

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #04
February 22nd, 2011 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern (participated via teleconference)
Deputy Mayor David Ell
Councillor Mary Ekho Wilman
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Mary Akpalialuk

ABSENT

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Leschyshyn, City Clerk
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Arif Sayani, A/Director of Planning and Lands
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Councillor Wilman opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:05pm.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #11-75

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

1. To change the order of the agenda: #9 New Business shall be completed before #7 Reading of By-law(s).

Add 9 (c) – Mayoral Activities February 8th-22nd

Add 10 (a) – Niksiit Committee Report

Add 10 (b) – Request for Decision – Community Planning Workshop

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #04 – October 21, 2010

Motion #11-76

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #04 dated October 21, 2010.

**For – Kilabuk, Nattaq, Knickelbein, Stevenson, Wilman, Akpalialuk
Abstained – Akumalik, Redfern
Carried**

Councillor Akumalik and Mayor Redfern abstained as they were not members of Council.

- b) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #05 – October 28, 2010

Motion #11-77

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akpalialuk

Council approved Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #05 dated October 28, 2010.

**For – Kilabuk, Nattaq, Knickelbein, Stevenson, Akpalialuk, Wilman
Abstained – Akumalik, Redfern
Carried**

Councillor Akumalik and Mayor Redfern abstained as they were not members of Council.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Knickelbein stated that the outdoor skating rinks have been created; a lot of positive comments have been made by residents. The new outdoor skating rink at the Aqsarniik Ilinniarvik Middle School is well used and appreciated. He thanked the departments who maintain the outdoor rinks for their hard work. He asked if an outdoor skating rink would be created in Apex as the residents would very much appreciate one.

Councillor Akumalik stated that the Federal Government will replace the existing Food Mail Program, under which Canada Post shipped healthy perishable food to remote communities that are cut off from regular road and sea access with a new Nutrition North Canada Program effective April 1, 2011. This program will replace flat shipping rates with subsidy rates accustomed by community and most non-perishable foods and non-food items will be eliminated from the eligibility list for all eligible communities. This is drawing mixed reactions from small northern retailers who fear they may not enjoy the same benefits as larger retailers. Unlike the Food Mail Program, Nutrition North subsidies will go directly to retailers and wholesalers, who will then be responsible for arranging transport for their products. He believed that retailers and wholesalers would now need a warehouse or storage units to store their goods as most of them would place their orders during the sealift season to reduce the shipping cost.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ruling on Representations of Public Hearing
Arif Sayani, A/Director, Planning and Lands

Arif Sayani, Acting Director of Planning and Lands, noted that there were no representations during the Public Hearing and no written submissions were received; no ruling is required.

- b) Request for Decision – Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-002-2011 Apex Road
Arif Sayani, A/Director, Planning and Lands

Arif Sayani, Acting Director of Planning and Lands, stated that at present, Apex Road from the point of the VOR site to the beginning of Apex is not surveyed and the land is currently titled to the Commissioner. The Surveyor General Branch has approached the City with the intention to legally survey the road and establish fee simple title for the City. This will allow the City to assume full control of the road and will also establish a proper road right-of-way for future services.

He stated that the Surveyor General Branch will assume all costs of the survey. Apex Road is defined as a Collector Road in the General Plan and as such, a twenty five (25) metre wide right-of-way will be reserved by the proposed survey. The purpose of this right-of-way is to accommodate the paved road, pedestrian paths, ditches, power poles and future services.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the territorial government was responsible for the maintenance cost of Apex Road.

Arif responded that the City is responsible for maintenance costs of Apex Road.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the City would incur any costs for this resurvey.

Arif responded that the City would not incur any costs.

Motion #11-78

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-002-2011 to legally survey Apex Road.

Unanimously Carried

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

i) Refinancing of Debenture Debt By-law

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director of Corporate Services, stated that the purpose of this by-law is to renew the loans for the developments of Lake Subdivision and Phase One of the Plateau Subdivision.

Motion #11-79

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved First Reading of Refinancing Debenture Debt By-law.

Unanimously Carried

ii) Exemption from Taxation By-law

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi explained that this by-law is usually presented when a property is being added or deleted from the exemption list; a correction is being made to the title of a property.

Motion #11-80

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved First Reading of Exemption from Taxation By-law.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

i) Refinancing of Debenture Debt By-law

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Councillor Akumalik believed that the total assessment roll should be indicated in Section 10 of the by-law; he asked why the total was not included. He also asked

if both borrowed amounts would be combined into one loan so that the city can pay one loan monthly rather than two.

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the City developed some in land in the Lake Subdivision and developed Phase One of the Plateau Subdivision; lots were subsequently leased based on the development cost. He stated that the loan is amortized over the same amount of time as the land lease which is fifteen years. He stated that the first five years of the lease is now up for renewal.

The total assessment roll is in excess of three hundred sixty million (360,000,000.00) dollars. He stated that the loans will not be combined as the monies received from lots in the Lake Subdivision are directly applied to the loan for that development and monies received for land leases in Phase One of the Plateau Subdivision must also be directly applied to that loan.

Councillor Akumalik stated that Section 3 indicates:

The Debentures to be issued shall have a term expiring November 18, 2015, and shall bear interest at a variable rate of interest equal to the Pacific & Western Bank Prime Rate of Interest in effect from time to time less 6 basis points (0.06%).

He asked if the six (6) basis points (0.06%) would increase or decrease at some point in time.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi responded that six (6) basis points (0.06%) would not increase or decreased but the prime rate may.

Councillor Akumalik asked for clarification on the location of Lake Subdivision and Plateau Subdivision.

John Hussey explained that the Lake Subdivision is located on the Road to Nowhere and the Plateau Subdivision is the newest subdivision located behind the Nunavut Arctic College.

Councillor Akumalik believed that there would be a public hearing for this by-law and that the by-law would not be in effect until March 8, 2011 where it would receive Third and Final reading.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi clarified that there would not be a public hearing held for this by-law and that the by-law would not be receiving Third and Final reading on March 8, 2011; it would be done at a later date.

Motion #11-81

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved Second Reading of Refinancing of Debenture Debt By-law.
Unanimously Carried

- ii) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 718 – Nunastar Creek Side Phase 1
Arif Sayani, A/Director, Planning and Lands

Motion #11-82

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Second Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 718 (Nunastar Creek Side Phase 1).
Unanimously Carried

c) Third and Final Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced (M. Redfern) By-law No. 716
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Motion #11-83

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved Third and Final Reading of Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced (M. Redfern) By-law No. 716.
Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Niksiit Committee Report
Councillor Nattaq, Chairperson

i) Invitation to Nunavut Housing Corporation for
Representative on Niksiit Committee

Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator, stated that the Niksiit Committee would like to extend an invitation to the Nunavut Housing Corporation to have a representative sit as an ex-officio role on the Niksiit Committee; a territorial representation is a new requirement under the Homeless Partnering Strategy.

Motion #11-84

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved that the Niksiit Committee extend an invitation to the Nunavut Housing Corporation to have a representative sit in an ex-officio role on the Niksiit Committee.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Community Planning Workshop
Joamie Eegeesiak, Economic Development Officer

Councillor Akumalik stated that staff members, Economic Development Committee members, Mayor and Council have an opportunity to attend a Community Planning Workshop.

He stated that an application would need to be submitted to CaNNor with the Federal Government to cover the costs of the workshop. Delivery of the workshop would be contracted to Nunavut Economic Developer's Association they have delivered this workshop to other communities in Nunavut and have been successful in completing a community plan for the communities involved. He believed that the Nunavut Economic Developers Association's Community Planning material would meet the City's needs. The proposed dates for the workshop are April 8 to April 12, 2011 and it would possibly be held at the Abe Okpik Hall.

John Hussey explained that the City needs to develop an Economic Development Plan that will integrate with all other plans the City is currently developing. Mayor Redfern asked what the City's position on the Economic Development Plan was a few weeks ago; the City hopes to have this question answered once the workshop is complete. He believed that this workshop would be for five days; at the end of the workshop the City should be in a position to prepare the Request for Proposal for the development of the Economic Development Plan.

Councillor Akumalik stated that the Economic Development Committee had good discussions on this matter and felt that it would be a good idea to hold this workshop. He believed that after this workshop was completed, the City would have a better understanding of where the City is heading with Economic Development in the community.

Councillor Nattaq noted for Council that a workshop relating to the poverty reduction plan was held in Iqaluit as per the Mayor's activity report. He believed that funds were given to the Economic Development Department, from the Government of Nunavut in the amount of one hundred ninety thousand (\$190,000.00) dollars. Money is given to various initiatives by the Economic Development Department with the City, and seems appropriate to disperse funds for workshops like the one held for the poverty reduction plan.

As a member of the Advisory group, he was asked to apply for money from the one hundred ninety thousand (\$190,000.00) dollars. He asked how the funds would be used by the Economic Development Department.

John Hussey believed that the one hundred ninety thousand (\$190,000.00) dollars that Councillor Nattaq referred to were funds received from the Department of Economic Development and Transportation on an annual basis to fund the Economic Development Officer position and for expenditures within that department such as the annual Trade show, beach clean-up, community beautification, et cetera. He was unsure as to the funds for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and asked for clarification.

Councillor Nattaq did not agree with Mr. John Hussey and stated that he was advised when these workshops regarding the poverty reduction plan in Iqaluit were conducted that funds were available through the Economic Development Department. He believed that part of the funds was for the Economic Development Officer's salary.

John Hussey noted that the 2011 budget session will take place on February 26 and 27, 2011 and suggested that this matter be discussed further during the budget deliberations.

Motion #11-85

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved and supported the 2011 application for funding which will cover the cost of delivering a Community Planning Workshop to City of Iqaluit managers/directors, Mayor/Council and Community Economic Development Committee members.

Unanimously

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Application: Gathering Community Perspectives on Infant Sleeping Practices in Nunavut

Councillor Wilman expressed her support for the application and stated that she was not aware that infant sleeping practices were as significant in Nunavut.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his support for the application and believed that infant sleeping practices were as significant in other provinces as well.

Motion #11-86

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akpalialuk

Council approved the NRI application "Gathering Community Perspectives on Infant Sleeping Practices in Nunavut", Laura Arbour, University of Victoria.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Application: Lower Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Petroleum Potential on Southern Baffin Island

Councillor Akumalik believed that the letter indicated that they would gladly come to Council to present their research; he welcomed them to do and believed that the presentation would be interesting.

Motion #11-87

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved the NRI application "Lower Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Petroleum Potential on Southern Baffin Island", Shunxin Zhang, Canada Nunavut Geoscience Office, Natural Resources Canada.

Unanimously Carried

12. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #11-88

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #04 at 7:00pm.

Unanimously Carried

David Ell
Deputy Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Leschyshyn
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 12th day of April, 2011, AD.