

Present	Staff
Mayor Pamela Gross	Mosharef Hossain-Director of Finance
Deputy Mayor Angulalik Pedersen	Director of Healthy Living- Solomon Bucknor
Councillor Derek Elias	Wiz Mohammed -Director of MPP
Councillor Shah Allam	
Councillor Barrie Ferguson	
Councillor Sandi Gillis	
Councillor Savanna Moore	Guests
Councillor Wilfred Wilcox	Angela Gerbrandt
Excused	
Councillor Jenna Kamingoak	

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Please also note: As this was the first time using the service, there may be omissions from the conversation because it was unintelligible to the recorder or there may be no name associated with a motion.

## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Gross welcomed the members of Council and called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Mayor Gross briefed the Council on Zoom etiquette. Welcome Councillor Ferguson and CAO Limousin for joining us from out of town.

# 2. Opening Prayer

Councillor Derek Elias said the opening prayer.

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

a. RCM#016



#### Motion

To adopt the Agenda for RCM#016 on October 19th, 2020.

**Moved by:** Councillor Derek Elias **Seconded by:** Councillor Sandi Gillis

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#### 4. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Angulalik and Councillor Wilcox declared Conflict of Interest as Coast Guard members on Item 7F regarding the confirmation of deliberations of the Public Hearing. Item 7f moved for discussion to 9.

### 5. Delegation

Sergeant Dhillon as delegate for presentation on Item 7d.

### 6. Approval of Minutes

None to approve

## 7. Business

a. ICSP Presentation-Wiz Mohammed, Director of Municipal Planning & Projects

The Director of Municipal Planning and Projects presented a proposal for the top ten capital items for the 2021 ICSP for consideration by Council. Over 50 or so projects are on the database that have been identified by the municipality and other government departments. Mayor and Council need to prioritize the top 10 items.

The evaluation by the government uses various criteria but primarily health, safety, environment. With the limited financial resources and the competition of all the Nunavut communities, the projects meeting this criterion has the best chance for success.

We will require a motion of Council by October 31 and then submit them into our ICSP database for Community Government and Services.

After discussion amongst Council members, it was decided that each Councillor would rank the items into the Top 10 they felt to be the most important for the community. These rankings will be aggregated to determine the collective Top Ten for the ICSP submission and be presented back to the Council for confirmation at a Special Meeting.



## b. Suicides in Community

Mayor Gross expressed that the past few weeks have been very emotional for the community and Council expresses condolences to the families, to our community members, the loved ones and friends of those in our community that we've tragically lost. It is never an easy time for anyone as we are all affected. It's not just the family or the friends, we as a community and our territory are always affected by what's happening.

Thanks to Solomon and his team at Healthy Living and everyone in the room, Sargent Dhillon and all of your team, and everyone who's contributed to making sure that the families and the friends of those that have passed are okay.

## Director of Healthy Living-Solomon Bucknor:

Bucknor thanked the Council and explained what the Department of Healthy Living has been doing and what plans there are to provide support to the community. They are reaching out to Mental Health and Quality of Life and working together to support the team and resources. A series of meetings with the community will be required to talk about this serious issue and what we as a community can do about it as there are no easy answers and no easy discussions.

Council discussed the issue and offered the following ideas to investigate.

- -A location and phone number that kids could access the help lines be determined.
- Pursue technology and apply for funding to have space dedicated to just counseling where we can contact Councilors that are from all over Canada.
- Have both genders available for counseling.
- -Establish a suicide support group like AA has for alcoholics. Perhaps times for the person thinking about suicide and other times for parents, parents of children that they have lost, or siblings that have lost ones so that you're sharing common ground.
- -Letting people know how they can help either by volunteering, getting involved, getting their criminal record/vulnerable sector to be able to volunteer at the youth center or arts studio programming for youth.
- -show educational documentaries like, "Hope for a Life", or "Let There be Light",
- Work as a community.
- -Interdepartmental collaboration in all of this. The committee members, the families, the school, the youth, everybody come together as a team, as a group to put ideas forward, and see how we try to integrate those ideas into our interventions.



- -Use the strong Coalition that was formed last year.
- -Find ways to address the housing crisis, consumption of liquor, and drugs as these are the three fundamental areas the RCMP see as fundamental contributions that come up in the majority of suicides.
- -Access to well-trained psychologists or counselors for deep-seated issues of emotional and inter-generational trauma
- -Identifying safe homes around the community that people can go to.
- -Teaching kids about their emotions and learning healthy coping mechanisms.
- -Have elders trained as counselors because they already naturally are counselors.

Mayor Gross called for a 10 minute break.

c. Street Lighting in Playgrounds.

Discussion took place on the recent playground incident.

The Municipality invested in lighting the community playgrounds last year. The school playground is on Government of Nunavut jurisdiction. The Municipality will reach out to CGS and ask them if they can install lights in the school playground at the request of members of the community.

d. People waiting trial staying in Cambridge Bay -Mayor Gross

Discussion took place on the number of people from other communities awaiting trial and being sent to Cambridge Bay. A meeting of the MLA, the RCMP, The Mayor and the CAO took place last week to discuss the increase in mental health issues on the street and in the Homeless Shelter as a result. We would like to forward concerns to the Minister of Justice and to bring it forward to the presiding judges.

People's movement for convictions of charge offenses are not under the control and the right of the RCMP or any prosecution section to post because it's the freedom of movement or charter. In terms of awareness of people coming into the community that have a pre-existing criminal record, the courts use Cambridge Bay as a dumping grounds because of our many programs and our men's homeless shelter.

Sargent Dhillon advise the Council that the RCMP need to be aware that these people are being sent to this community much earlier in the process so that they are aware of certain situations coming in the community. We had that conversation with MLA



Ehaloak said she was going to it bring forward in terms of what she can do at the level of Justice and the Courts.

Cambridge Bay is becoming a halfway house for people coming in because they see Cambridge Bay as a place that has a lot going on. A lot of services, counseling, treatment program, and so forth being offered here. The judge or JP can send people here with the surety and then they're ending up in our community and also at our facilities. A letter needs to be written to the Minister of Justice to ask the court to not continually use Cambridge Bay, as a place where they place customers or customers clients that cannot or are not wanting to move into Cambridge Bay while they await trial. Our homeless shelter, intended for Cambridge Bay residents, is increasingly becoming a place of people with mental health issues that staff not trained to deal with. The letter also needs to state that the RCMP have to be given notice that someone is coming to town. The lawyers basically find someone's relative in Cambridge Bay to sign off, and they'll say that they will take care of him until the court date and then what happens is, we end up with that person in our homeless shelter. There is no monitoring whether the surety is looking after them.

After considerable discussion, Council decided to write a letter, and gently state that we do not want people discharged into the community on a surety and that they need to ensure that the RCMP is notified if someone is being released to our community so that they can check on them and have them on their radar.

## e. Presentation of Quarterly Financial Statement - Director of Finance

The Director of Finance presented the July Financial Statements in accordance with the Auditors recommendations to present at a minimum, quarterly statements. This Presentation is for the quarter ending June 30th. The September financial statement will be done in October/November and will be presented then. After that we will be on track for a quarterly report.

### **Motion**

To approve the Financial statements for the quarter ending June 30th, 2020.

**Moved by:** Councillor Elias

Seconded by: Councillor Deputy Mayor Angulalik

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A request was made by Councillor Wilcox for the reporting of the Arena and on the 5plex. The Director of Finance advised that this information is to be presented at the next Finance Committee on Monday.

### 8. Around the Table

#### a. Councillor Wilcox

- i. The water and sewer services on the weekend were awful. People are posting on Facebook and along with that there was the snow storm and other awful things. Councillor Wilcox advised Council that we have to get on with business and not dwell on the negative as there is so much positive going on.
- ii. When presenting items to Council that have a history, we should have a brief history of the topic to update new Council members and update ourselves which will allow us all to participate in discussions with equal knowledge.

### b. Councilor Elias.

- i. Residents are complaining that they have windrows in front of their driveways. It's getting harder for them to get their vehicles up and over the windrows. No disrespect to the grader operators or the loader operators. When you're doing a particular road, and they're making windrows right by a driveway, it would be appreciated if they could flatten it down. That way the individuals are not having to shovel that windrow.
- ii. A couple of months ago, prior to a big snow fall, I had two workable garbage bins. Now I only have one good garbage bin. I am keeping my bins close to my house because of the power pole and for security. I don't want them moved and I want my bin back. The operators told me it had to be by the street.

#### c. Councilor Moore



With all the negative comments regarding the water and sewer delivery, we should do more appreciation for them, do a one-on-one manager to the employees meeting and ask what you think needs to be improved, or what do you like, and not like about your job, and how we could improve things.

#### d. Councilor Gillis.

Earlier when we were talking about the ICSP, we were asking what order they were in last year. I found last year's motion and it was completely different than what was presented to us today. I know we talked about trying to keep with that same list of previous years to show our continued priorities, and that we are going to work on the list to present it, but I think we should all be given a copy of last year's motion so that we can reconsider what we feel is our priorities before we make the motion this year. We need to meet again to get them in the order we feel reflect our past years for continuity and also to reflect the new situations.

## e. Councilor Ferguson (on line)

This isn't quite the way I expected to be a meeting, but it's nice to be on Zoom. Only being able to hear people and not being able to see, it has changed the way I look at a lot of things for the better. I commend each and every one of you for discussion these very tough topics.

### f. Mayor Pamela Gross

Requesting a motion to purchase new laptops for Councillors in the event that we have to work from home during a COVID -19 lockdown should it occur. I would like to be prepared. There is funding out there for COVID -19 to upgrade the technology. We cannot connect to the Internet on these old computers and we have no video or audio.

### **Motion**

To be prepared that in the event that Councillors are required to work from home as a result of COVID-19 Protocols, the Municipality purchase new laptops for Councillors that are more technologically advanced than what we currently have.

**Moved by:** Councillor Elias **Seconded by:** Councillor Moore



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Abstain: Councillor Gillis

## g. Wiz Mohammed

Wiz will be following up with Water and Sewer Staff on Wednesday and try to find out exactly

what the problem is as suggested by Councilor Moore.

Discuss with staff and all contractors moving snow the issue and solution of windrows. Will follow up with garbage staff regarding the bins and protocol.

The priority of the ICSP is established by Council. When we completed some items, it changed the actual number on the list of other items. A spreadsheet will be produced for Council that shows the order each Councillor would like the item in and the data can then be aggregated to produce the priority.

Council decided that a Special Meeting will be scheduled for Monday at lunch to review and accept the priority for the ICSP submission.

### h. Mosharef Hossain:

- i. This is the first time we are testing this technology. We have linked in to Zoom because Zoom can record the meeting and also produce a written transcript that we can use to produce the minutes of the meeting. If it is successful, we will be in a better shape technologically.
- ii. We have two signatories, Jim MacEachern and Susie Kemukton who are no longer with our Municipality. We require a council motion to remove these people from our signatory.

#### Motion

To remove Jim MacEachern and Susie Kemukton as signing authorities for the Municipal bank accounts at the Royal Bank of Canada.

Moved by: Councillor Elias Seconded by: Mayor Angulalik

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### i. CAO Limousin:

Currently working remote in BC and focusing on the following items for the next little while:

- -getting this Zoom technology working for the Municipality in the event that we all have to work from home again as a result of COVID-19. We have been using it for the past few weeks for meetings.
- -Review of the Collective Agreement as our agreement is expired and we are entering negotiations at some point in near future. We have asked for it to be done using Zoom but the Union has expressed their preference is to negotiate in person.
- -Comprehensive Community Plan completion to take back to the public when we can.
- -Completing our Small Home/Smart Homes design and proposal as a result of the Government of Canada's 1 billion dollar budget and their call for proposals for Indigenous Housing solutions.
- -Working of the Small Home/Smart Home Pod facility for social housing and the 2million dollar funding form Impact Canada.
- -Review and Design of the procedures for the care and burial of the dead from the transportation to the facilitation for visitation and to the internment of the body and our cemetery operation and functional and visual appeal.
- -Redesign of the Solid waste management system.
- -Review of the Community Plan and Zoning ByLaw and presentation to Committee, Council and Community and at some point public presentations and Public Hearing.

## 9. Public Hearing – Community Plan and Zoning ByLaw. (moved from 7f.)

Deputy Mayor Pedersen, Councillor Moore and Councillor Wilcox declared conflict.

CAO Limousin explain that for the Community Plan and Zoning ByLaw Amendment required for the Coast Guard Auxiliary boathouse process, we have been asked by CGS to confirm that Council has deliberated on each of the presenter's comments at the Public Hearing.

Those comments were made while Council was in camera, so they were not included in the minutes of the meeting and therefore not as a deliberation in the submission to the Minister.

Mayor Gross advised Council that the motion will confirm the deliberation of presentations made at the Public Hearing that were discussed while In Camera



#### Motion

Whereas we are asked by CGS to confirm our deliberations from the Public Hearing for the Community Plan and Zoning ByLaw Amendment for the Coast Guard Auxiliary boathouse,

Therefore be it resolved that the Hamlet Council confirms their deliberations while in camera during RCM #14 at which 2nd reading was given to the Amendment to the Community Plan and Zoning ByLaw 315 and are confirmed as follows:

## a. Speaker 1 Gordon Bligh

Council has deliberated on the presentation made by Gordon Bligh and has ruled against his request.

This decision was based on the Coast Guard expertise of defining this area as the best site for a Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat house. The criteria of being along the shoreline for ease of access to the water and for security purposes of the boats and equipment. The decision to rezone is also based on the fact that safety is at the forefront of all Council decisions and the ability for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to be able to respond in the most efficient manner to a distress call from a resident, is for the greater good of the community.

### b. Speaker 2- Patti Bligh

Council has deliberated on the presentation made by Patti Bligh and has ruled against her request.

Council reiterated the decision made for Gordon Bligh. As Gordon and Patti live in the same house.

This decision was based on the Coast Guard expertise of defining this area as the best site for a Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat house. The criteria of being along the shoreline for ease of access to the water and for security purposes of the boats and equipment. The decision to rezone is also based on the fact that safety is at the forefront of all Council decisions and the ability for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to be able to respond in the most efficient manner to a distress call from a resident is for the greater good of the community.

### c. Speaker 3 - Debbie Gray

Council has deliberated on the presentation made by Debbie Gray.



Council appreciates Debbie Gray's comments about future growth and future need of the community. At this point in time, the Coast Guard Auxiliary believes this area is sufficient for their needs. In future Community Plans of the community, Coast Guard will be consulted to see if their needs have changed.

## d. Speaker 4 - Sharon Ehaloak

Council has deliberated on the presentation made by Sharon Ehaloak. Council acknowledges the comments of support from Sharon Ehlaoak.

Deliberations closed.

Moved by: Councillor Gillis Seconded by: Councillor Elias

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## 10. Adjournment

**Motion** 

To Adjourn RCM#016 at 8.34PM.

**Moved by:** Councillor Elias **Seconded by:** Councillor Gillis

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Pam Gr Mayor Pamela Gross CAO Marla Limousin

Date: December 16, 2020

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