

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #02
JUNE 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson, Chair
Mayor Solomon Awa
Deputy Mayor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Swany Amarapala
Councillor Ookalik Curley
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kimberly Smith
Councillor Samuel Tilley

ABSENT

Councillor Paul Quassa

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, City Clerk
Brianna Longworth, Deputy City Clerk
Livete Ataguyuk, Community Communications Liaison
Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion EPW 23-07

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS**a) Apex Supplemental Pumping 2023 Project – Verbal Update**

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, provided the following update on the Apex Supplemental Pumping 2023 Project. The following are the highlights:

- Contractor has mobilized at the site
- First stage of electrical inspection will be June 13
- Today, the Apex River is still frozen and water is flowing on the sides
- Pumps cannot be installed until the river is thawed
- Project is still on schedule
- Next inspection is the leakage test when the submersible pump is lowered into the river
 - Anticipated to be carried out on June 15 or 16
- Challenge is if the submersible pump fails the leakage test, a backup plan is needed
 - Diesel pump that will be kept on shore
 - Will take two weeks to get a diesel pump
 - Procure the diesel pump to have on site in the event it is needed

b) Request for Decision – Solid Waste Facility Project – Change Order 6 – Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. – Service Contract 488

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the Solid Waste Facility Project Change Order 6 for Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. – Service Contract 488. Mr. Ghosh explained that the construction drawings included tentative layouts of the housekeeping pads as the exact size of the equipment was not known. The contractor has supplied the equipment sizes and the housekeeping pads have to be redesigned.

Mr. Ghosh noted that at the May 23, 2023 Council meeting, he advised that additional funding had been requested and an application was submitted to Infrastructure Canada. He advised that the final approval has not yet been received.

Mr. Ghosh recommended that the Change Order be approved and should not wait for final approval from Infrastructure Canada. He explained that waiting for the final approval would delay the project and other complications would be encountered.

Motion EPW 23-08

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Committee recommends that Council approve Change Order 6 to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. - Service Contract 488 to complete the changes to the housekeeping pads in the amount of \$106,197.33 plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

c) Request for Decision – Apex Cemetery Expansion – Award of Contract to Dillon Consulting Limited

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision for the Apex Cemetery Expansion to award the contract to Dillon Consulting Limited. Mr. Ghosh explained that the total tender amount was \$296,013, which included \$144,523 for Phase 1 - Design and Site Investigation.

Mr. Ghosh noted that the Capital Spending Plan included \$175,000 for the entire project and \$10,500 has already been expended. He recommended that Phase 1 of the project be undertaken. He explained that Phase 2 – Contract Administration and Site Inspection in the amount of \$152,000 would be evaluated at a later date.

Councillor Stevenson clarified that the contract would be awarded for the full amount, with Phase 1 being carried out in 2023 and Phase 2 being included in the 2024 Capital Spending Plan. Mr. Ghosh advised that was correct.

Motion EPW 23-09

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Committee recommends that Council award Dillon Consulting Limited the contract for the Apex Cemetery Expansion in the amount of \$296,013.50 plus GST, and further, that Phase 1 – Design and Site Investigation in the amount of \$144,523 plus GST be carried out in 2023.

Unanimously Carried

d) Request for Decision – Dog Pound Building – Award of Design Contract to Stantec Consulting Limited

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to award the Dog Pound Building Design Contract to Stantec Consulting Limited. Mr. Ghosh noted that this matter was discussed at the last Council meeting and was referred to the Committee for additional discussion.

Mr. Ghosh provided the following highlights:

- One proposal was received for the entire project from Stantec Consulting Limited for approximately \$504,000
- Phase 1 – Site Investigation and Detail Design
 - 2023 Capital Spending Plan requires an additional \$145,000 to complete
- Phase 2 – Construction to be completed at a later date

Councillor Stevenson noted that the discussion at the Council meeting determined that the cost for Phase 1 and 2 was expensive and the estimated building cost would be in excess of \$1 million.

Councillor Stevenson indicated that Council would have to discuss the matter and make a decision. He pointed out that there are other options that can be considered.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard advised that a campaign had been started to encourage residents to license their pets, which is a free service. He noted that the tag contains the owner's contact information so that when a pet is lost, it can be returned to their owner.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard commented that if all residents licensed their pets, there would be no need to spend an exorbitant amount of money to house loose animals. He noted that there was no funding available to shelter loose animals and the funding for the project would come from tax revenue. Deputy Mayor Sheppard pointed out that there are much bigger needs than spending money for a dog pound.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard expressed concern that if a dog pound was required, the design must meet the minimum required standards.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard commented that unlicensed pets should have no rights. He felt that the matter could be managed if Council took a stand and encouraged residents to register and license their pets. He expressed concern that if residents were not willing to license their pets for free, perhaps they should not have their pet returned if it is loose and captured. He indicated that he would not support spending an excessive amount of money to house loose pets.

Councillor Nattaq was not in favour of supporting the request to construct a dog pound.

Councillor Smith made the following comments/concerns:

- Agreed that there is a large problem with loose dogs
- In some instances, children are taking collars off dogs, so the tag is no longer on the loose dog to be returned to the owner
- Dispatch does not have access to contact information associated to a dog tag at night
 - Access could be helpful if a loose dog was found by a resident
- Concerns with the Iqaluit Humane Society
 - Society does fill a need in the city
- No place to surrender a dog

- Dogs are let loose in hopes they are picked up by dog control to send south
- Canadian Sheltered Animals Standards
 - How stringent are the requirements?
- Current building has been condemned
 - Still being used
 - Flexibility in requirements to replace the dog pound

Councillor Stevenson noted that if residents were not willing to obtain a free dog license, and Council decided that the harsh penalty would be to euthanise animals, it would quickly eliminate the loose dog problem. He noted that in the past, Council did not want to take that direction and the Iqaluit Humane Society tried to mitigate euthanising dogs.

Councillor Stevenson commented that if there was a policy in place with a harsh penalty, responsible dog owners would obtain a free dog license and euthanasia would be a rare occurrence.

Mayor Awa commented that in different areas in Nunavut, there are loose dogs, while in other areas, there are none. Mayor Awa advised that he would not support the request to award the tender.

Councillor Stevenson pointed out that if Council does not support awarding the contract for the dog pound, then a strategy/position must be determined on how to deal with loose dogs.

Councillor Smith felt that a policy to breed dogs and sell puppies could be a preventative strategy for loose dogs.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard commented that the Dog By-law had been reviewed and the provisions cannot be enforced. He noted that unfortunately, nothing seems to work regarding loose dogs.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard made the following suggestions:

- Communicating with the Iqaluit Humane Society to determine what level of support they can provide
- Contact dog owners
- There is a wild dog population in the city
 - Packs of dogs that are uncared for and have no homes, and have increased in the past couple of years
 - Dogs must be removed from the streets
- Stricter enforcement of the policies in place

Rod Mugford, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, made the following comments:

- Project design can be completed in-house
 - Will lower the cost substantially
 - Would not include storage for other departments

- Establish a level of service expected by the residents
- Dog pound must consider
 - Sanitary conditions when housing loose animals
 - Ventilation for health and safety of staff
- Humane Society concerns
 - Current location relating to Zoning By-law requirements
 - Location would not allow sheltering animals
 - Zoning By-law would have to be amended
- Expressed concern regarding the trauma experienced by staff due to euthanising an animal
 - Euthanasia should be carried out by a veterinarian in an ethical way
- Breeding Dog By-law would help
 - Support from Government of Nunavut to have breeding legislation
- Current dog pound is not condemned, but infrastructure must be replaced

Motion EPW 23-10

Moved by: Councillor Amarapala

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Committee recommends that Council direct staff to complete the dog pound design project in-house and that the design meets the minimum requirements of the Canadian Standards of Care in Animal Shelters Regulations and Guidelines, and Occupational Health and Safety requirements, and further, that staff communicate with the Iqaluit Humane Society on the services they can provide.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Stevenson agreed that a professional should euthanise dogs to eliminate the stress and trauma on staff.

Councillor Stevenson pointed out that the Request for Decision did not indicate that the building would also provide storage to other departments.

Mayor Awa asked if the motion could include that the Canadian Standards of Care in Animal Shelters Regulations and Guidelines, and Occupational Health and Safety requirements be met when staff are designing the dog pound.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard acknowledged that staff have been assigned to animal control and asked residents to control their pets.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard commented that something has to be done in the short-term regarding the packs of loose dogs.

e) Request for Decision - Adoption of Revised Section “F” in the Municipal Design Guidelines

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, presented a Request for Decision to adopt revised Section “F” in the Municipal Design Guidelines. He explained that the guidelines were established in 2005 and there were no revisions to Section “F”, which deals with trucked water and sanitary services.

Mr. Ghosh advised that Section “F” included minimal requirements and does not contain any guidelines on how to design a tank for water or sewer. He noted that a consultant was engaged to review the section and provide recommendations on design tank and installation guidelines.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked if there should be design specifications for time released holding tanks. Mr. Ghosh explained that time released holding tanks are unique for each individual situation and it would be difficult to include design guidelines.

Deputy Mayor Sheppard asked if the amendments were in line with the General Plan and Zoning By-law. Mr. Ghosh advised that the Planning Department was consulted and amendments to the General Plan and Zoning By-law would be made accordingly.

Concern was expressed that approving changes to design tank guidelines for trucked water and sanitary services should be done simultaneously for all by-laws and guidelines to avoid any confusion.

Councillors asked various questions regarding the amendments and tank size, which Mr. Ghosh answered.

Motion EPW 23-11

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Committee recommends that Council approve the adoption of the revised Section “F” of the Municipal Design Guidelines, and further, that it will be effective when other by-laws are amended to reflect the change.

Unanimously Carried

f) Operations Centre - Hydrant Test Results – Verbal Update

Sumon Ghosh, Director of Engineering and Capital Planning, explained that flow testing had been carried out on the Sivumugiaq Street (previously known as Federal Road) area and the results were not encouraging. He explained that repair work was carried out on the lines and test results were much better.

Mr. Ghosh is hopeful that the Sivumugiaq Street (previously known as Federal Road) extension will eliminate a water storage tank for the Operations Centre.

Mr. Ghosh explained that as part of the Long-term Water Supply Project a water model was being developed to determine water supply requirements.

Councillors asked questions regarding the flow testing and water requirements for the area, which Mr. Ghosh answered.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

(2) As per Section 22 (2) (a) CTV Act and By-law 526 Section 67

- Legal

Motion EPW 23-12

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Mayor Awa

Committee goes In Camera at 7:25 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion EPW 23-13

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Amarapala

Committee returns to Regular Session at 7:52 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion EPW 23-14


Moved by: Mayor Awa

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Committee adjourns at 7:53 p.m.

Unanimously Carried





Romeyn Stevenson
Chair



Tammy Ernst-Doiron
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 27th day of June 2023.

