

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #03
February 10th, 2015 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Stephen Mansell
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Simon Nattaq (late 6:20pm)

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Colin MacPhee, Assistant Planner
Victoria Embree, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #15-36

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Delete	Item 3(a) – RCMP
Add	Item 3(c) – Toonik Tyme Committee

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

b) **Kerry McKluskey – Apex Summer Day Camp**

Ms. McKluskey thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to present and noted that the purpose of her presentation is to request that the City consider expanding the Apex Summer Day Camp program to full time hours; it is currently offered at half-days. Efforts began by approaching the Department of Recreation with the idea of extending the program to full time hours, but were advised that there was low attendance by children in Apex and no budget to expand the program to full time hours.

Due to the fact that the Apex Summer Day Camp program has only been offered as a half-day program historically, parents who require full-time care for their children during the summer months are not able to register their children for a half-day program; parents are forced to find alternate full-time childcare during the summer months. It may seem that Apex residents are not interested in the program but this is not the case. Should the City decide that the idea being presented has merit, there will be a significant interest by Apex residents.

The afterschool cooking program held at Nanook School has 23 children registered; the program is held Friday afternoons. It is evident from this program that children in the community are interested in programs and want the opportunity to participate in different activities.

She believed that approximately 23 children would be available to attend a full-time summer day camp in Apex if it was offered. The afterschool program at Nanook School also offers this program to children of Iqaluit once the children of Apex have been given the opportunity to register; the program does have a number of children from Iqaluit in attendance.

The Iqaluit Summer Day Camp Program should consider offering the same to children of Apex, which would alleviate the need for competition during the registration of the summer day camp in Iqaluit. Some families in Apex are not able to register their children at the Iqaluit Summer Day Camp as it would require paying additional taxi fares, which can be very expensive; many Apex children do

not attend the Iqaluit Summer Day Camp as the parents cannot afford the additional cost for transportation.

There is also a concern by residents with the limited facility space in Apex. Some residents believe that a full-time camp would conflict with the Parents and Tots Association program held at the Abe Okpik Hall three mornings per week. Perhaps the Parents and Tots Association program could be held at Nanook School so that the summer day camp could be held at the Abe Okpik Hall.

Ms. McKluskey understood that the City has financial restraints at this time and that allocating additional funds for a full-time program could be difficult. Detailed budget information for the summer day camp was requested in order to assist them with identifying a projected budget for a full-time summer day camp in Apex but the information was not received. With estimated costs identified, it is believed that each day camp worker would cost approximately \$4,000.00 for salary and benefits; with five day camp workers hired, the total estimated cost for salaries and benefits would be \$20,000.00. She believed the total estimated costs to be insignificant and would provide Apex residents a full-time summer day camp that is greatly needed. The total estimated cost for workers of the camp would not include transportation costs to activities but additional costs could be offset during the registration process.

Councillor Akumalik thanked Ms. McKluskey for her presentation and asked if the District Education Authority has discussed the matter in detail and what their thought on the matter was.

Ms. McKluskey advised that the idea is only in preliminary stages at the moment and that the District Education Authority has not discussed the matter in great detail at this time. The principal of Nanook School was approached with the idea of holding the summer day camp at the school, but it was indicated that the school undergoes many repairs and maintenance during the summer months. It was indicated by the principal that the school could accommodate the Parents and Tots Association program three mornings per week without issue. The District Education Authority will be approached on the matter after this presentation to Council has concluded.

Councillor Akumalik asked if five day camp workers would be sufficient for the Apex summer day camp.

Ms. McKluskey explained that this was only an estimate of workers required as detailed information was not received from the City in order to provide a more accurate estimate of workers required per children and day camp costs. She emailed Actua, an organization that provides funding assistance for camps, requesting additional information on their funding assistance and what types of camps are eligible for this funding.

Councillor Bell expressed his support for providing a full-time summer day camp in Apex and believed that it should be discussed further at a future Recreation Committee meeting or Finance Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Nattaq noted that the Niksiit Committee reviews applications for funding assistance to different programs and suggested that this camp submit an application for review. He believed that funding assistance could be provided for the camp or other activities for Apex residents.

Councillor Stevenson noted that a Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2015 and the committee could discuss the matter further.

Councillor Akumalik suggested that Council could receive an update on the matter once the District Education Authority has discussed it.

Motion #15-37

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the request for a full day summer camp in Apex be referred to the Recreation Committee.

Unanimously Carried

c) Toonik Tyme Committee

Ms. Rosanne D'Orazio, Vice-President of Toonik Tyme Society thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to present. She acknowledged and thanked the City for the relationship they have had over the past few years and for appointing Councillors Akumalik and Dobbin to the Toonik Tyme Committee. She also thanked the Department of Recreation for their in-kind donations and assistance with festival activities each year.

Toonik Tyme will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015 and preparations have begun for this special celebration. The committee would like to review the \$10,000.00 contribution agreement that is in place with the City and request that this amount be increased to assist with additional special activities to be held in 2015. The additional funds would be used for the creation of a Toonik Tyme Central at the Aqsarniit Middle School. The committee would also like to increase traditional games, indoors and outdoors, for adults and youth. The committee would also like to have additional promotional items to celebrate Toonik Tyme's 50th anniversary.

Ms. D'Orazio stated that the Toonik Tyme Committee would like to request that the contribution from the City be increased to \$50,000.00 to match the 50th anniversary and that in-kind donations from the Department of Recreation remain

the same, to assist with additional promotional items, the creation of a Toonik Tyme Central and provide additional traditional games. The committee is open to additional ideas and suggestions from the City for the celebration and is very appreciative of the support given to the society in past years.

Councillor Mansell expressed his support for the Department of Recreation continuing their in-kind donations and services. He asked if the committee would also require any additional services or in-kind donations that have not been provided in the past and believed that \$50,000.00 was a significant amount of money for the City to contribute for the event at this time.

Ms. D'Orazio noted that the Curling Rink has been used in the past for events during the festival as well as the arenas. The committee did discuss using the arena again this year but would need to have further discussions to identify possible additional in-kind donations or services that the City could provide.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked how the organization of the festival is progressing at this time.

Ms. D'Orazio stated that the society held its annual general meeting with four board members. They have been contacting individuals to populate the festival schedule which is divided between different organizations and individuals, including the Toonik Tyme Society. The schedule is ongoing and will be completed in the near future; this year's scheduling and organization of the festival is progressing positively and on time.

Councillor Dobbin asked if the society approached any other organizations for funding assistance.

Ms. D'Orazio noted that the City has been a regular contributor to the festival. The society used to receive funding assistance from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development but the society received confirmation that this contribution will not be provided in 2015; an application was submitted to Heritage Canada but was not approved. The society also reviewed funding opportunities with the Government of Nunavut but has not yet received confirmation as to whether or not they will be receiving assistance. The society also receives assistance from Canadian North and smaller organizations but the society does rely on the City for their contribution as well.

Councillor Akumalik thanked Ms. D'Orazio for her presentation and for her dedication to the Toonik Tyme Society. The committee is very busy and must be very dedicated to organize such a festival. He suggested that Council provide full support as requested and perhaps additional support as may be required by the society.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell expressed his concern with snow being cleared and piled near intersections, specifically near the brown row area. He believed this to be a serious matter and that Municipal Enforcement should review the by-law and enforce the height and removal requirements as per the by-law.

Councillor Dobbin stated that the City has a very limited amount of funds for 2015 due to the landfill fire extinguishment operation from 2014. Funds were required from reserve accounts to pay for the operation to address the issue and the City was forced to remove important projects and purchases for 2015 until such time when the City can afford to move forward with these. The City is moving forward with a very expensive project, the Aquatic Centre, but cannot afford to do so. City equipment and infrastructure is in desperate need of repairs and maintenance and believed that the Aquatic Centre project should be decreased in size or put on hold until the City can address other important issues and can afford to move forward with the project. If the City does not take the necessary steps to address its cash flow and important repairs and maintenance, he would not be in favor of any requests or expenses relating to the Aquatic Centre project.

He stated that he has received many negative comments from angry business owners regarding the mill rate increase and the lack of explanation from the City as to why it was increased to the rate it is; this information needs to be communicated to residents of Iqaluit as soon as possible.

Councillor Bell stated that he visited all City facilities recently and believed that they are in desperate need of repairs and maintenance, as well as City vehicles. The City spends a significant amount of money to train staff and to repair or maintain facilities and vehicles but this is not visible. Some vehicles are duct taped to prevent from breaking and facilities have serious issues that residents or staff has expressed concerns about that have yet to be addressed. The City is not capable of maintaining and repairing the new Aquatic Centre in the future if it cannot repair and maintain current facilities and vehicles.

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)

- i) Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment No. 779
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Motion #15-38

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Third and Final Reading of Water and Sewer Services By-law Amendment No. 779 is approved.

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

- ii) Solid Waste By-law Amendment No. 780
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Motion #15-39

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Third and Final Reading of Solid Waste By-law Amendment No. 780 is approved.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Letter of Support AWG Solar Energy
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation

Administration stated that the Nunavut Energy Secretariat has approached the Recreation Department with an opportunity to partner in a Solar Energy Project. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, has a call out for applications to the "EcoENERGY for Aboriginal and Northern Communities" for energy projects integrated with community buildings; energy projects under this category may request up to \$100,000.00 dollars per project.

The Energy Secretariat would submit an application for the planning, purchase, installation and monitoring and maintenance of a solar energy system for the production of electricity at the Arctic Winter Games Arena; they are requesting a letter of support from Council for the "Arctic Winter Games Arena Solar Energy Project" that will aid the application, which is due February 20, 2015.

This project proposes installing a ten kilowatt solar system on the roof of the Arctic Winter Games arena in the summer of 2015. The system would require 43 panels each rated at 235 watts. The panels would cover an area of 732 square feet; the panels have a lifespan of 25 to 30 years.

The panels, installation and maintenance for a three-year period would be fully paid for by the federal government's "ecoENERGY for Aboriginal and Northern Communities" program. The system is expected to generate about 12,740 kilowatt hours of electricity per year which is worth about \$6,600.00 at the City's current price of power. The average maintenance costs are expected to average about \$600.00 per year, which includes the replacement of the inverter every 10 years.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson expressed his support for the project and believed that residents could also benefit from this. There are places in Iqaluit that use solar energy and it has been proven very beneficial.

Motion #15-40

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council provides a letter of support to the Energy Secretariat for the AWG Solar Energy Project.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Development Permit Application No. 14-046
Colin MacPhee, Assistant Planner

Administration stated that the applicant is applying for a development permit to construct a utility installation in the form of a 12.2 metre tall wireless telecommunications tower and accompanying equipment structure on Lot 890, Plan 2619. The proposal will be the second telecommunications tower on the lot. The lot is 7.9 hectares and is owned by NAV CANADA; it is located to the east of Imiqtarviminiq Street in the Lake Subdivision. The proposed tower would be constructed by SSi Micro.

There is an existing NAV CANADA antenna installation on the approximate centre of the lot. The elevation of the lot increases from west to east, towards a high point of elevation where the existing NAV CANADA antenna tower is located. The applicant has a lease arrangement in place with NAV CANADA.

The proposed tower is located approximately 37 metres to the north of the existing tower, is setback 120 metres from the closest residential development to the south, and over 150 metres to the closest residential development to the west.

Councillor Mansell asked if this tower would be bigger than the one adjacent to the proposed installation location.

Administration advised that the tower would be approximately the same height as the existing one and the structure would be very similar.

Councillor Akumalik noted that a new subdivision may be developed in this area and asked if this would interfere with the new development area.

Administration advised that this would not interfere with the new development area.

Councillor Dobbin asked if a fence would be installed around the tower.

Administration confirmed that a fence would be installed around the tower to prevent access.

Motion #15-41

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Council approves Development Permit application No. 14-046 to construct a Utility Installation, in the form of a 12.2 metre wireless telecommunications tower, on Lot 890, Plan 2619 subject to the conditions listed in Attachment 1.

Unanimously Carried

c) Arctic Age Participants

Mayor Wilman noted that the matter was previously discussed by Council but was deferred to a later meeting. The conference is to be held on March 17th and they are inviting Council to attend the conference.

Councillor Dobbin did not believe that the City was in a financial position to spend funds on travel as they are having difficulties paying invoices.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson did not agree with Councillor Dobbin and believed that the City was paying invoices as required.

Mayor Wilman advised that Deputy Mayor Stevenson volunteered to attend the conference on her behalf if she was unable to attend; she advised that she would not be able to attend due to prior commitments.

Motion #15-42

Moved by: Councillor Papatsie

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Councillor Nattaq attend the Arctic Age conference.

For – Stevenson, Papatsie

Against – Bell, Mansell, Dobbin

Abstain – Akumalik, Nattaq

Councillors Akumalik and Nattaq did not give reason for their abstention.

DEFEATED

d) Discussion Item – City Facilities
Councillor Bell

Councillor Bell presented Council with pictures of City facilities that are in desperate need of repairs and maintenance. The first facility is the Arctic Winter Games Complex, which has a number of issues including emergency exits being blocked, equipment being inappropriately stored, junction boxes being left open, wheelchair access being blocked and unable to be used, wires not properly boxed in or tucked away, et cetera. He filed a formal complaint with the Fire Marshall's office on certain issues as well as with Mayor Wilman. He has since returned to the facility and some items have been addressed.

He presented pictures of a sewage truck in need of repairs; there is duct tape on the door, console and in many other places, clearly indicating that the truck is old and in desperate need of repair or replacement. There is also a newer water truck with wires hanging rather than being tucked away as they should. The garage located on Federal Road has an emergency exit blocked by snow as well as material being stored in front of the door, blocking the exit. The electrical room has flammable material stored inside and other boxes and material stored in the room; he also filed a complaint with the Fire Marshall's office. One of the tool rooms is disorganized and should be kept organized to ease the finding of proper tools required when completing repairs and maintenance to vehicles. There are some floors that are ripped and dangerous and should be addressed as soon as possible.

There are many sealift containers that do not close properly or do not close at all; these are used for storage and should be kept closed at all times. There is a pick-up truck driven by staff that also has electrical wires hanging rather than being tucked away as they should and lubricants and oils are being stored outside at the garage. The ceiling at the garage near the four corners is caving in and paint is peeling off the surface in the same garage.

The coke plant building has a roof that is falling in and the ceiling has water damage from past issues; the ceiling and roof are being repaired and will be addressed by the insurance company. The new ambulance being stored at the coke plant building is waiting on parts and cannot be used at this time. The gate does not close properly as there is a significant amount of snow built up at the bottom. There is office space not being used that the City could use for additional staff.

The Apex garage also needs repairs and maintenance. There is a door that no longer opens and makes it for vehicles to park. There is a room being used for storage but items are not being stored properly. The front door of the Fire Hall needs painting. The space between trucks and walls where uniforms are stored is minimal. The furnace room should be surrounded by chip rock to prevent the spread of a fire as quickly as it would normally spread, but the room is only wood. The Deputy Fire Chief shares his office with another staff member as well as staff for sleeping space and there are drainage and sewage back up issues at the Fire Hall due to freezing.

There are many more issues with other facilities, such as the Dog Pound, City Hall, et cetera, that are similar to those presented and discussed. The City has a serious lack of space for storage and office use and this increases hazards and improper storage of materials. There are many repairs and maintenance that must be completed as soon as possible, some being of urgent nature and others not as urgent; signs have been placed in areas where asbestos is present in facilities so that staff and other individuals are aware.

Mayor Wilman stated that she also visited City facilities and recognizes that there are many issues and repairs that need to be addressed.

Councillor Mansell thanked Councillor Bell for sharing the pictures and information and believed that the urgent issues such as space cannot be addressed immediately. The City will need to discuss this matter further and identify additional office and storage space. Other urgent issues such as wires and fire hazards should be addressed immediately. He understood that there was a serious lack of space for the Fire Department and that this needed to be addressed in the future. The City will be required to address issues at the dog pound if the City signs the memorandum of understanding with the Iqaluit Humane Society. He hoped that the City would address all issues that can be addressed as soon as possible and that other issues are soon discussed and addressed as they can.

Councillor Dobbin stated that he plays hockey in the Arnaitok Arena and believed that the facility also needed a number of repairs. User fees for facilities should be used for repairs and maintenance to facilities and perhaps should be increased to assist with necessary expenses. The airbase garage should be sold to help generate additional funds for necessary repairs to newer facilities and others in better condition than that facility.

Councillor Papatsie thanked Councillor Bell for his presentation and believed that these issues needed to be addressed as soon as possible. Many of these repairs to be completed are dangerous and could result in serious injuries to staff or to the public users.

Councillor Bell stated that he received complaints from City staff regarding some of these issues and decided to visit those facilities. Some facilities have not been visited as he did with the ones noted above, but with current issues and repairs needing to be addressed immediately, the City needs to move forward with these as soon as possible. Facilities must be safe to use for staff and for public users at all times as the City is liable for injuries resulting from lack of repairs and maintenance; Council is responsible to ensure that facilities are safe to use.

Mayor Wilman believed that this information should be provided to the Acting Chief Administrative Officer so that these issues can be addressed with City staff. Many of these are simply a lack of attention and responsibility over the years and this must be addressed.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

c) Contribution Agreement 2014/2015 Signage

Motion #15-43

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the 2014/2015 Signage Contribution Agreement is approved.
Unanimously Carried

Councillor Dobbin noted that there are many questions and concerns by business owners on the mil rate increase and suggested that the City communicate the reason for the increase as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted that representatives from the Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce attended a recent meeting and it was indicated to them that the City would hold a meeting to communicate this information as soon as possible.

Councillor Bell stated that he invited the president and other representatives of the Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce to meet with the City to discuss this matter further; the City then received a letter from them. The invitation to meet with the City remains on the table and the City will address this as soon as possible.

Motion #15-44

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council provides a response letter to the Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce letter.
Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #15-45

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Council adjourns at 8:05pm.

Unanimously Carried



Mary Wilman
Mayor

John Mabberi-Mudonyi
A/Chief Administrative Officer

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