

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING #02  
January 17, 2017 at 6:00pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern  
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi  
Councillor Terry Dobbin  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Jason Rochon

**ABSENT**

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Muhamud Hassan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk  
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services  
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation  
Luc Grandmaison, Director, Emergency Services  
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer  
Joamie Eegeesiak, Economic Development Officer  
Victoria Embree, Executive Assistant  
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Officer  
Jeanie Eeseemaille, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**PRAYER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #17-29**

Moved by: Councillor Rochon  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the agenda is adopted as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

## 2. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

### a) Committees Review

#### Economic Development Committee

Councillor Matshazi noted that the committee was able to participate in the Paris Air Show and began working on a destination marketing fee which is still an ongoing project. He also highlighted the drafting of the Economic Development Plan that was launched at last year's Northern Lights Conference and Tradeshow. The committee is now in the process of implementing the 2015- 2019 Economic Development Plan.

Over the past five years the Economic Development Plan has presented several challenges; one of them has been that City of Iqaluit only has one Economic Development officer compared the work that is required. The committee thinks this is a difficult task for one person; with more resources, such as having one or two more people in the department, would help with the Economic Development Plan.

There have been discussions with the Department of Economic Development and Department of Tourism to create a Memorandum of Understanding to describe the scope of partnerships in implementing some of the programs in the Economic Development Plan. ED&T is also interested in an Memorandum of Understanding to assist the Economic Development Committee; this will give the committee the opportunity to talk to more Economic Development Departments to understand their issues and move forward to assist in any way possible.

There are more issues are being worked on but these are the highlighted issues. More documents are required to present to the government to show that Iqaluit needs more funding for the Economic Development Department. Administration is urged to write to the Government of Nunavut concerning this issue.

Councillor Akumalik noted that this is an old and ongoing issue; the City of Iqaluit is part of a Regional Plan with Economic Development and gets the same amount of funding as the smaller hamlets. Administration should contact the Government of Nunavut to increase City of Iqaluit's funding for Economic Development to cover the extra events due to the increase of population in our city.

Mayor Redfern agreed to correspond with the Nunavut Government but noted that the funding is already set for this year and no additional funding will be available for the City of Iqaluit.

Councillor Dobbin agreed with Councillor Akumalik's suggestion on a funding increase as the Economic Development Department receives \$190,000 and \$160,000 is the salary for the Economic Development Officer which only leaves \$30,000 to work with. There is also a high level of responsibility on Economic Development Department to meet

progress. He asked for clarification on who is responsible for writing the funding proposals needed to assist in obtaining funding.

Mayor Redfern advised that Economic Development Officer's job description outline is to research and write funding proposals and manage projects.

Councillor Matshazi stated that obtaining the money is one part but defining the scope of work directed by the Memorandum of Understanding will help work on the eight issues to be improved. The Economic Development Plan is not aligned to the operational budget. The strategic plan is going to integrate this plan into the budget as opposed to previously where we outlined activities we wanted to proceed with. The City of Iqaluit could not pay for these activities, aligning the budget will move forward to come together internally with the city and externally with ED&T.

Mayor Redfern agreed with Councillor Matshazi that having the Memorandum of Understanding will be a venue to discuss the funding and strategic planning to fund required activities.

Councillor Akumalik agreed this is a large task to work through to determine how Economic Development will provide differently for the City of Iqaluit with 8000 residents compared to Grise Fiord's population of 130 residents. With the documents we have, there are some guiding principles that have been set in place. Improved infrastructure and improved quality of life are the most important bullets to enhance our community with Economic Development. It is difficult to meet community development with so little funding for our community. The beach clean ups and trade shows have been very helpful to the City of Iqaluit.

The City of Iqaluit needs to have a vision of the future to move forward to make sure we are working together; aligning our vision by meeting with the Minister to work on common ground. It would be beneficial to have an ED&T employee from the Nunavut Government as a member on the Economic Development committee to discuss the MOU.

He noted councillors have been given too many committees and it seems unreasonable with workload. The committee terms of reference states two or three council members per committee; councillor attendance needs to be addressed on committees as well.

The Disabilities Advisory Committee was on hold for years but is now a very active committee. Accessing community buildings with no access for persons with disability, as per our own city hall needs to be reviewed. We need to focus on providing safe and accessible buildings within our city.

Councillor Dobbin suggested the City of Iqaluit add funding to the 2017 Budget to have city buildings accessible before asking city businesses to comply with accessibility requirements.

The City of Iqaluit receives the highest funding in the Baffin Region from the Nunavut Government and includes community wellness, positive programs and short term programs to be used for salary or workshops. Follow ups on reports on their programs of the first increment of funding before receiving the next increment of money to continue funded programs. Council will approve amount of funding goes to which program before final decision is made for more funding to be released.

Mayor Redfern commented that staff on these committees need to be represented to avoid duplication of reviewing funding.

Councillor Rochon suggested that not all committees, such as Niksiit, require a full year committee. The Niksiit Committee has completed the bulk of its work in the first quarter of the year when the money is dispersed from the Nunavut Government. An addition should be added to the terms of reference for the Niksiit Committee to address the issue.

Administration agreed with Councillor Rochon that the bulk of the work is done until funds are depleted but there are times when the territorial government has returned funding to City of Iqaluit to disperse their leftover monies to programs. It may be better to rewrite the terms of reference that committees shall meet as needed instead of every month.

Councillor Akumalik would like to see city businesses work with the Public Safety Committee to improve traffic issues, sidewalks near the hospital, bike safety and fireworks used in the city. The Public Safety Committee has five members at large with three members from council, one protective services and one RCMP member and try to meet once a month.

He advised that the snowmobile traffic by DJ Convenience store is very heavy causing a danger to road traffic. The hunters and snowmobiles should find another trail elsewhere due to the dangerous situation, not wait until an accident occurs.

Councillor Nattaq suggests under the Public Safety Committee that smoking in motor vehicles with children should be prohibited as this is causing harm to the young children. Drug dealing in public areas of the City of Iqaluit should also be added to the Public Safety Committee agenda to discuss how to change or improve this behavior.

Mayor Redfern understands the RCMP will be coming to Council to address concerns of public safety in the city and will be reporting to Council. The RCMP will need to be fully staffed to assist our city properly with public safety.

Councillor Dobbin believed the Community Neighborhood Watch Problem had good ideas but with no funding to action the great ideas. No money to utilize the ideas doesn't provide any help to the residents.

Mayor Redfern understands the RCMP has monies to assist with public and community safety and will look into what is available to assist the committee to put their ideas in

action. There may be a budgeting issue if we knew it was a certain amount we require that needs to be brought up through council and funds would be set aside for this matter. It is a process issue and a new chair and members may not be aware of what is available.

Administration clarified that all recommendations must come back through the council even though council members sit on the committees. Committee members should sit down prior to budget with a rough plan to decide what the committee wants to accomplish before going through the budget process. If it is not possible to do so prior to budget, a budget amendment could be brought forward at a later time.

Councillor Rochon suggested that the previous information should be in the terms of reference as he wasn't clear on this process. The Recreation Committee should be meeting monthly because not meeting often enough due to the expense isn't a valid reason not to meet on a monthly basis. Amy, Director of Recreation is understaffed and over worked dealing with everything on her own. Some of the topics discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting was AWG sports field, Christmas party games, and Aquatic Center. Amy has been on top of all projects and only used the Recreation Committee as a sounding board to assist her in doing her job as Director of Recreation.

Councillor Matshazi confirmed the purpose of the Recreation Committee was to provide feedback and activities that may benefit the community. The Recreation Committee meeting every month would give the Recreation Department the support they require because recreation is a big part of our community. Meeting every month gives time to discuss and solve issues that may be arising; we need to be proactive and stay on top of the game.

Mayor Redfern suggests to let the Recreation Department stabilize and breathe as their large projects have been enormous for them to achieve and this could not have been done without Amy's full engagement in her department. The Recreation Committee may need to be folded into a Recreation Committee of the Whole to get more involvement with the community.

### **Motion #17-30**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the meeting is extended to 10:00pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Dobbin agreed the Recreation Department should be a sub department as it is too large; the director should be working with council.

Councillor Matshazi thinks the community should be involved in our communication to engage residents in our decisions; residents should be given an opportunity to be involved in the huge investment of recreation in the community.

Councillor Dobbin advised the Taxi Review Board is reviewing the Taxi By-law. The Taxi Advisory and Complaints Committee implemented a new complaint form but residents are using more social media instead of going to the complaint form to file the complaint properly.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson inquired how difficult it would be to merge both Taxi Committees.

Administration advised that it would not be difficult to merge the two committees.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #17-31**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 9:10pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Madeleine Redfern  
Mayor

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Muhamud Hassan  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 8 day of August, 2017, AD.