

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #08  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mary Akpalialuk  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**ABSENT**

Councillor Joanasi Akumalik

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Leschyshyn, City Clerk  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Lands  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator  
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 #11-152**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Add            9 (b) – Mayor’s activity report  
                    9 (c) – Council Resolution re: Green Party Policies

**Unanimously Carried**

**1.     MINUTES**

- a)     Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #01 – March 15, 2011

**Motion #11-153**

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #01 dated March 15, 2011.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2.     DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3.     DELEGATIONS**

- a)     RCMP Report  
          Kevin Louis

Corporal Kevin Lewis presented council with the March 2011 statistics report. He stated that members of the Iqaluit detachment had a slightly higher number of calls in March 2011 compared to the same period last year. However, the total calls for service to date in 2011 have decreased compared to 2010 and the total number of prisoners has decreased substantially.

He stated that one of the main investigations for March was the fire at the apartment building located on Road to Nowhere; the investigation continues as a cause of the fire has not yet been identified. There were several counterfeit bills recovered in March; the Iqaluit Drug Section was able to locate the individual responsible for making the counterfeit money. He stated that members of the Iqaluit detachment seized a large amount of counterfeit money, the equipment used for making the money plus a large quantity of real money. This individual was charged with numerous counterfeiting charges and several Drug Trafficking charges.

Corporal Lewis stated that the Iqaluit Detachment has recently started using the LiveScan system for taking finger prints for criminal record checks; this electronic system has reduced the processing time from three to four months to two to three weeks in most cases.

He stated that the Iqaluit Detachment has partnered with Social Services and has started referring repeat alcohol offenders to them prior to the individual's release from prison. This program has just begun and will be monitored to see if this counseling has long term positive effects.

Corporal Lewis stated that the detachment remains at full strength; early summer is generally the time for members to transfer in and out of Iqaluit. There are two new members to come to Iqaluit; one from Ottawa and the other from Alberta and both have several years of experience in the field.

Councillor Stevenson stated that several individuals lost employment opportunities due to the processing time of criminal record checks in the past; this was very frustrating and disappointing to many individuals and employers. This system would now allow individuals to have their criminal record check done in a much more suitable timeframe.

Councillor Knickelbein agreed with Councillor Stevenson and stated that he has also had bad experience with the processing time of criminal record checks. He asked if this system was in place in all Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachments or in Iqaluit only.

Corporal Lewis responded that he was unsure if all detachments had this system in place but that most main detachments now used the LiveScan system.

Councillor Wilman asked if the detachment would follow up with Social Services after referring an individual to them to see if the program is helping these individuals and if the behavior of the individual is improving or not.

Corporal Lewis responded that the detachment will follow up with Social Services to see how many individuals are using the program and not only going for the first visit. This program is a volunteer program and some individuals may not be interested in using it. He stated that the detachment hopes to see a positive improvement in these individuals as many of them are repeat offenders and often in jail.

Councillor Wilman believed that this program was a good idea and also hoped to see a positive improvement.

Councillor Nattaq believed that this system would be a positive improvement and that individuals would not lose employment opportunities anymore. He suggested that the Iqaluit Detachment consider using the Elders for counseling

as they would offer these services voluntarily. The committee could be made available to the detachment for these purposes if they wish; Elders should be included in counseling services as many have gone through hard times.

Councillor Nattaq stated that he often receives phone calls from individuals who do not speak or say anything at all; their number does not appear on the call display and there is no way of tracking the call. He asked if the detachment could assist with prank calls such as these.

Corporal Lewis responded that the Iqaluit detachment should be contacted when the prank call occurs so that they can contact Northwestel and request that a trace be put on the telephone line to track the caller.

Councillor Nattaq stated that he often receives calls from individuals in the south who insist on speaking with them even though they are unilingual. He asked if anything could be done about those calls as well.

Corporal Lewis asked if the individuals were telemarketers.

Councillor Nattaq responded that they do not say who they are or if they are selling something; they simply insist on speaking with you. He asked if these would be considered harassment calls.

Corporal Lewis stated that if he feels harassed by the caller he should contact the detachment immediately and advise them of the calls.

He believed that some individuals may be interested in speaking with Elders rather than meeting with Social Services and stated that this will be taken into consideration.

He introduced Inspector Gerry Kerr, District Commander for Nunavut. She is responsible for all twenty five detachments across Nunavut.

Inspector Gerry Kerr stated that she is new to Iqaluit and is very happy to have been transferred here. She stated that she is responsible for the operations of all the detachments in Nunavut, including Iqaluit. She has been in aboriginal communities in Manitoba and in northern Alberta for approximately nineteen years of her twenty two years in the field; she worked in Fort Chipewyan, Fort McMurray, High Level, Athabasca, Churchill and Winnipeg. She hopes to have the opportunity to work with the elder community to help educate the police officers to understand the differences in cultures and to get to know them better.

Councillor Kilabuk welcomed Inspector Gerry Kerr to Iqaluit and believed that they would be working closely during her time here.

Councillor Wilman welcomed her as well and stated that residents of Iqaluit are always waiting to be asked questions. Several Inuit keep their cultural way of welcoming new people to the community and appreciate when they take the time to introduce themselves to the community.

Inspector Gerry Kerr stated that she had requested to meet Mayor and Council and was advised that this would be the best time to do so. She thanked them for their warm welcome and noted that she has a strong background in domestic violence, aboriginal communities and sexual assaults.

#### **4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

#### **5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Stevenson stated that there was a search and rescue conducted this weekend for individuals who had gone out on the land and not returned; two individuals were successfully found and brought home safely. He believed that individuals who participate in search and rescues should be acknowledged and thanked as they risk their own lives to save others.

He stated that students from the Inuksuk High School will be going on over night hunting trips on the land over the next three weeks as part of the Land Program; twenty students will be going each week, including him.

Councillor Wilman stated that she lives near the Parish Hall and Nakasuk School; there is a snowmobile trail located near her house that individuals have been using with their vehicles. She stated that she indicated to these individuals that this was not a road, but a trail for snowmobiles. She suggested that a sign be installed to advise drivers that it is not a road or that barriers be installed to prevent vehicles from driving through the trail.

Councillor Nattaq stated that he has not attended all meetings this month as he had other events to attend to in his home community; these events were very successful. On April 20th hunters headed out to Ammaarjuaq to hunt caribou; Ammaarjuaq is very far from Iqaluit. He stated that during the Easter weekend years ago, two young people were lost on the land during a hunting trip similar to this one; these individuals were not rescued on time. He stated that the two young individuals did have any supplies with them. He and a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer found their bodies and vehicles once the snow had melted. This past Easter weekend individuals went out on the land and were lost; they had no camping stove or equipment and no extra supplies. He believed that this really had an impact on the community because it was on the anniversary of the previous incident. He would like the Search and Rescue team in Iqaluit to be

officially acknowledged for all the hard work they did to find these lost individuals through a certificate or letter of recognition.

Mayor Redfern acknowledged and thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the Easter break; they worked on broken utility pipes and other things that needed to be addressed immediately. They are hard workers and are not always recognized for their efforts.

**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) 2011 Mill Rate By-law Amendment  
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

**Motion #11-154**

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved Third and Final Reading of 2011 Mill Rate By-law Amendment.

**Unanimously Carried**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Request for Decision – Development Permit and Variances (Lot 215, Plan 674, QEC)  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Lands

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Lands, stated that Development Permit No.08-002 was approved by Council to permit the redevelopment on Lot 215, Plan 644 of a three storey office building with four residential units on the third storey in 2008. At that time, the following variances were also approved:

- Permit the front lot line to be Umiaq Crescent instead of Nipisa Street; and
- Reduce the side yard setbacks to 0.5 m, whereas the required setback is 2 m.

He stated that the applicant, Qulliq Energy Corporation, is now seeking an amendment to the approved Development Permit. The amendment consists of changing the use on the third storey from four residential units to office space. The site layout has not significantly changed from the original proposal. He stated that the building will face Umiaq Crescent with a drop-off and pick-up area located at the front of the building.

He explained that given that the applicant is seeking an amendment to the approved Development Permit and that the general site layout has not significantly changed, only the provisions directly related to the change of use amendment have been reviewed under new Zoning By-law No. 704. The zoning provisions affected by the change of use are as follows:

- Permitted uses; and
- Parking provisions

Arif stated that the change of use is permitted and meets the requirements of Zoning By-law No. 704. The parking provisions require an additional three spaces to the already approved fifteen. However, there are hardships on the lot and the applicant can only accommodate two additional spaces. Furthermore, one of the spaces has been moved to the front yard and designated as disabled parking.

He stated that to address these parking deficiencies, the applicant is requesting two variances to the Zoning By-law:

- Parking Requirement: To permit the provision of 17 parking spaces, whereas the required number of parking spaces is 18; and
- Parking Space Location: To permit one space to be located within the front yard, whereas parking spaces are not permitted in the front yard.

### **Motion #11-155**

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved to amend Development Permit application #08-002 for Lot 215, Plan 644 to permit the development of a three storey office building, subject to the conditions listed in Attachment 1; and approved a variance for Lot 215, Plan 644 to Section 6.1 of Zoning By-law No. 704 to permit a reduction in the number of parking spaces required from eighteen (18) spaces to seventeen (17) spaces; and approved a variance for Lot 215, Plan 644 to Section 6.22 of Zoning By-law No. 704 to permit one parking space to be located in the front yard.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) Mayor's activity report  
Mayor Redfern

Councillor Kilabuk thanked Mayor Redfern for providing Council with an activity report and believed that it was greatly appreciated by Council.

Councillor Wilman was happy to see that Mayor Redfern had met with the Elders as they often say that they are not visited often enough.

Councillor Nattaq thanked Mayor Redfern for her visit with the Elders and also believed that it was much appreciated. He stated that he could pass on any information Council wished to share with the Elders.

Mayor Redfern stated that her visits to the correctional facilities is not included in her activity report as she forgot to include it; she visited the Baffin Correctional Centre, Young Offenders Correctional facility, Women's Correctional facility and the half way house. She was not able to enter the Young Offenders Correctional facility as there was a concern of Tuberculosis at that time, but was given a tour of all the other facilities and really appreciated it.

c) Council Resolution re: Green Party Policies  
Mayor Redfern

Mayor Redfern read the last portion of the resolution:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Iqaluit strongly urges the Green Party of Canada to amend their policy statements regarding marine mammal harvesting so they align both with the GPC stated values and the Canadian Constitution regarding aboriginal rights that include cultural protections and food security.”

She noted for Council that Iqaluit is having a bowhead whale hunt this summer and believed that many community members were very excited about this. She would like for the Green Party of Canada to recognize that both the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have determined that hunt is sustainable; as a result there are no conservation issues. The Green Party of Canada stated that they are in support of aboriginal rights;



aboriginal people are often forgotten about and marginalized. This resolution would ask that the Green Party of Canada recognize that our rights are aligned with their stated values and the Canadian Constitution.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he felt very uncomfortable with Council's position on this matter when he first read the resolution due to the upcoming election and wondered what Council's thoughts were on passing the resolution speaking specifically to one party rather than multiple parties in Canada. He was unsure if Council should pass this resolution.

Mayor Redfern stated that the other parties have indicated their support for constitutional rights and harvesting that is sustainable. She believed that only the Green Party of Canada had a position against aboriginal substances and bowhead whale hunting; this is the reason why the resolution is being brought forward to Council. The Green Party of Canada released a Press Release earlier today indicating their support for aboriginal people's rights.

Councillor Stevenson noted for Council that Iqaluit will be having a bowhead whale hunt this year whether the Green Party of Canada supported it or not; he did not understand why Council needed to pass this resolution. He believed that all Council members hunt seal and that many individuals do not agree with seal hunting in Canada. He stated that he was uncomfortable with passing the resolution and was unsure that it was necessary.

Councillor Wilman agreed with Councillor Stevenson and stated that she was very proud of his statement. She stated that she needed to put a lot of thought into this resolution when she first received it by email and is unsure why she needs to pass this resolution. She fully supported Councillor Stevenson and stated that her decision is very clear.

Councillor Nattaq expressed his support for the resolution as he believed that the residents would also be in support.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that the meat and fat from a bowhead whale or seal was often wasted and not appreciated as it should. He stated that he was uncomfortable with this matter.

Deputy Mayor Ell agreed with Mayor Redfern and believed that the resolution should be passed by Council. He stated that he did not agree with the Green Party of Canada.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he does not agree with the Green Party either and that it was the people's rights to hunt the bowhead whale if they chose to do so; it is a proven sustainable hunt. Council is a political body and if other parties are speaking specifically about the people's right in the community, Council should then defend themselves and the people in the community. He noted that

this is Council's last meeting before the election and believed that there were several small platform details from all the parties, not specifically regarding the bowhead whale hunt, but all kind of things relating to Nunavut or Iqaluit that Council could also speak to; he did not feel comfortable speaking to all matters.

Councillor Nattaq asked who the Green Party of Canada is and if they come from the Green Peace.

Mayor Redfern responded that the Green Party of Canada is a Canadian Federal Political Party with a modern, progressive platform that balances fiscal, social and environmental concerns. They have candidates from across the country and will have positions like the conservative party, liberal party and the new democrat party. They have a strong agenda on policies that affect the environment. She noted that the resolution is not against them, it is simply to ask them to support aboriginal people's rights and to re-evaluate their statement so that it can be aligned with their own stated values and the Canadian Constitution.

Councillor Wilman asked if the resolution needed to be passed this evening or if it could be done at a later date.

Mayor Redfern responded that the resolution could be passed at a later date but it would benefit to pass it now as they are asking to be more inclusive of the aboriginal people in Canada; this is part of reason why the resolution was drafted and brought forward to Council, too ask them to remember the Inuit of Nunavut, and specifically Iqalummiut who will be harvesting a bowhead whale this summer.

Councillor Knickelbein expressed his support for the resolution but did not believe that it needed to be looked at as a political statement. He stated that if he has the opportunity to speak against the continued ignorance, negative stereotyping and ongoing attacks on people's intelligence as far as what is sustainable and what is not, he will.

**Motion #11-156**

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

WHEREAS, the City of Iqaluit is a multicultural community, with Inuit as one of the original peoples and representing over 50% population; and  
WHEREAS, the Crown and Inuit of Nunavut signed the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement granting Canada land ownership and certainly in exchange for giving Inuit certain rights, including but not limited to harvesting rights in Nunavut; and  
WHEREAS, Inuit harvesting rights are also protected and affirmed under the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, harvesting of wildlife is an important socio-economic and cultural activity that is essential to food security and wellbeing; and  
WHEREAS, seal hunts in Canada and in Nunavut are sustainable; and  
WHEREAS, 70% of Inuit preschool children live in food insecure homes with 25% of them experiencing *severe* food insecurity; and  
WHEREAS, the Green Party of Canada encourages local self-reliance to the greatest practical extent to create worthwhile, satisfying communities; and  
WHEREAS, the Green Party of Canada purports to defend the right of all persons, without discrimination, to an environmental supportive of their dignity, bodily Health, and spiritual well-being; and  
WHEREAS, the Green Party of Canada requires the recognition of the rights of ethnic minorities to develop their culture, religion and language without discrimination; and  
WHEREAS, the Green Party of Canada's stated position regarding seal hunting and bowhead whale hunting are not based on conservation and/or sustainability but on cultural prejudice; and  
WHEREAS, the Inuit of Iqaluit have been awarded the right to harvest a bowhead whale this summer; and  
WHEREAS, the bowhead whale population has been rebounding with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans stating that the population is stable; and  
WHEREAS, the bowhead whale hunt in Nunavut is sustainable, as deemed and supported by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and DFO and in keeping with the Brundtland Commission and the UN definition of sustainability; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Iqaluit strongly urges the Green Party of Canada to amend their policy statements regarding marine mammal harvesting so they align both with the GPC stated values and the Canadian Constitution regarding aboriginal rights that include cultural protections and food security.

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

**Councillor Wilman abstained to the motion as she agreed in principle but did not agree with the approach.**

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Niksiit Committee Report  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator
- i) Iqaluit Skate Park  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator

### **Motion #11-157**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved the Iqaluit skate Park proposal in the amount of twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars; funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii) Inuksuk Infant Development Centre  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator

**Motion #11-158**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved the Inuksuk Infant Development Centre proposal in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars; funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

- iii) Iqaluit Parents and Tots Association  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator

**Motion #11-159**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved the Iqaluit Parents and Tots Association proposal in the amount of eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars; funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

- iv) Aakuluk Daycare  
Andy Nichols, Community Wellness Coordinator

**Motion #11-160**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved the Aakuluk daycare proposal in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars; funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Application: Inuit perception and understanding of workplace safety education

**Motion #11-161**

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved the NRI application "Inuit perception and understanding of workplace safety education", Suzanne Jackson, Lund University.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #11-162**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #08 at 7:15pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

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John Hussey  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Tracy Leschyshyn  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011, AD.