

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #02
January 24th, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Deputy Mayor David Ell
Councillor Stephen Mansell
Councillor Mary Ekho Wilman
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Kris Vardy, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Michael Hatch, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Steven Coles, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Omer Pasalic, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Joamie Eegeesiak, Community Economic Development Officer
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-33

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended.	
Add	Item 3 (b) – Shannon Hessian – Nunavut Teachers' Association: Request for Donation & Fee Reduction
Add	Item 9 (e) – Appointment of Members at Large to Niksiit Committee
Add	Item 9 (f) – Appointment of Members at Large to Economic Development Committee
Add	Item 9 (g) – Matters arising from Delegations
Delete	Item 3 (a) – RCMP Report
Delete	Item 7 (c) (i) – Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment
Delete	Item 7 (c) (ii) – 2012 Mill Rate By-law
Unanimously Carried	

1. MINUTES

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #07 – November 16, 2011

Motion #12-34

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #07 dated November 16, 2011.	
Unanimously Carried	

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- b) Shannon Hessian – Nunavut Teachers' Association

Ms. Shannon Hessian stated that she is here on behalf of the Planning Committee for the Nunavut Teachers' Conference to be held in February 2012. There will be approximately seven hundred (700) teachers and presenters coming from across the territory. She noted that they have rented four hundred fifty (450) chairs and seventy five (75) tables for the conference; these are required from Monday to Friday for the conference. They would like to request that these tables and chairs be picked up the Friday before the conference begins to prepare but that the rental fee be waived for that weekend.

Councillor Stevenson asked if she was requesting that the City only waive the rental fee for the two or three extra days that they will need the items.

Ms. Hessian confirmed that is what they are requesting.

Councillor Akumalik asked what the total cost to be waived is.

Ms. Hessian noted that she was unsure as to the total cost.

Councillor Mansell asked if anyone else had requested to use these items during that weekend.

Councillor Stevenson asked if they would also be using City facilities during the conference.

Ms. Hessian noted that Nakasuk School, Inuksuk High School, Aqsarniik Middle School and École des Trois Soleils will be used for the conference.

Councillor Akumalik asked if they could use chairs from the schools for the extra days.

Ms. Hessian noted that they are also using the tables and chairs from the schools but it is not enough to accommodate all the teachers and presenters coming for the conference.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the value of waving the rental fees for three days would be one thousand six hundred seventy seven (\$1,677.00) dollars for both the tables and chairs.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell reminded Council that there is a fundraising event by the Embrace Life Council this week. He noted that he will be absent for the Council meeting of February 14, 2012 due to holidays.

Councillor Wilman apologized for not being in attendance during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Redfern noted that the community lost a young woman from Iqaluit this week.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the purpose of the by-law is to amend the water and sewer service fees as per the 2012 budget deliberations.

Motion #12-35

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved First Reading of Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) 2012 Mill Rate By-law
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

John Hussey noted that the purpose of the by-law is to increase mill rates as per the 2012 budget deliberations.

Motion #12-36

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved First Reading of 2012 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

- iii) Zoning By-law Amendment (Lot 167, Plan 3896)
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that the purpose of the amendment was discussed during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting last night; it is to rezone the lot from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential.

Motion #12-37

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved First Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment for Lot 167, Plan 3896.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Motion #12-48

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Second Reading of Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) 2012 Mill Rate By-law
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Motion #12-49

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved Second Reading of 2012 Mill Rate By-law.

Unanimously Carried

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

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Payment of Outstanding Balance Lease to Purchase Agreement Building 1342 (Animal Control Building)
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the City of Iqaluit entered into a Lease to Purchase Agreement for Building 1342 owed by Northern Property Real Estate Investment Trust in March 2008.

The term of the lease was for a period of fifteen (15) years with a start date of March 1, 2008. The amount of the purchase was two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars with a fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollar down payment made on March 1, 2008. The interest rate for the amortization period was eight per cent.

He noted that the estimated total payout would be \$ 201,053.80. The City of Iqaluit has a reserve called Infrastructure Repair Reserve. The balance of this reserve as of January 5, 2012 is four hundred thirty three thousand eight hundred five dollars and ninety seven cents (\$433,805.97). Administration is requesting that the funds required to pay off the outstanding balance of the Lease to Purchase Agreement come from this reserve fund.

John noted that the 2012 Municipal Enforcement Animal Control budget have the following payments to be made for the annual capital lease payments: principle reduction of eleven thousand five hundred (\$11,500.00) dollars, interest expense on outstanding balance of fifteen thousand three hundred (\$15,300.00) dollars, property tax of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars and insurance expenses of nine

hundred (\$900.00) dollars for a total of thirty one thousand seven hundred (\$31,700.00) dollars.

Administration is requesting that the amount borrowed from the Infrastructure Repair Reserve be repaid from the thirty one thousand seven hundred (\$31,700.00) dollars per year that has been budgeted for payment to Northern Real Estate Investment Trust until the full amount of the funds borrowed are deposited to the reserve. He stated that it is estimated to take approximately six and a half years until the entire amount is paid to the reserve. The original lease would have been paid in eleven years; the City will save four and half years in payments and interest if the building is purchased.

Councillor Mansell expressed his support for the request and suggested that the City also explore other areas where the City may be able to do the same.

Motion #12-50

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council directs that Administration pay Northern Property Real Estate Investment Trust the remaining balance plus penalty for Building 1342 estimated to be two hundred one thousand fifty three dollars and eighty cents (\$201,053.80) and to transfer two hundred one thousand fifty three dollars and eighty cents (\$201,053.80) from the Infrastructure Repair Reserve to the General Operating account and that thirty one thousand seven hundred (\$31,700.00) dollars be transferred in 2012 and subsequent years from the Animal Control budget to the Infrastructure Reserve until the balance of two hundred one thousand fifty three dollars and eighty cents (\$201,053.80) is paid.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Request for Decision – 2012 Northern Lights Tradeshow
Joamie Eegeesiak, Community Economic Development Officer

Joamie Eegeesiak, Community Economic Development Officer, stated that she is seeking support to attend and provide a Trade Show Coffee Break Sponsor at the Northern Lights 2012 in Ottawa. The dates of the Northern Lights Tradeshow are February 1 to 4, 2012. This will provide exposure, connections and participation in the northern and southern trade show for the City.

Councillor Stevenson asked why the source of funding is indicated as being the Department of Economic Development and Transportation with the Government of Nunavut.

Joamie explained that the position is funded through this department and any events attended by her are also funded by the department.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the only cost to the City would be for her travel and accommodations.

Joamie noted that her travel and accommodations would also be funded by the Government of Nunavut.

Councillor Wilman noted that Council discussed the issue of sponsorships for trade shows during the 2012 budget deliberations and understood that Council was not in favor of doing so due to the shortage of funds.

Mayor Redfern noted that Council was hesitant to spend money on sponsorships for the Nunavut Trade Show but believed Councillor Stevenson had suggested that the City attend the Northern Lights Trade Show in Ottawa or any other trade show held down south as it would benefit more.

Councillor Stevenson noted that he believed it would be more beneficial to the City to attend trade shows down south than attending the Nunavut Trade Show.

Motion #12-51

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council supported the 2012 Northern Lights Coffee Break Sponsorship. Unanimously Carried
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c) Request for Decision – Development Permit and Variance, Lot 5, Plan 3317, Tundra Ridge

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that this matter was also discussed during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting last night. He noted that the applicant has applied for a Development Permit to build an addition to an existing single detached dwelling on Lot 5, Block 216, Plan 3317 and establish a bed and breakfast. The lot is located on Amaruq Court in Tundra Ridge. He stated that the proposal requires one (1) variance to the Zoning By-law:

- Minimum Rear Yard Setback: To permit a minimum rear yard setback of three point one (3.1) metres, whereas the minimum permitted rear yard setback is six (6) metres.

Motion #12-52

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved the Development Permit application #12-004 for Lot 5, Block 216, Plan 3317, to permit an addition to an existing single detached dwelling and to allow a bed and breakfast with the dwelling; and approved a variance to Section 8.4 of Zoning By-law No. 704 to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from six (6) metres to three point one (3.1) metres.

Unanimously Carried

d) Discussion Item – Animal Control
Municipal Enforcement Department

Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer, noted that the department currently consists of five officers including himself; there is currently one vacant position. Municipal Enforcement Officers work from Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 11:00pm with an “on call” system operating twenty four hours a day, seven days a week; any issues during outside the operation hours are addressed by the “on call” officer. He noted that the department enforces all municipal by-laws and some territorial statutes such as the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the *All Terrain Vehicle Act*; they also participate in the schools with children of all ages.

Kevin noted that the department is extremely busy with animal control and spends a lot of time picking up loose dogs, dealing with dog bites, et cetera. He noted that catching these dogs is often not an easy task as the dogs often recognize the vehicles and the officers and run away. They use treats, catch poles, tranquilization guns, et cetera to catch these dogs but often still have difficulties. He stated that the department used to deal mostly with large dogs but there are several little dogs loose all the time and they are as difficult to catch as the large dogs. They have a reporting system in place where they record all calls relating to dogs by category; they received fifty six (56) calls for dog bites in 2010 and forty (40) calls in 2011, nine (9) dogs were hit by a vehicle in 2011 and received four (4) cat complaints. He noted that the department picks up approximately twenty one (21) dogs per month; some are returned to their owners, some are sent south and some are destroyed.

Councillor Knickelbein noted that Council wanted to have this discussion with Municipal Enforcement to see what they can do as Council and as a community to address the issue of loose dogs. They receive a lot of complaints regarding aggressive dogs and children being followed by dogs. He asked if the department was missing any tools, techniques, training, et cetera that could assist with the dog issue. He believed that several individuals let their dogs out after supper for exercise without a leash and agreed that smaller dogs are also aggressive and hard to catch. Posters should be posted around the community,

as well as public service announcements to remind individuals that their dog must be on a leash at all times. He believed that the City should also ask the community what they think could be done to address the issue of loose dogs.

Kevin believed that an education program would be the best option to inform the community what is important and what should be done to address the loose dog issue. The Dog Bite program was introduced in schools through the Municipal Enforcement Department and other programs should also be introduced to improve the education on being a dog owner and proper care of dogs. He noted that the department is actively looking to purchase live traps as well as other tools discussed with Mr. John Hussey.

The Domestic Animal Control By-law No. 538 is old and needs to be reviewed and amended; the department is currently working on this and will bring the by-law to Council for further review and discussion. He stated that education on breeding, neutering and spaying, et cetera should also be provided to children and adults in the community as it is very important and the key start to addressing the issue of dogs at large.

Mayor Redfern believed that the fact that the community now has a residential veterinarian it will help address the need for neutering and spaying of dogs. There will be a meeting with the veterinarian and the Iqaluit Humane Society working group to discuss the respective roles and responsibility of all parties as well as options available to address this issue.

Councillor Wilman asked who is responsible for the cost of shipping dogs south.

Kevin noted that the dogs are sent via cargo with Canadian North through a program that the Iqaluit Humane Society started.

Councillor Wilman asked what the nature of the call outs are.

Kevin noted that the calls are mostly related to vicious dogs running at large in school or playground areas; sometimes it is because a dog has been hit by a vehicle.

Councillor Wilman asked if the officers knew the owners of dogs that are caught.

Kevin stated that most dogs picked up are given back to their owners depending on the fines to be paid but sometimes the dog is no longer wanted by the owner or the dog cannot be returned to the owner for a number of reasons. Dogs that are not returned to their owners are normally sent south.

Councillor Wilman believed that responsibility was a big reason for the issue of loose dogs; dog owners are not responsible and do not respect the by-law. She

did not understand why it was so difficult to simply keep a dog on a leash or what the reason was for individuals leaving their dogs outside.

Kevin agreed with Councillor Wilman and noted that officers often remind dog owners that their dog must be on a leash at all times and that the dog cannot be let out of the house without being chained. Education is a solution to this issue but dog owners need to be more responsible for their dogs and need to respect the by-law.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the City had a loitering by-law, and if so, is it being enforced.

Kevin stated that the City does not have a loitering by-law.

Councillor Stevenson noted that there should be a by-law to enforce individuals loitering around businesses.

Kevin noted that he was unsure if the territorial act included a section for loitering.

Councillor Stevenson asked if Municipal Enforcement could enforce a loitering by-law if one existed.

Kevin believed that the department could enforce a loitering by-law depending on how it is drafted.

Councillor Stevenson noted that during the Mayoral Caucus meeting in December 2011, it was discussed that loitering is an issue in the community. He would like to see a loitering by-law in the near future to address this issue as criminal activities take place and this should not be permitted.

Kevin noted that Council would need to direct the Municipal Enforcement Department on this matter.

Councillor Akumalik noted that several other communities also face the issue of dogs at large. A child was recently attacked by a dog and several individuals are now very concerned and afraid of loose dogs. He asked if the Municipal Enforcement Department could patrol in school areas during the hours that children go to and leave from school to provide more safety.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that dog owners needed to be more responsible and take better care of their dogs. Dogs often do their business on other properties because they are not tied up and the owners do not clean it up; this should be addressed.

Deputy Mayor Ell agreed with Councillor Akumalik and suggested that school areas be patrolled during the hours that children go and leave school.

Kevin noted that a meeting was held today within the department to discuss this matter and it was decided that officers would rotate their lunch hour to patrol those areas.

Councillor Mansell believed that dogs were also often put out on a leash and broke the leash. If dogs recognize the Municipal Enforcement vehicles and officers then it is because they have been picked up before; the fine schedule should be amended so that fines increase each time a dog is picked up.

Mayor Redfern noted that there is a sliding scale in the current Domestic Animal Control By-law No. 538 for dogs at large and suggested that it be reviewed and possibly amended.

Councillor Stevenson thanked the Municipal Enforcement Department for coming and noted that their work is appreciated by residents and by Council.

e) Appointment of Members at Large – Niksiit Committee

Motion #12-53

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council appointed Robin Manoll, Angelique Dignard, Natalie Strijak, Arthur Yuan and Bernie Schmidt as members at large to the Niksiit Committee.

Unanimously Carried

f) Appointment of Members at Large – Economic Development Committee

Motion #12-54

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council appointed Arthur Yuan, Lorne Levy and John Maurice as members at large to the Economic Development Committee.

Unanimously Carried

- g) Matters arising from Delegations
- i) Nunavut Teachers' Association

Deputy Mayor Ell noted that Council does not support in kind donations.

Councillor Stevenson noted that a lot of discussion has taken place regarding in kind donation and the use of facilities and equipment free of charge. He believed that the City's facilities and equipment should not be used for free and that their time should be valued. He noted that the City has a working relationship with the Department of Education and will be using the school for the day camp for free; this request may be treated a little different due to that.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his support for the request but believed that it would be setting a precedent for other organizations.

Councillor Knickelbein noted that he was not really in support of this request as Council has been working on eliminating requests such as these.

Motion #12-55

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

<p>Council approved the request by the Nunavut Teachers' Association.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For – Akumalik, Ell Against – Knickelbein, Stevenson, Wilman, Mansell Abstained – Kilabuk DEFEATED</p> <p>Councillor Kilabuk abstained to the motion as he was unsure how to vote.</p>

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- d) Sponsorship Request

Councillor Stevenson noted that they are requesting a monetary donation to help pay for shirts. He stated that he coached these boys and that they are all very nice and working very hard to raise money. He received a call from Lucassie Peter after Christmas thanking him for his help in getting them into soccer five years ago as he had not realized how hard it was to raise money. He stated that

he would love to support their request but for the same reasons as other requests the City cannot support this team as they cannot support all teams; this would not be fair if only one team was supported.

Councillor Wilman believed that if Council did not approve earlier requests they should not approve this one either.

Motion #12-56

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved the one thousand (\$1000.00) dollar sponsorship request by Lucassie Joamie and Lucassie Peter for the 19 and Over Soccer team's trip to Rankin Inlet.

**Against – Kilabuk, Akumalik, Knickelbein, Stevenson, Wilman, Ell, Mansell
DEFEATED**

e) Application: Hall Peninsula Integrated Geoscience Projects

Councillor Akumalik noted that the research application indicates that Pangnirtung is also involved and asked if anyone is aware of whether or not they support the research application or not.

Mayor Redfern believed that the Nunavut Research Institute also notified Pangnirtung of the research application seeking their support as they are required to do so. She noted that she is not aware of their decision at this time.

Councillor Kilabuk asked if the application indicated how high the helicopters would be flying as animals are often disturbed by helicopters. He would not support this application if the helicopters will be flying too low.

Mayor Redfern noted that Council could make a request that helicopters do not fly too low to disturb animals in the area.

Councillor Stevenson noted that Council also raised this issue when David Mate presented to Council some time ago; David Mate was unsure as to how low the helicopters would be flying. He noted that he would also not support the application if the helicopters were going to disturb the animals.

Deputy Mayor Ell agreed with Councillors Kilabuk and Stevenson and suggested that this be included in the motion.

Motion #12-57

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved the NRI application “Hall Peninsula Integrated Geoscience Projects” with a caveat relating to the minimization of disruption and disturbance to wildlife by helicopters.

**For – Kilabuk, Knickelbein, Stevenson, Wilman, Ell, Mansell
Abstain – Akumalik
Carried**

Councillor Akumalik abstained from the motion as he would like to see a letter of support for the project from Pangnirtung.

- f) Application: Cultivating the Arctic’s Most Valuable Resource: An analysis of the barriers to High School Completion among aboriginal youth in northern communities”

Motion #12-58

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved the NRI application “Cultivating the Arctic’s Most Valuable Resource: An analysis of the barriers to High School Completion among aboriginal youth in northern communities”; Melanie O’Gorman, University of Winnipeg.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

One lands legal/contract matter was to be discussed In Camera.

Motion #12-59

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Ell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:45pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-60

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council returned to Regular Session at 7:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-61

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved to award the contract for 2012 Professional Planning and Development Review Services to Fotenn Consultants.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #11-62

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #02 at 7:55pm.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Cooke
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 17th day of April, 2012, AD.