

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #01
January 13th, 2015 at 6:00 PM
ABE OKPIK HALL**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Stephen Mansell

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Michael Hatch, Sargent, Municipal Enforcement
Omer Pasalic, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Darren Kennedy, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Vanessa Griffin, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Levi Nowdluk, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Jonah Oolayou, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

Darren Kennedy, Municipal Enforcement Officer was sworn in by Robyn Mackey, Commissioner of Oaths.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #15-01

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 – March 3, 2014

Motion #15-02

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes No. 02 dated March 3, 2014 are approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell
Abstained - Mansell
Carried**

Councillor Mansell abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell thanked the Mayor and Administration for holding the meeting at Abe Okpik Hall and believed that the City should continue holding their Council meetings at different locations. He suggested that Municipal Enforcement remind staff of the Fire Department that a helmet must be worn while driving the all terrain vehicle.

Councillor Bell thanked the Mayor and Administration for holding the meeting at Abe Okpik Hall. He noted that Council passed a motion in 2014 for repairs to be completed at City Hall to accommodate wheel chair access and stated that he would like an update on the matter in the near future.

Councillor Dobbin believed that there would be two asphalt plants in Iqaluit during the summer of 2015 and that this could be an opportunity for the City to pave remaining roads and repair current paved roads that are in desperate need of repair. He suggested that the City should approach Kudlik Construction and discuss this possibility with them.

Councillor Akumalik thanked the Mayor and Administration for holding the meeting at Abe Okpik Hall and believed that it was also very much appreciated by Apex residents. He stated that there are several large snow piles throughout the city that are dangerous and often obstruct the view of drivers and pedestrians; he suggested that they be decreased in height or completely removed as soon as possible to avoid motor vehicle accidents or pedestrians getting hurt while walking.

Councillor Papatsie noted that there has been an increase in vandalism to properties and vehicles and believed that this should be addressed as soon as possible; perhaps the Royal Canadian Mounted Police could increase their patrols throughout the city.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

Mayor Wilman turned the Chair to Deputy Mayor Stevenson.

- a) Draft Community Economic Development Plan
Mayor Wilman, Chair, Economic Development Committee

Mayor Wilman noted that the draft Community Economic Development Plan was presented to Council during a previous meeting but was deferred to provide Council members the opportunity to review the plan in detail.

Councillor Bell thanked Administration for the draft plan and suggested that the grammatical errors be addressed in the document.

Councillor Akumalik suggested that a paragraph summarizing the plan, as a whole be included at the beginning of the plan.

Mayor Wilman thanked Council for their comments and suggestions and noted that grammatical errors will be addressed.

Motion #15-03

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council approves the Community Economic Development Plan with changes and updates as noted.
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Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Stevenson turned the Chair back to Mayor Wilman.

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Aquatic Centre Borrowing By-law Amendment
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Administration stated that the purpose of the by-law is to permit the borrowing of funds required for the Aquatic Centre.

Motion #15-04

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That First Reading of Aquatic Centre Borrowing By-law Amendment is approved.
For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Aquatic Centre Borrowing By-law Amendment
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Councillor Dobbin noted that the loan agreements are not attached to the by-law and asked if Council would be provided details of the loan agreements.

Administration advised that the loan agreement is lengthy and contains the usual information found in a loan agreement. The agreement would have taken a significant amount of time to be translated and would have delayed this process. The City is to borrow up to \$30,000,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal for the construction and outfitting of the Aquatic Centre as per the ratepayers' vote during the 2012 municipal election.

An error was identified in paragraph 7(a); where it indicates "a fixed and floating charge demand debenture in the principal amount of \$30,000,000.00, such debenture to be registered by way of mortgage and charge over the Aquatic Centre lands and equipment; and", it should indicate "a fixed and floating charge demand debenture in the principal amount of \$30,000,000.00, such debenture to be secured by way of mortgage and charge over the Aquatic Centre lands and

equipment; and”.

Councillor Bell did not believe that the City of Iqaluit could afford such a project.

Councillor Mansell asked if the loan agreement would be available to the public if they were interested in reviewing the document.

Administration confirmed that the loan agreement would be available to the public for review; the document would be in form of a collateral mortgage from the Land Titles office.

Motion #15-05

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Second Reading of Aquatic Centre Borrowing By-law Amendment No. 778 is approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
Carried**

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

- i) Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law No. 777
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer

Administration noted that the purpose of the by-law is to amend the list of appointed officers to include Darren Kennedy.

Motion #15-06

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Third and Final Reading of Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law No. 777 is approved.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Nunavut at 15 Conference Participant(s)
Mayor Wilman, Chair, Community Economic Development Committee

Mayor Wilman noted that the matter was briefly discussed at a previous meeting but was deferred to provide Council members the opportunity to identify who they would like to attend the Nunavut at 15 Conference.

Councillor Mansell believed that Mayor Wilman should attend the conference.

Councillor Bell stated that he was not interested in attending the conference and believed that Council travel should be placed on hold until such time when the City has increased funds in its bank accounts.

Motion #15-07

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Mayor Wilman attend the Nunavut at 15 Conference.

For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Mansell

Against – Bell

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Council Appointment to 2015 Board of Revision

Motion #15-08

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Deputy Mayor Stevenson is appointed to the 2015 Board of Revision.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Appointment of Secretary to the Board of Revision

Motion #15-09

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Tracy Cooke is appointed as the Secretary to the 2015 Board of Revision.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Member at Large Appointment to the Economic Development Committee

Motion #15-10

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Paul Fraser, Elizabeth Kingston, Kuthula Matshazi and Scott Clerk be appointed as Members at Large to the 2015 Economic Development Committee.

Unanimously Carried

- d) Request for Decision – Humane Society Memorandum of Understanding
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer

Administration noted that discussions with the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Humane Society possibly taking over the day to day duties of the municipal animal shelter in 2014.

In 2013, a Pound Keeper position was created to assist the Municipal Enforcement Department's Animal Control division free up officers required in the field; the position was removed in 2014.

Discussion with the Chief Administrative Officer was based around the possibility of drafting a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Iqaluit Humane Society as the society's mandate was similar to the shelter duties and functions.

A memorandum of understanding was drafted in consultation with the Iqaluit Humane Society and the Municipal Enforcement Department; the draft document was then forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer for review in early 2014.

Administration stated that it was requested by the Protective Services Committee on December 4, 2014 that a decision be brought forward with support from the committee in support of the memorandum of understanding or to re-instate the Pound Keeper position.

Municipal Enforcement is requesting that \$55,000.00 be transferred from the General Operating Fund yearly to be placed in a new operating line within the Animal Control division budget. Having this memorandum of understanding in place would reduce the number of hours spent taking care of animals at the shelter, reduce the number of hours officers spend during the weekend caring for animals at the shelter thus saving the department a significant amount of money. If the Iqaluit Humane Society were to close in the future, the Municipal

Enforcement Department would re-acquire the responsibilities of the shelter and the animals.

Motion #15-11

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the Memorandum of understanding with the Iqaluit Humane Society is approved.

Unanimously Carried

e) Discussion Item – Information to Councillors

Councillor Bell stated that he has requested to receive important information on a number of occasions during his term as a Council member and was refused. He recently requested a document as the Chairperson of the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole relating to an email between himself, Mayor Wilman, the Director of Planning and Development and the Chief Administrative Officer and was denied. He believed that it was his right to receive a copy of this document and expressed his concern with the lack of information being provided or refused to Council members when requested. As elected officials, they work for the residents of Iqaluit and are sworn to confidentiality during their appointment as Council members.

Councillor Stevenson agreed with Councillor Bell and believed that Council members should be permitted to review documents as they request to do so. It is their duty to maintain confidentiality of information reviewed when necessary. He hoped that by having this discussion that the matter will be addressed on its own and that Council members would not have difficulties accessing information as requested.

Administration stated that the City's legal counsel is currently drafting a policy that would address the proper procedure for staff and Council to follow when information is being requested and how it should be distributed. This matter will be discussed further once the draft policy is ready for Council and Administration's review.

Councillor Mansell believed that there were often inappropriate debates between Council members and sometimes with staff; this should be addressed and not permitted. He believed that if Council members were to contact staff members requesting information the Chief Administrative Officer should be made aware of the request and the communication; perhaps Council members should not be permitted to contact staff members directly but through the Chief Administrative Officer instead.

Councillor Bell stated that Chairpersons of committees should be permitted to contact the appropriate staff member for the committee to discuss matters or request information directly.

Mayor Wilman agreed with Councillor Mansell and believed that if Council members wanted to be respected by staff members that Council members should also respect staff members. The proper procedures should be followed to receive information or to speak to staff directly. She believed that Council often made staff uncomfortable by directly approaching them regarding certain issues or requesting information; the Chief Administrative Officer should be approached for all issues and requests for information.

- f) 2015 Institutional Category Mill Rate
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Administration noted that Council approved an increase to the mill rate during the 2015 budget deliberations. It was identified that the rates and categories referenced to those rates as presented were incorrect and Administration would like to correct this.

Motion #15-12

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council Motion No. 14-451 is rescinded.

For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell, Mansell
Abstained - Akumalik
Carried

Councillor Akumalik abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

Motion #15-13

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That the 2015 Mill Rates are set as follows:

- Residential 7/8: 0.01512
- Residential 9/10: 0.02450
- Commercial: 0.03696
- Transmission: 0.03696
- Industrial: 0.04403
- Institutional: 0.04927

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell, Mansell
Against – Akumalik
Carried**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Public Safety Committee
Councillor Mansell, Chairperson

Councillor Mansell stated that the Public Safety Committee met on December 3, 2014. The following discussions were held:

1. Delegation from Arctic Ventures/Co-Op

Guests Mike Warcholak and Leo Flynn of Co-Op were invited to attend the meeting and brought forth their ideas as to some issues involving the property. It was advised that Stan Tech, a consulting firm, would be assisting Co-op with identifying their risk management issues. Discussions were held relating to lighting, vehicle safety, parking and pedestrian traffic.

The committee also discussed the set up of taxi stand spots for two vehicles. It was also discussed that Municipal Enforcement would release a public service announcement identifying the double parking issue, and to enforce the problem. The discussion was very productive and both sides committed to meet again. The committee very much appreciated the Co-op's attendance and participation.

2. Delegation from Block Parent Program

Mr. Martin Barbe provided a brief background with a request for support of initiating a Block Parent program within Iqaluit. The committee discussed the matter and expressed their support for this program.

3. MOU presentation - City & Iqaluit Humane Society

A presentation was provided by Chief Sloboda in regards to the memorandum of understanding created between the City and the Iqaluit Humane Society. The discussion pertained to either entering into the agreement with the society or to bring back the Pound Keeper position. A fee of \$55,000.00 is requested from the society to maintain the costs encountered with the memorandum of understanding. Unanimous support was given to the memorandum of understanding option and to bring the memorandum forward to Council for approval.

4. Fireworks By-Law update

It was identified that Council approved the five questions and that consultation be started in the new year.

5. Pet Owners By-law

It was noted that the draft has been received by legal counsel and that a first review had been returned with comments. Chief Sloboda would be meeting with legal counsel to review these comments and hopefully have a by-law ready for the new year.

6. Crosswalk near boarding home and old hospital

The Disabilities Advisory Committee requested that the Public Safety Committee consider setting up a cross walk light between the boarding home and hospital. Committee members agreed that this is a problem area and a safety risk. Chief Sloboda was asked to have a discussion between the Public Works, Planning and Development and Engineering Departments to determine the viability of placing a flashing cross walk at this location. It was requested that recommendations be brought back to the next committee meeting.

Motion #15-14

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That Municipal Enforcement look into the viability of installing crosswalk lights at the boarding home and hospital intersection.

Unanimously Carried

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

b) Letter: 50th Anniversary of Toonik Tyme

Motion #15-15

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

That Council appoint Councillors Akumalik, Bell and Dobbin to sit on the Toonik Tyme Committee.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #15-16

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the request for increased funding support from the Toonik Tyme Committee be referred to the Finance Committee of the Whole.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Application: "An evaluation of municipal, regional, territorial, and federal adaptation policies, programs and actions in Nunavut."

Motion #15-17

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the NRI application "An evaluation of municipal, regional, territorial, and federal adaptation policies, programs and actions in Nunavut."; Jolene Labbe, McGill University is approved.

For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell, Mansell

Against - Akumalik

Carried

- d) Application: "Making SPARX Fly in Nunavut: Pilot testing an innovative computer based intervention for boosting resilience against youth depression as a preamble to the development of a culturally specific, community led prevention program."

Motion #15-18

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the NRI application "Making SPARX Fly in Nunavut: Pilot testing an innovative computer based intervention for boosting resilience against youth depression as a preamble to the development of a culturally specific, community led prevention program."; Yvonne Bohr, LaMarsh Centre for Child & Youth Research and York university Faculty of Health is approved.

For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell, Mansell

Against - Akumalik

Carried

h) Letter: Request for Letter of Support

Motion #15-19

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council provide a letter of support to Ice Wireless.
For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell, Mansell
Against - Akumalik
Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #15-20

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council adjourns at 7:35pm.
Unanimously Carried



Mary Wilman
Mayor

John Mabberi-Mudonyi
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 13 day of October, 2015, AD.

