

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #03
January 28th, 2014 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie

ABSENT

Mayor John Graham
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Mark Morrissey

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability
Jaime Posen, Planning and Development
Colin McPhee, Assistant Planner
Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator
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 #14-17

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Council approved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #04 – September 18, 2013

Motion #14-18

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #04 dated September 18, 2013 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #21 – October 10, 2013

Motion #14-19

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Special City Council Meeting Minutes #21 dated October 10, 2013 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Papatsie noted that Council members sometimes travel for work or personal reasons and meetings are sometimes cancelled due to the lack of quorum. At times, Council only has four members present and is asked to

approve important projects; he believed that these types of decisions should only be made when Council has full quorum.

Councillor Stevenson thanked and congratulated the Nunavut Basketball Association and volunteers who participated in the tournament this past weekend.

Councillor Bell noted that the Huskies hockey team won the gold medal during their tournament and congratulated them for their winnings.

Deputy Mayor Wilman acknowledged the basketball team and believed that the tournament was very successful and enjoyable. She thanked Administration for providing advance notice to residents when blizzard warnings are in effect and the city is closing its offices; this advance notice is very much appreciated by residents and provides them the opportunity to safely get home prior to the blizzard.

Councillor Bell stated that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities currently has a program in relation to the housing crunch and the need for the federal government to step-up and support housing in local areas. He stated that he will be bringing forward a resolution during the next Council meeting asking that the federal government support housing in Iqaluit, as well as other local areas.

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) Final Approval – Iqaluit Sustainability Plan
Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator

Administration noted that several meetings have been held with Council and the community during the development of the Iqaluit Community Sustainability Plan and a significant amount of feedback was received. The final draft of the plan was presented to Council on January 14, 2014 for final comments; the plan is now ready for Council's approval.

Councillor Bell noted that he attended one the community consultation after being elected and believed that it was the best consultation meeting he had attended since his election. He expressed his support for the plan and hopes that everyone will follow through with the actions to be completed as identified in the plan.

Councillor Papatsie expressed his support for the Sustainability Plan and thanked Administration for their hard work and dedication in the development of the plan.

Motion #14-20

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council adopt the Iqaluit Sustainability Community Plan through the following resolution: THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF IQALUIT BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS sustainability for Iqaluit means: respecting Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit; making good decisions that move us towards our long-term vision of sustainability; and ensuring that today's decisions do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS the City of Iqaluit is the lead coordinator of Sustainable Iqaluit, who has worked with our local community to co-create the Iqaluit Sustainable Community Plan, which included a creative and extensive community engagement process to ensure Iqalumiut were meaningfully involved and participated at every stage of the planning process; and

WHEREAS the City of Iqaluit provided the project administration and management of the Iqaluit Sustainable Community Plan in addition to project funding, and the Federation of Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund also provided funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Iqaluit desires to demonstrate leadership as a model of environmental, economic and social stewardship, and will continue to work towards Sustainable Iqaluit's vision of being "a prosperous, healthy, and connected community who respects and cares for our land, respects and cares for each other, respects and cares for ourselves"; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Iqaluit invited community leaders in Iqaluit to take actions in their own organizations to support and implement sustainability practices and priority actions, and as a result the Iqaluit Sustainable Community Plan includes over 100 community actions, in addition to over 100 municipal actions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Iqaluit commit to the ongoing pursuit of greater environmental, socio-cultural, and economic sustainability by adopting the Iqaluit Sustainable Community Plan;

AND FURTHER, that the City of Iqaluit work together with community organizations and leaders to ensure our sustainability is rooted in our community, recognizing that our sustainability depends on collective action and community cooperation, and that by working together we are able to achieve a better long-term future for Iqalumiut;

AND FURTHER, that City Council and all City of Iqaluit Departments be encouraged to embed sustainability into day-to-day decision making, so that it becomes an integral part of the corporate municipal culture.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Solid Waste Management Plan
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability

Administration noted that the Solid Waste Management Plan was brought to Council for approval during the December 10th, 2013 Council meeting but was deferred back to the Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole for further review and discussion. A Special Council meeting was held on January 21, 2014 where Council received a presentation from Eco Waste Solutions regarding incineration systems and discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan further. Changes have been made to the proposed plan based on comments and recommendations received by Council on January 21, 2014; it is now ready for approval.

Councillor Bell noted that page 34 indicates that user fees (both garbage collection and tipping fees) would need to increase by up to sixty three (63) percent to cover the additional costs, depending on the amount of excess revenues available when the program is implemented. He did not agree with this increase and believed that the amount was incorrect; he asked how Administration determined the required increase to user fees.

Administration explained that when the cost estimates for different program options was developed, they reviewed the current costs for each type of waste disposal. Based on the results of that review, they used each disposal cost for the different types of waste and multiplied it by the number of different type of waste. The estimated sixty three (63) percent increase only relates to operation and maintenance costs; Table 7 in the Solid Waste Management Plan outlines the estimated costs increases associated with the Solid Waste Management programs and site. They also reviewed the sanitation revenues outlined in the 2012 Audited Financial Statements to determine what increases would be required in order to address the increase in operation and maintenance. Table 8 also identifies that if the city experiences a surplus in revenues that could be applied to the total cost, the proposed increase to service fees would range between thirty nine (39) to sixty three (63) percent.

Councillor Bell believed that if the composting program was located at the proposed solid waste site, it would cost an increase of thirty (30) percent to service fees, in addition to the estimated six million five hundred thousand (\$6,500,000.00) dollars for the road development. He stated that the power installation along the road to the site could cost the city up to five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars based on discussions he had with some individuals. He believed that the costs for road development should be transferred to the Future Granular Source Project since the road will be developed for this project specifically.

Administration noted that the estimated six million five hundred thousand (\$6,500,000.00) development cost is for the entire road development which will be shared between both projects. The operation and maintenance costs for the road will also be shared between the two projects.

Councillor Bell stated that the city had not yet identified where the incineration or composting programs would take place. The city has not yet received confirmation that the identified site for the future granular supply is adequate for its intended purpose as the geotechnical review has yet to be completed. He expressed his concern with the fact that the city was dedicating a significant amount of money to develop a road without having confirmation on the location of the programs as well as the conditions of the proposed granular supply.

Administration explained that even if the city decided not to implement the incineration or composting program, a future solid waste site is required. Council and the community expressed their interest in finding a location closer to town for the composting and incineration programs; funds have been identified to conduct a site selection review for the components that could be located elsewhere. As part of the site review recently completed, a previous review of the site was completed which recommended that the city consider the site for the future granular supply as well as the solid waste site. The city must first identify a site

before completing a geotechnical review of the site; with any projects, there are many levels of uncertainty until such time when geotechnical reviews and further research is completed. Cost estimates often change depending on the results of the reviews and the Solid Waste Management Plan was prepared as best as possible with the information collected; as new information becomes available, it will be shared with Council so that an informed decision can be made.

Councillor Stevenson expressed his support for the proposed programs and the Solid Waste Management Plan. He asked for clarification as to what type of review will be conducted on the new granular source site compared to what was completed for the current site.

Administration stated that a study was done at the proposed site for the granular supply some time ago in order to identify what the city's granular supply requirement would be in the future and where it would be located; the proposed site was identified in the General Plan. While the site was being studied in further detail, they had also identified other opportunities along the way, such as the Trail Area Deposit as an interim solution for the city's granular supply. The study completed was focused on the future granular supply and a geotechnical review of the site was completed. The city will complete an additional geotechnical review of the site before proceeding with the development of the site. The study completed on the Trail Area Deposit may not have been as significant as the one completed for the future granular supply.

Councillor Papatsie asked if the costs for operation and maintenance of the incinerator are included in the estimated costs.

Administration explained that estimated operation and maintenance costs are included in the plan based on information received from the various companies.

Councillor Bell noted that Council received a letter on January 13th, 2014 indicating that the city had failed to comply with an inspector's order; Council deferred the Solid Waste Management Plan for further discussion on December 10th, 2013. On December 11th, 2013, Administration contacted Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada indicating that Council had failed to approve the proposed plan and that it was deferred to the Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Administration noted that they did not indicate that Council had failed to approve the plan and that they were contacted by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding the status of approval by Council as they had read a news article. Administration did indicate to them that the plan was deferred to the Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Councillor Bell noted that the city requested several extensions on the approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan, the last one being on August 27, 2013. There are also a number of other documents that were to be submitted by certain dates such as 2007 and 2008 Annual Reports, Water Balance Report with Assessment of Recharge Needs, QA-QC Plan, updated operation and maintenance manual for the West 40 Landfill and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the West 40 Landfill. These documents, including the Solid Waste Management Plan, were to be submitted no later than November 30, 2013. He asked for clarification as to what the status was on the submission of these documents.

Administration noted that all documents, except for the Solid Waste Management Plan, were submitted by the deadline. The Department of Engineering and Sustainability has been meeting with the regulators on a regular basis to ensure that requirements are being met. The outstanding documents relating to the Iqaluit Waste Project are in progress and the department is hoping to submit these by January 31, 2014.

Councillor Bell asked if Council could receive a copy of the documents once they are finalized and submitted.

Motion #14-21

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Appointment of Members at Large – Economic Development Committee

Motion #14-22

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

That the Appointment of the Members at Large for the Economic Development Committee be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- b) Application: Access to Primary Healthcare in Iqaluit: Component of the Evaluation of the Project for Enhanced Rural and Remote Training

Motion #14-23

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

That the NRI application "Access to Primary Healthcare in Iqaluit: Component of the Evaluation of the Project for Enhanced Rural and Remote Training", Marshall Godwin, Memorial University be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Nattaq, Stevenson
Against - Bell
Carried**

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14-24

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council adjourn at 7:00pm.

Unanimously Carried

Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor

John Mabberi-Mudonyi
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **12** day of **August**, 2014, AD.