

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #06
March 22nd, 2011 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Deputy Mayor David Ell
Councillor Mary Ekho Wilman
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Mary Akpalialuk
Councillor Simon Nattaq

ABSENT

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Meagan Leach, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Leschyshyn, City Clerk
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00pm.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #11-106

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Delete	9 (c) – RFD – NHC Lots
Add	9 (d) – Information Item – Baffin Mayor’s Forum Resolutions
	11 (b) – Response letter from Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes #01 – January 11, 2011

Motion #11-107

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #01 dated January 11, 2011.

Unanimously Carried

- b) City Council Meeting Minutes #02 – January 25, 2011

Motion #11-108

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #02 dated January 25, 2011.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Planning and Lands Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 – January 31, 2011

Motion #11-109

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved Planning and Lands Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 dated January 31, 2011.

Unanimously Carried

d) City Council Meeting Minutes #03 – February 8, 2011

Motion #11-110

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #03 dated February 8, 2011. Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Akumalik noted that the Recreation Committee met last week and will be bringing Terms of Reference to Council for approval in the near future as well as Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee which met last night.

He stated that the Economic Development Committee is vigorously planning for City's tenth anniversary that will be celebrated on April 19, 2011 at the curling rink; there will be a feast and games.

Councillor Nattaq stated that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police held a workshop on drug addiction and he was invited to participate; he was very excited to be invited. He stated that he does a lot of volunteering in the community and received a plaque of appreciation for his participation in the workshop.

Councillor Wilman thanked Council for approving the Terms of Reference for the Public Safety Committee and presented Bob Gabuna, member at large for the Public Safety Committee. She stated that Noel Colins and Alan Weeks are also members at large for the Public Safety Committee but could not be in attendance.

Mayor Redfern noted for Council that the public should have received a notice regarding the damage to the cemetery; a call has been released throughout the community inviting individuals who may have any information regarding this to approach the City; they hope to replace the broken crosses as soon as possible.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

None

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

- i) Refinancing of Debenture Debt By-law No. 719
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #11-111

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved Third and Final Reading of the Refinancing Debenture Debt By-law No. 719. <p style="text-align: right;">Unanimously Carried</p>
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- ii) Exemption from Taxation By-law No. 720
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #11-112

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Third and Final Reading of the Exemption from Taxation By-law No. 720. <p style="text-align: right;">Unanimously Carried</p>

- iii) 2011 Mill Rate By-law No. 721
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #11-113

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Third and Final Reading of the 2011 Mill Rate By-law No. 721.
Unanimously Carried

- iv) Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment No. 722
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #11-114

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Third and Final Reading of Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment No. 722.
Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Road to Nowhere Sewer Repair
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability

Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability, noted that the Department of Engineering and Sustainability issued a tender for the Road to Nowhere Sewer Repair; four bids were received from the following companies:

1. Nunavut Excavating
2. Tower Arctic
3. Kudlik Construction
4. Baffin Building Systems

After reviewing the submissions, it was determined that all contractors met the tender call requirements. Nunavut Excavating had the lowest price after the NNI adjustments were applied; the Department of Engineering and Sustainability is recommending that the contract for Road to Nowhere Sewer Repair be awarded to Nunavut Excavating.

Councillor Akumalik asked when the project would begin if the Request for Decision is approved.

Meagan responded that the project would begin as soon as possible as they would like to complete the project while the ground is still frozen.

Deputy Mayor Ell noted that the area is often used by snowmobilers.

Meagan advised that the Project Officer is currently working with the Public Works Department to ensure safety measures are taken to prevent accidents in the area and to advise the public; barriers will be installed around the construction area to ensure that snowmobilers do not cross through the site and a public service announcement will be released.

Motion #11-115

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council awards the contract for the Road to Nowhere Sewer Repair to Nunavut Excavating for their bid amount of two hundred twenty three thousand (\$223,000.00) dollars, plus GST, as per their submission dated March 7, 2011.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Request for Decision – Conceptual Design and Business Plan
Funding Application
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation

Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation, stated that the City of Iqaluit is nearing the completion of Phase 1 of the “Building Our Capital” feasibility study and business plan which included a Needs Assessment, Site Analysis, Site Selection and Facility Configuration Options. Once Phase 1 has been completed, Phase 2 will begin which will involve Conceptual Design of the new Aquatic Centre, Recreation Complex, City Hall and Emergency and Protective Services Centre, a Business plan and an Implementation Plan.

She stated that the project team, with assistance from the Economic Development Officer, has prepared an application to the Government of Nunavut through the Economic Development and Transportation Department’s *Community Economic Development Projects Fund* for support of the Conceptual Design process and the Business Plan for this project. This funding would be in addition to the base funding that the City receives on an annual basis from the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. She noted that a motion from City Council showing support for the project is required in order for the application to be considered.

Amy believed that direct economic benefits of the development of new civic infrastructure would result from this project. New recreation facilities will provide Iqaluit with opportunities to host large sporting events including Territorial competitions, Arctic Winter Games, Regional Games and gatherings which will generate economic activity in Iqaluit. She believed that vibrant recreation centres brought life to a community and could attract new businesses. Businesses are more likely to relocate to cities with recreational opportunities for their workers and their families; it is often a criterion for relocating locating a business. She stated that this would also provide opportunities for small business development including sports shops, food and beverage shops, skate sharpening businesses and leased spaces that provide services to recreation customers. Located within a new, busy recreation complex, these businesses would be ideally located and convenient for customers. A new downtown recreation complex and aquatic centre will contribute to a vibrant active downtown core and new recreation facilities will create more jobs and opportunities for training and development.

Amy stated that a new City Hall would be more conducive to doing business in our City and would create a better civic presence. It will also showcase our City as the Capital and represent the City in a positive light.

She stated that a training centre would be included in the centre and would provide opportunities for training to occur locally, building capacity within the organization and the Territory. A new Emergency and Protective Services centre provides firefighting services to local business; protecting precious infrastructure that can be very costly to replace if damaged by fire. She stated that business development opportunities exist within the Emergency and Protective Services Centre. A collaboration of similar industry services to lease space within the centre would provide these types of business and organizations with mutual benefits including an increase of exposure and visibility and ease for customers.

Amy stated that as these projects would likely be built in phases, long term stimulus of the local economy would occur, creating jobs in the community through the construction and building process. These projects would also enable the City to better respond to the rapid growth of the City. She believed that the conceptual design process and business plan are important steps in developing the new city facilities.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the application was ready to be submitted.

Amy responded that she is in the final stages of completing the application.

Motion #11-116

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council supports the Recreation Department's application to Economic Development and Transportation for funding for the Conceptual Design and Business Plan portions for the "Building Our Capital" project.

Unanimously Carried

d) Information Item: Baffin Mayor's Forum Resolutions
Mayor Redfern

Mayor Redfern stated that she provided Council with a copy of the resolutions passed during the Baffin Mayor's Forum. Staff members from the Department of Community and Government Services will write follow-up letters and send them to the respected individuals regarding the resolutions; responses will then be received from these individuals and will be reviewed during next year's Baffin Mayor's Forum.

Councillor Nattaq stated that he was at the Royal Bank of Canada on personal business when a representative from the bank approached him and asked him to sign documents on behalf of the Baffin Mayor's Forum as the individual with signing authority was no longer with the organization; he felt honored to do so.

Mayor Redfern clarified that the documents signed by Councillor Nattaq at the Royal Bank of Canada were documents for the Nunavut Association of Municipalities; the City has two signing authorities for Nunavut Association of Municipalities. She believed that more notice should have been given to Councillor Nattaq regarding the signing of these documents and apologized for that.

Councillor Akumalik asked what the City's role in the Nunavut Association of Municipalities was.

Mayor Redfern explained that Mayors from the Baffin region only attend the Baffin Mayor's Forum; the primary purpose of this forum is to share what is going on in the respecting communities. There were a lot of invited guests present at the forum including ministers from all territorial departments, the president of Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the president of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, federal representation and individuals from the airlines were also invited. She stated that it provided an opportunity for the Mayors to ask questions, secure commitments and additional information was provided; resolutions were passed on some issues. The resolutions identify issues that need immediate attention and are forwarded to the appropriate departments or organizations; these departments then decide whether to change policies or make changes to accommodate the resolution.

She explained that the City is a member of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. There is an upcoming Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2011

and she will be in attendance to represent the City. She invited Council to provide her with ideas and issues they may want discussed during the meeting.

Councillor Wilman asked if Council could ask questions relating to the resolutions passed and to get an update as to what is being done.

Mayor Redfern confirmed that Council could ask questions relating to any resolutions passed.

Councillor Wilman asked for clarification on the resolution passed regarding the power rate increase.

Mayor Redfern responded that Mayors do not have authority to decide what the power rate increase is and that Qulliq Energy Corporation requested a nineteen point three (19.3) per cent increase to the Utility Rates Review Commission. The Baffin Mayors felt that this power rate increase would be too significant and too substantial for most communities; the Baffin Mayors requested that the Government of Nunavut look to see whether or not Qulliq Energy Corporation is operating as efficiently as it can before the increase is imposed on the communities.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Report
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson
 - i) Letter of Support – Dalhousie University Wetland Research
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson

Motion #11-117

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approves that a letter of support be sent to Dalhousie University for the wetland research project and supports the use of a small portion of land adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) 2011 Gas Tax Projects
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson

Motion #11-118

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved that the following projects be funded by Gas Tax Funds:

- Solid Waste Management Facility Preliminary Design
- Sewage Lift Station No. 2
- Landfill Water Management Upgrade
- Uivvaq Loop Project Completion
- Water Booster Station No.1 Preliminary Planning Study
- Air Base Garage Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Assessment
- Sustainable Capital Plan
- Trigram Water Reheat Station Relocation Preliminary Design
- Repair Road to Nowhere Sewer Line Collapse

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Application: Arctic Municipal Waste Water Research

Councillor Akumalik noted that other communities are also involved in this project and it is not indicated in the project description if the other communities are in support.

Mayor Redfern believed that the Nunavut Research Institute would also be seeking the same request from those communities; the approval of the request could be deferred until support is received from the other requests.

Deputy Mayor Ell stated that the letter indicates that the results of the project could be presented to Council; he expressed his support and stated that he would very much like it if the group could present the results to Council.

Councillor Knickelbein noted for Council that the Nunavut Research Institute is now using the standardized form that the City created and believed that it was much easier to understand the projects with a one page summary.

Motion #11-119

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved the NRI application "Arctic Municipal Waste Water Research", Environment Canada.

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

Councillor Akumalik abstained to the motion as he would like to see a letter of support from the other communities involved in this project.

b) Response letter from Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission

Mayor Redfern noted for Council that a letter was sent to the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission requesting more information relating to how the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly was determined and what their formula is, why and how Iqaluit was identified as a community that will possibly be impacted by changes and recommendations by the Legislative Assembly; the letter included in the package is their response.

Deputy Mayor Ell believed that council should write them a letter indicating that Iqaluit needed an additional Member of the Legislative Assembly as Iqaluit is growing rapidly.

Councillor Knickelbein agreed with Deputy Mayor Ell that a letter should be sent and stated that he will provide his input by email.

Councillor Akumalik noted that the deadline for written submissions is March 31, 2011.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that several residents thought Iqaluit already had too many members of the Legislative Assembly and now more are being requested.

Mayor Redfern believed that without having any attendance at the public meeting held by the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission it was difficult for the City to make decisions without knowing what the community wants. She stated that she is now seeking direction from Council as to how to proceed with this matter as she does not believe that a submission should be given to the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission at this time.

Councillor Akumalik believed that Council should send their submission even though there was no attendance at the public meeting; as elected officials Council should make decisions for the community based on what is needed. He suggested that a letter be drafted and shared with Council prior to it being sent so that Council may provide their thoughts and possibly add to the letter.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #11-120

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #06 at 6:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

Meagan Leach
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Leschyshyn
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 31st day of May, 2011, AD.