount of transition of administration recently. If Council

can see a proposal with the written request, Council can make a decision. It sounds like this is a cultural program that is in the Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporations wheelhouse.

Terri Lee Kuptana confirmed that the Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation doesn't have the capacity, and last year the agreement was organised with the SAO.

Mayor Erwin Elais stated that Council was not aware, but would like to support it as it is a great program. Mayor Elias requested that a proposal be brought to council.

Councillor Maureen Gruben stated that she was fortunate enough to see this program, and that there should be one hundred percent support for this program for our community, as programs like this not only enrich individuals, but families and the community. If we can start with a support letter, and TCC is not able to help with facilitating the program, then we really need to be behind it.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that it sounds like the program needs an 'umbrella', but we have to be careful with our administration and capacity. If we can get the details, we can sign off as a Council to support the project.

Terri-Lee Kuptana stated that she will send in a proposal with more detail, and the Hamlet will receive a 15% administration fee. She stated that she is currently working on proposals for funding with ECC, and other avenues such as the Mental Wellness fund.

Council agrees that it is a good program and thanks Terri-Lee Kuptana for coming in today.

b) RCMP policing report

Sgt. Chris Whynot highlighted the November/December 2023 Policing Report

i) November

RCMP met with the armed forces and delivered presents to the school through an outreach program in Alberta. Sgt. Chris Whynot was able to meet with the RCMP Commissioner and discussed reconciliation across the NWT. RCMP also presented in the school about healthy choices, particularly the effects of drugs and alcohol. Notable occurrences: an intoxicated male had broken into several homes in the community. He was apprehended and released to another community. Crime Reduction: RCMP members have been able to sit in on a tenant relation hearings, this tool has been helpful in reducing complaints in the community. RCMP assisted with community events, such as the Remembrance day presentations.

ii) December

Police have been investigating a sextortion complaint with a youth. RCMP is linked with Yellowknife regarding this complaint now. There is a high rate of occurrences of sexual offences regarding youth. In response, RCMP are going into the school to educate youth on cyber crimes and internet safety. In addition, RCMP is hiring a female member, and have the opportunity to send two members to receive specialized training on sexual crimes on youth, so the RCMP can better handle these situations on the ground level. RCMP is involved with hockey and the John Chabot hockey school, which is going well so far. RCMP is happy to help and make accommodations for events such as the Magoo Crew, who has spread a good message on healthy choices. Councillor Maureen Gruben brought up the following concern; when we are trying to contact the RCMP in town, Dispatch informed that calls could not go directly to detachment according to policy. Sgt. Chris Whynot responded; There is still some confusion with dispatch, there may be some new operators that may not know the policy. Sgt. Chris Whynot informed Council that he will be looking into this. Councillor Maureen Gruben commented; good work. Lots of involvement, it is great to see Mayor Erwin Elias commented; thank you for being involved in all the activities, its amazing to have groups to be involved.

Councillor Jackie Jacobson commented; thank you for working with us all last week with Hockey, and all the involvement.

Mayor Erwin Elias commented; if there is anything that we can help with please let us know.

Sgt. Chris Whynot informed Council that Cst. Dickson will be here next meeting to introduce herself

7) ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

a) COMMITTEE

NIL

b) SPECIAL MEETING(S)

NIL

c) REGULAR MEETING(S)

RCM01-24 Jan 3, 2024

Motion made by Councillor Jackie Jacobson and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Arey that Council adopt the RCM01-24 January 3rd minutes as presented.

Motion #014-24

Carried.

8) REPORTS

a) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Ryan Yakeleya made the following announcement; Gravel Haul from 7 to 7 for a month. After that will be hauling rock from Inuvik until the end of April. There will be a lot of traffic on the highway, Watch the narrow sections.

Mayor Erwin Elias made the following announcement(s); The Shoreline Project tentative start date will be the end of the month. The highway looks like its widening up, and its starting to look a little bit better.

Councillor Jackie Jacobson made the following announcement; The Dempster highway is open again after 10 days.

b) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Erwin Elias gave a verbal report and update on DMAF. We are at the very last stages for committees. Mayor Elias stated that he pushed IRC to complete the drafts. The drafts came back with a recommendation to send them to our legal team. Once the recommendation is completes, the committee can be structured. The construction committee will consist of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, two members from IRC (the CFO and one other), and a member from EGT/Northwind. The voting process for the committee will have to be looked on for process. We have to get in the Green House Gas Emissions report in before the next round of funds can be released to the Hamlet. A meeting will be arranged with IRC to indicate how we are going to run the administration for this project. We will have to get someone working on the project here, and situated in the office.

Maureen Gruben Commented; Didn't we bring up individuals that we thought would be good candidates to manage this?

Mayor Erwin Elias Responded; This will be the construction committees responsibility to put this in place.

Then they'll inform, or make a recommendation to Council. The committee will have to figure out what kind of position we will need (Laison, Engineer on the ground, etc.)

Mayor Erwin Elias announced that Councillor Pokiak has sent him a note indicating that he I stepping down from Council. We have 3 options for the open seat. We can call a by-election, post for interest, or leave it vacant.

Councillor Jackie Jacobson made the following suggestion; In regards to DMAF, Baird should be the one to have an engineer on the ground on behalf of Council. Also, I would not keep the seat vacant. Offer the next person in line

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that We have to fill the seat because it is long term, according to policy we can have a by-election, post for interest, or leave vacant.

Councillor Jackie Jacobson stated that he would rather see it posted for interest.

Council decided that they would post for interest with a deadline of February 1st, as it is for the long term.

Mayor Erwin Elias announced that the SAO did arrive tonight, and contracts have been put in place with staff.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that he has spoken to Dustin Whalen in regards to NUNA project, a Contribution Agreement has been signed and approved. Dustin will be coming in next month to give Council an update on the project.

Mayor Erwin Elias brought up Outgoing Correspondence to Lorie Fyfe. MACA presented with lands on relocation last year. Since then, they have found money for a coordinator, so they are trying to get a coordinator that only deals with relocation for us for the next 2 years. They will be coming down to get all the departments together to create a committee as well. There is two parts to this, there is funding available from the federal government, but it cannot be given to a single community. It has to be a regional project, so included in the project is Paulatuk, Sachs, and Uluhaktuk, who will be facing relocation in the future. They want to use Tuk as a pilot project for that, and they are looking for a support letter for this.

Councillor Jackie Jacobson made the announcement that the Aklavik Power Corporation is on fire. Council Resumes:

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that Lorie (Fyfe) is going to draft us a letter for Coastal Community Resiliency funding for the Hamlet to submit.

Councillor Maureen Gruben inquired if the funding was the same pot as seen in November, and whether this is something that we can utilize to look at Harbour Protection.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that Lorie (Fyfe) will be applying on our behalf, but it seems like it has more to do with relocation. We will inquire to get more clarification on this.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that there was a university student, Kearney, that came in to talk about Newtok Alaska, This town was relocated and the whole community, roughly 100 houses, were moved. The coordinator will connect all these people working on the same project.

c) STAFF REPORTS

i) Fire Chief, Stanley Felix

Councillor Elizabeth Arey pointed out that there were personal names stated in the report.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that administration will let the Fire Chief know that names should not be included in reports.

Motion made by Councillor Elizabeth Arey and seconded by Councillor Audrey Nasogaluak that Council approve the Fire Chief report as presented.

Motion# 015-24

Carried.

Councillor Ryan Yakeleya pointed out that it's stated in the report the Fire Chiefs request for a raise and a stipend of 4% for each year as fire chief

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that this will be up to the SAO to make the recommendation to Council, according to the by-law.

ii) Project Nuna, Devalynn Pokiak – present (8.c.ii.)

NUNA Assistant, Devalynn Pokiak highlighted her report; There is a trip to Ottawa at the end of February for the Northern Contaminants Program. A poster will have to be done for the Program, though it is in the beginning stages. Also, the training to analyze samples was postponed in December due to inaccurate readings from the machines, so we had to find another machine for that. We are also working on getting the poster/map (for the Chambers) updated. There is also a series on climate change and human migration that is coming up soon, with a dry run tomorrow. When the Team comes here, we will be doing a presentation, where we will be requesting permission to set up more equipment.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated; As Mayor and Council we can tell you to keep up the good work, we support what you are doing, and were glad that we have a person in the community that is representing us that is a good tool between us and the researchers.

Devalynn announced that she has been accepted into university and will be taking online courses. Council extends their congratulations to Devalynn Pokiak. Mayor Elias informed Devalynn that verbal presentations are not necessary and that directions and questions are run through the SAO to Council unless a special presentation is to be made

Motion made by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor Maureen Gruben that Council approve the Project Nuna report as presented.

Motion# 016-24

Carried.

iii) EDO Report (8.c.iii.)

Mayor Questioned what the report was added as addition. ASAO informed Mayor Elias that the EDO report was released until today. Mayor Elias stated that protocol has to be followed. Note to EDO that reports are due the Friday before Council meetings. Council also recommend that they would like to see statistics on the number of clients helped (per month), and how, and the success rate for securing funding.

ASAO read "Financed impact on CTIC program would cover 50% of the costs related to the proposal. As it stands, Project costs are approximately 276,000 without gst. CanNor can potentially fund 50-80%, so it looks like hes splitting the funding for the shower at the point. I also let him know the date for the new budget.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that he will have to submit a full plan and proposal to Council. The thing is, we can put up all the infrastructure we want, but the thing is O&M (Operation and Maintenance) How are we going to fund/run it going forward? Projected cash flow should be included in the proposal.

Council commended the EDO on the hard work in securing funding

Motion made by Councillor Jackie Jacobson and seconded by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya that Council approve the EDO report as presented.

Motion# 017-24

Carried.

9) BUSINESS ARISING (from)

a) DELEGATIONS

b) PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Vince Teddy stated, in regards to sub-committees, he would like to be removed from the lottery license committee and appointed to the finance committee. He would like to stay on the planning committee as well as the by-law committee.

Mayor Erwin Elias and ASAO Katrina Cockney stated that they will make the changes.

10) OLD BUSINESS

a) CORRESPONDENCE: OUTGOING

i) Letter to MLA Nunakput, Lucy Kuptana

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that this was sent to follow up with last meetings concerns. This was sent to MLA Lucy Kuptana. Mayor Erwin Elias informed Council that he also did an interview with CBC in regards to the GNWT Department of Infrastructures response to the road closures.

ii) Letter to Gerald, MACA

Mayor Erwin Elias informed Council that this was sent to be pro-active regarding the contaminated site to avoid any delays with the Shoreline/DMAF project.

ASAO Katrina Cockney stated that the previous SAO had mentioned that (MACAS response was) the Hamlet would have to remove the building & that MACA would be responsible for the land portion.

Mayor Erwin Elias confirmed this information, but indicated that the plan was to argue it back.

ASAO Katrina Cockney Informed council that she will do a follow-up with MACA.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that it is a contaminated site, but the goal; is to not have it interfere with the shoreline protection project.

b) OTHER

11) NEW BUSINESS

a. CORRESPONDENCE: INCOMING

- i. Youth Representative Letters of interest (2)
Izaak Cockney & Miley Wolki (**for decision**)

Mayor Erwin Elias called on Councillors to discuss and vote on Youth Councilor for 2024. Councillor Maureen Gruben inquired if it is possible to have both sit on Council. ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that it can only be one according to the Hamlets Act. As Council discussed. It was determined that Miley Wolki is an older youth, with Youth Parliament experience, and Izaak is young, has lots of time to apply again. with a vote of 6 to 1 Miley Wolki will be appointed Youth Representative.

Motion made by Councillor Vince Teddy and seconded by Councillor Audrey Nasogaluak that Council appoint Miley Wolki Youth Representative for a one year term.

Motion# 018-24

Carried.

- ii. GNWT, Vishni Peeris – Re: 2024 NWT Community Survey (**for information**)

ASAO Informed Council that the GNWT will be hiring community interviewers. Mayor Erwin Elias stated that we can help by posting this on Facebook.

- iii. Ephraim Warren, Principal Mangilaluk School – Interagency meeting (**for information**)

ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that January 24 is the date for the meeting. Mayor Erwin Elias stated that Councillors will be paid to attend, an email will be sent for a reminder to all Council members.

- iv. Michelle Tuma, Vets Without Borders – Telehealth program (**for information**)

ASAO Katrina Cockney summarized that Vets without borders will be launching a pilot 911 program in the community, and they are questioning if the community would utilize this service, with a launch date of January 31st. Council agreed it is a good program for the community.

- v. Ephraim Warren, Principal Mangilaluk School – Maizlyn Loreen Fundraiser (**information**)

Mayor Erwin Elias informed Council that there is a fundraiser for Maizlyn and her family, being put up by the Mangilaluk school on January 31st.

- vi. Brian Kowikchuk – Mural Donation for Kitti Hall – (**for discussion**)

Council unanimously agreed to accept the mural donation from Brian Kowikchuck with a letter to be sent to Brian Kowikchuck for his donation, and to also commend and recognize his contribution at a public event.

- vii. Iqbal Arshad – Water Treatment Plant Project

1. WTP building colour (**for decision**)

After discussion, Council unanimously agreed to royal blue for the WTP building colour

2. WTP Project design drawings (**for information**)

- viii. Mardy Semmler – IWB Water Waste Management Workshop 2024 (**for discussion**)

ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that the Inuvialuit Water board is looking for 2 people to go to this workshop for the community. Councillor Elizabeth Arey informed Council that the Mayor and whoever oversees the water plant is recommended to go, with dates set for the 13th/14th. After discussion, it was agreed that WTP Operator Wayne Cockney will attend with Mayor Erwin Elias, and Councillor Maureen Gruben as alternate.

- ix. Trish McFaul, GNWT, MSII – Marine Transportation Governance Review (**for discussion**)

ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that MTS is looking to do an interview with the Mayor to discuss

MTS Services. Mayor Erwin Elias stated that he may not be the one to talk to about this. Councillor Maureen Gruben suggested Deputy Mayor Tyrone Raddi. Deputy Tyrone Raddi agreed to talk to MTS Services. Mayor Erwin Elias stated that the email will be forwarded to Deputy Mayor Tyrone Raddi to set an interview.

- x. Tianna Gordon-Ruben/Adam Woogh – Re: NWTRPA Elders in Motion Training & Gender Equity Workshop (**for information**)
- xi. Adam Woogh – ICA Associates Facilitator Training (**for information**)
- xii. Angela Littlefair, MACA – SCG Courses Public Works (**for information**)
- xiii. Avian North Consulting Inc. – Consultation services (**for information**)
- xiv. Lorie Fyfe, Department of Environment and Climate Change – letter of support

Mayor Erwin Elias called a break at 8:29pm, returning at 8:40pm.

c) LAND/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

NIL

d) OTHER

- i) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT #NST-2342-0084

12) BYLAWS

NIL

13) COUNCIL CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS

a. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- i. Councillor James Pokiak – request to be removed from Council

Motion made by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor Jackie Jacobson that Council accept the resignation of Councillor James Pokiak from Hamlet Council.

Motion# 019-24

Carried.

Mayor Erwin Elias stated that we need to get a thank-you letter to James Pokiak, thanking him for his services, and wishing him the best. We will need to get a call for interest out on the open Councillor seat. Letters of interest will be sent with the next meeting package.

b. OTHER

Councillor Ryan Yakeleya made the following concerns/suggestions;

He stated that he would like an update on the Mayors stipend. Mayor Erwin Elias declared conflict and exited chambers at 8:43pm. Councillor Vince Teddy was appointed chair in place of Mayor Erwin Elias. Councillor Ryan Yakeleya stated that It has been months since it was first brought up in Council, and we have yet to have a by-law meeting on it. Our Mayor is only getting half of his pay, and we have a full-time Mayor. I want to see this go forward. ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that it would have to go through the by-law subcommittee and then the finance subcommittee. Chair Vince Teddy informed Council that we can discuss this at the next by-law/finance committee meetings, and have the recommendation made to Council. ASAO Katrina Cockney inquired if a by-law committee meeting can be scheduled for Monday, January 22nd. Council agreed to set the date. Councillor Maureen Gruben inquired whether the Mayor can serve a longer term (3 years minimum). Chair Vince Teddy informed Council that this would also have to go through the by-law committee. ASAO Katrina Cockney confirmed and informed Council that this would not be able to happen this term, as the Mayor was already elected for a two year term. If the change goes through the by-law committee, the revised bylaw would be effective for the next term. Mayor Erwin Elias returns to chambers at 8:46pm and is re-appointed chair. Councillor Ryan Yakeleya reminded Council that the conference for NWTAC is coming up, and would like to express interest in going. Councillor Vince Teddy also expressed interest in going. Mayor

Erwin Elias stated that the Mayor would usually go, but he may not be able to. He informed Council that a decision will be made closer to the date.

Councillor Maureen Gruben made the following concerns/suggestions; stated that she brought up the Mayors seat, and how two years is not long enough, and how Council needs to have a discussion about having a longer term implemented for the next term. Mayor Erwin Elias agreed. Councillor Maureen Gruben brought up the invitation to the Arctic Division for FedNav regarding the Kason, and follow up with the TCC, HTC, and Hamlet to start talking about dismantling the Kasson. She questioned the need of a relocation committee, whether the project will fall under the program coming up or would we still need to create the committee. Mayor Erwin Elias responded that we will do the support letter to Lorie Fyfe right now, and there will be 3 parts to this project. The first part is to apply through the federal government to deal with the coastal communities. Kearney is supported by us to deal with relocation. We have to get these people together, get in touch with the new coordinator that is going to be hired, so we can figure out the relocation committee. I am recommending that the relocation committee has as many people from the GNWT and the Federal government as possible and IRC .

Councillor Jackie Jacobson provided Council with the following update; We had a good week with John Chabot and the Hockey school. We had 18 minor hockey kids out on a Saturday morning. Noticed over the week that we have to clean out the dressing rooms so there is more room for the kids. The staff seem overworked, but we are grateful for the and they did an awesome job. John Chabot's team did a video of the arena and will provide Katrina/ the SAO with a jump drive copy.

Mayor Erwin Elias announced that the First Assist Program is amazing. They had a great turn out, but a lot of kids showed up with out equipment that wanted to play. Names were taken and John Chabot will bring equipment for the kids on the list. Thank-you to Jackie and Jenny for volunteering their time to put this together. Gwichin cup is coming up. We should have the Recreation Coordinator aware. ASAO Katrina Cockney informed Council that funding was applied for travel and hotels & that there Recreation Coordinator is on top of it. Councillor Jackie Jacobson announced that a minor hockey league was started for Gwichin cup. Mayor Erwin Elias sends condolences to the family of Rory Voudrach and announced that the memorial for Tuktoyaktuk has been postponed. He suggests that Hamlet reach out to the family to offer any support, if and when they decide to have a memorial in Tuk. He also announced that the SAO will be starting tomorrow, and we are fully staffed. Thank you to Council.

14) IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion made by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Arey that Council go in-camera to discuss personnel at 8:59pm.

Motion#020-24

Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Arey that Council revert to public at 9:21pm.

Motion# 021-24

Carried.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councillor Vince Teddy and seconded by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya that Council adjourn the RCM01-24 January 3rd meeting.

Motion#022-24

Carried.

Next Regular Council meeting is set for February 7, 2024, at 7:00pm.

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 Holly Campbell



Mayor, Erwin Elias