

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #15  
August 9<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 Stephen Mansell (participated via teleconference)  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**ABSENT**

Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Mat Knickelbein  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Meagan Leach, A/Chief Administrative Officer  
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk  
Chris Wilson, Director, Emergency and Protective Services  
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development  
Eva Michael, Communications Officer  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**PRAYER**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #11-247**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:

Add Item 3 (a) – Iqaluit Humane Society  
Add Item 10 (a) – Niksiit Committee Report  
Add Item 11 (d) – Correspondence Item (Motion Required)

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes #11 – June 14, 2011

**Motion #11-248**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #11 dated June 14, 2011.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #03 – June 20, 2011

**Motion #11-249**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #03 dated June 20, 2011.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- a) Iqaluit Humane Society  
Janine Budgell and Naiomi McMunn

Janine Budgell thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present. She stated that the Iqaluit Humane Society closed its doors today and will be no longer offering shelter services for Nunavut's unwanted animal population. Having Nunavut's first and only animal shelter close was a very difficult decision for its board of directors. She stated that the society is aware that this decision

will undoubtedly cause extra work for the City's Animal Control Officers; at this juncture there is no other option.

Naiomi McMunn stated that the organization is no longer able to meet its mandate as the demands placed on the shelter outweigh the resources currently available. Not only are they receiving demands for neglected, abused and homeless animals in the territory, but also get a tremendous amount of medical inquiries that they try to assist with as best as possible with limited resources.

Janine stated that they do not have the volunteer staffing compliment required to provide the standard of care they wish to provide. In addition to this they have no resources to train the volunteers with the skills required to be a competent kennel care member.

Naiomi stated that although they are forever grateful for the space the City currently provides, it does not meet the demand. The shelter is essentially a one bedroom apartment filled with dogs and cats. Ideally each animal should undergo an assessment to determine what type of program should be implemented to ensure the animal is "adoptable" at the end of its stay with the Iqaluit Humane Society. It is impossible to carry out an accurate assessment in the current facility with the entire population watching and barking their two cents worth. Animal disease has been a huge burden on their resources; they have had many animals with parvo over the course of their operation and this puts the whole population at risk. In order to ensure the health of the other animals it is essential that they have a quarantine room or facility available for sick animals to alleviate this stress on the organization.

Janine stated that the organization has been unsuccessful in securing a funding source at this time; this has been a barrier in the development of the organization. The type of services that the community demands cannot be provided by the organization at this time; they have limited dollars as the money generated is through fundraising efforts, such as puppy washes, bingos and bake sales. This money has been able to provide food and basic medical attention for a limited number of Iqaluit's unwanted animal population.

Naiomi stated that the territory is growing at an expedited rate as is the capital city. As an organization they have been trying their best to keep up with the demand for intakes to the best of their ability, but unfortunately in the five years the Iqaluit Humane Society has existed there has not been a reduction in the demand. This leads them to believe that the current program is not working. The City of Iqaluit's Animal Control By-law is outdated and conflicts with the Iqaluit Humane Society's mandate in many ways. They would like to encourage the City to revisit this dated legislation; they are committed to working with the City in providing recommendations that they feel would assist the community as a whole.

Janine stated that unless the City and the Iqaluit Human Society work together with common goals, priorities and preventative measures in mind, the very prevalent issues of animal over population, dog bites, attacks, irresponsible pet ownership and disease that face the community will continue to grow.

Naiomi stated that the Iqaluit Humane Society needs to revitalize the organization and to do this they are seeking the City's support. They also need to restructure the organization to ensure that they can offer programs that meet the needs of the community. In order to implement a new program they must re-open an animal shelter in Iqaluit.

Janine believed that ways the City could support the Iqaluit Humane Society would be to introduce full staff for the Iqaluit Humane Society, upgrade the current facility, educate and train staff members as well as volunteers and the Municipal Enforcement Officers, update City by-laws and propose to the territorial government that they update the Dog Act.

Niaomi stated that the society is willing to commit to the expansion of the current board of directors, identify sub-committees, review the current membership and development a business plan in coordination with a certified general accountant.

Janine stated that in order to re-open the shelter they are hoping that the City will assist them in obtaining the following:

- Two full-time staff dedicated to the IHS
  - Education & training for staff and volunteers in behavioral correction and proper assessment technique
- Upgrades to current facility and increased space
  - New flooring; additional holding cages; outdoor run
  - Cat room/Assessment room/Quarantine room
- Update City By-laws and the IHS By-laws

She stated that they require assistance in obtaining training for these staff and care workers so they can develop a program that is better suited to the animal population needs. In turn, offering a program that will reduce the number of animals on the streets of Iqaluit and reducing the work load on the Municipal Enforcement staff. The Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer indicated that this training would be very beneficial to his staff.

Naiomi stated that the space that the shelter is currently functioning from is not adequate to meet the needs. For example, the flooring is not suitable for disinfecting, making disease control a daunting task. They require a separate space to carry out temperament assessments on the animals, a separate space for non-canine residents (cats, Guinea pigs, iguanas) and the number of holding cages that they currently have do not meet the needs; animals are rejected on

intake because of the lack of space. She believed that outdoor runs would allow for a higher quality of care.

Janine stated that there are many areas in which the City by-laws and the Iqaluit Humane Society are not working together. For example, why would someone adopt a dog from the shelter and be forced to pay for its spay or neuter up front, be required to obtain a City registration tag and pay an minimal adoption fee to the organization when they can go to the City pound and get a dog for free with no obligations. This is just one of many areas that where they feel the City and the Iqaluit Humane Society should work together to make Iqaluit a safer place to live.

Janine believed that once the organization is functioning in a partnership with the City, there are many long term goals that they have as part of their strategic planning.

Naiomi stated that they would like to ask that the City join voices with Iqaluit Humane Society to express the need for the territory to also update its current legislation.

Janine stated that they could partner with the City to offer educational, awareness materials and resources to the community's general public and school systems.

Naiomi stated that they also hope that with these supports in place, the Iqaluit Humane Society could also be a source of revenue by offering services to the community that have been asked on several occasions such as selling pet supplies, provide grooming, dog walking and kennel services.

Janine thanked Council for their time and stated that they look forward to working with the City to hopefully re-open the Iqaluit Humane Society.

Councillor Kilabuk thanked Janine for her presentation and asked what will happen to the animals that were under the shelter's care.

Janine responded that all animals were shipped to southern organizations for re-homing or adoption locally as of twelve o'clock today.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that the Iqaluit Humane Society will need to re-open in the near future as there will be a significant amount of animals needing shelter and care.

Councillor Wilman believed that the presentation was very informative and that the community will need to work together to re-open the Iqaluit Humane Society.

Councillor Mansell thanked the Iqaluit Humane Society for coming to Council and believed that they provided very valuable services to the community. He believed that the City should work closely with them to help re-open the shelter and to address other concerns they have expressed.

Mayor Redfern stated that she noted the concerns and recommendations that the Iqaluit Humane Society expressed and believed that the City should work with them to prepare a plan and proceed with re-opening the shelter. She asked if the Iqaluit Humane Society required anything specific from Council other than the commitment to work with them to address the issue.

Janine stated that the commitment from the City to work with the Iqaluit Humane Society was appreciated and believed that a committee could be developed; she also stated that commitment from the City that the Iqaluit Humane Society would not be evicted from the unit would also be appreciated.

Mayor Redfern believed that the City may need to use the space to house animals but suggested that she speak with the Municipal Enforcement Department to see what they would require for space as well. She believed that the City may want to ship animals to the same organization used by the Iqaluit Humane Society in the interim.

Janine stated that there is a new requirement for the Iqaluit Humane Society for the animals traveling on the frequent flyer animal program; all animals must undergo a temperament assessment. She stated that this is a big burden on City staff as well as the volunteers from the Iqaluit Humane Society as no training or space has been provided to conduct the assessments. She believed that this may cause issues when animals need to be sent south until training and space has been provided.

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

None

#### **5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Kilabuk believed that the community was a lot cleaner since the community clean-up took place and noted that individuals continue to clean. He stated that there are several large items that need to be picked up by the Public Works Department before winter arrives.

Councillor Wilman believed that individuals were more careful in picking up their garbage when camping in the Sylvia Grinnell Park and thanked them for that. The Government of Nunavut installed garbage cans and also cleaned up certain areas very well. She noted that there are several cabins being developed in the park and believed that these people may not be cleaning up their area when

finished after a day of picnicking or camping for a few days; these individuals should be asked to clean up their sites when they are finished.

Deputy Mayor Ell thanked the Public Works Department for the beach clean-up.

Mayor Redfern also thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up the garbage and large items from the Iqaluit Greenhouse Society's property; they are also cleaning up the beach area.

She stated that she attended the first interagency meeting with the Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Hunters and Trappers Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs and Qikiqtani Inuit Association regarding land issues in open spaces. There is a commitment to meet every month until these issues have been addressed.

**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)**

None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Mayor's Activity Report**

Mayor Redfern presented Council with her activity report and asked if there were questions.

Councillor Kilabuk thanked Mayor Redfern for her report and believed that it was very informative to Council.

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Niksiit Committee Report  
Councillor Nattaq, Chair
- i) Nunavut Stars Summer Hockey Camp  
Councillor Nattaq, Chairperson

### Motion #11-250

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved the proposal from the Nunavut Stars Summer Hockey Camp in the amount of eight thousand two hundred forty seven dollars and sixty two cents (\$8,247.62); funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii) Kids on the Beach Daycare  
Councillor Nattaq, Chairperson

### Motion #11-251

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved the proposal from the Kids on the Beach Enhancing Healthy Babies in the amount of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars; funds to be allocated from Brighter Futures.

**Unanimously Carried**

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

- d) Letter of Support for the Franco-Centre Renovation Project

### Motion #11-252

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to write a letter of support for the Franco-Centre Renovation Project.

**Unanimously Carried**



**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**Motion #11-253**

Moved by: Councillor Nattaq  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to go In Camera at 6:35pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #11-254**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council returned to Regular Session at 7:30pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #11-255**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell  
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #15 at 7:30pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

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Meagan Leach  
A/Chief Administrative Officer

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Valerie Collin  
A/City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011, AD.