

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
March 13th, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

Councillor Mat Knickelbein

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-114

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:

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| Add | Item 3 (b) – Kootoo Onalik |
| Add | Item 9 (c) – Mayor's Report |
| Add | Item 9 (d) – Matters Arising from Delegations |
| Unanimously Carried | |

1. **MINUTES**

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #08 – December 28, 2011

Motion #12-115

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #08 dated December 28, 2011.

**For – Kilabuk, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Mansell
Abstained - EII
Carried**

Deputy Mayor EII abstained to the motion as he was not present.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Qaggiavuut!
Laakkuluk Williamson-Bathory, Executive Director

Mrs. Laakkuluk Williamson-Bathory, Executive Director for Qaggiavuut, thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present and stated that they would like to ask Council for their assistance if they are interested.

Qaggiavuut's mission is to open a performing arts centre that would represent Nunavut. It would include an auditorium, rehearsal space, convention and gala space and that supports the performing arts including dance, music, storytelling, drama, throat singing and much more. She stated that the centre would be located in Iqaluit and would be the first performing arts centre; Iqaluit is the only capital city in Canada that does have a performing arts centre.

Ms. Ellen Hamilton stated that one of the exciting things that Qaggiavuut will be doing this year is embarking on a feasibility study; this study will provide a lot of useful information for the City and the community. The study will begin in May

2012 and will take approximately six months to complete. She noted that Qaggiavuut is a non-profit society and would like to raise the funds themselves to develop the performing arts centre; fund raising events have already been held but more is required to achieve the amount of funding required to develop the centre. An international fund raising campaign will be held and will take approximately five years to complete; the feasibility study will confirm if this is possible.

Mrs. Williamson-Bathory stated that they would like to ask for Council's support, if they are interested in their project, by providing a letter of support. They also hoped that Council would be interested in having discussions with the society regarding zoning requirements and possible locations for the centre.

Councillor Mansell believed that a performing arts centre would be great for Iqaluit and that Council would be very supportive.

Councillor Wilman expressed her support for the development of a performing arts centre.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his appreciation for their presentation and gave his support. He believed that a lot of work would need to be done to achieve their goal of having development completed in five years but believed that it would be achievable if they worked hard and received a lot of support.

Mrs. Williamson-Bathory thanked Council for their comments and stated that she looked forward to working with them.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the City has also conducted a feasibility study to identify areas for future City facilities and believed that some of the work would be duplicated by the feasibility study that they will have done. He asked if they had contacted the City to see if information could be shared on future development areas so that they can save time and money.

Mrs. Williamson-Bathory noted that a feasibility study was completed in 2004 for the performing arts centre; some information was missing and another is required. She believed that if the City could also share important information with them it would be greatly appreciated.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the City's feasibility study is very detailed and complete and believed it would be beneficial to them.

Ms. Hamilton stated that one of the reasons that they decided to come to Council first was to begin the sharing of information process and to also make it public.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the consulting firm had been hired.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the consulting firm has not been hired and it will be done through a tender process. There will be great interest from architects to design the performing arts centre and this will provide them more options as to whom to choose.

Ms. Bathory stated that they will be holding a summit within the next couple of months to gather as much information and suggestions from residents of Nunavut.

Councillor Nattaq noted that approximately ten years ago there was a similar request to develop a multi-purpose community hall; the City was also in the planning stages for a swimming pool and recreational facility. A large piece of land was approved for this project as residents had expressed great interest; the project was then put aside and a boarding home was developed instead. He believed that the City was working harder this time to achieve their goals for future facilities and it may take some time before the goals are reached.

Councillor Kilabuk expressed his support for the performing arts centre and believed it will be great for the community and Nunavut artists. He believed that Council would support any project of this type.

Councillor Akumalik asked if they also approached other organizations regarding the project.

Mrs. Williamson-Bathory stated that letters were sent Inuit organizations, Members of the Legislative Assembly and to larger organizations in Iqaluit.

b) Kootoo Onalik – Citizen at Large

Mr. Kootoo Onalik thanked Council for allowing him to present and noted that he will raise issues on behalf of Iqaluit residents. He stated that he came to Council a few years ago to also raise issues and did not feel like Council had taken him seriously as some seemed to be laughing at his comments and ideas.

Mr. Onalik believed that speed bumps should be installed in certain areas of the community as vehicles often drive too fast now that the roads are paved. Vehicles often drive between fifty (50) and seventy (70) kilometers per hour on the paved roads when Municipal Enforcement is not working or not in the area; children play outside and do not always pay attention to traffic.

He also believed that the City should consider enforcing fire escapes in new buildings to increase the safety of residents and reduce the number of deaths and injuries during fires. During the last fire in one of the Creekside Village units, a mother was forced to throw her children out the window on the second floor to escape from the fire as they were trapped. He believed that the companies

building these apartments had enough money to also provide fire escapes in each housing unit.

Mr. Onalik believed that the utilidor system needed serious upgrades. Staff often work overtime to address issues and the system always needs repairs. He stated that home owners are often the ones affected by these significant costs and he suggested that the City consider borrowing from the bank to cover the costs of repairs and maintenance.

He stated that Municipal Enforcement should consider working later hours to catch loose dogs as the problem is mostly at night when they are not working.

Mayor Redfern thanked Mr. Onalik for his presentation and noted that his comments would be shared with the appropriate directors. She stated that the Planning and Development Department is looking at conducting a transportation study in 2013. The City is waiting on reports from the Fire Marshall and the Fire Department regarding fire escapes; the City will then discuss this matter in greater detail. She stated that the City will also be addressing the major issues in the utilidor system in the near future.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Nattaq noted that he attended the Baffin Mayor's Forum on behalf of Mayor Redfern and Deputy Mayor Ell and believed that it was very successful.

He believed that many homes in Iqaluit were unsafe and did not have proper fire escapes. This issue was discussed during the Baffin Mayor's Forum and must be addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Mansell stated that after the very unfortunate fire, he realized that many buildings in the community do not have fire escapes; his housing unit has a front door and a back door but has a three story drop from the back door. He noted that he has established an evacuation plan within his home and looked for an emergency ladder to purchase; emergency ladders cannot be purchased in Iqaluit and suggested that the City urge all retail stores to order some and have in stock. He ordered one from south and received it but this is not an option for all residents.

He asked if Council could be given an update on the progress of snowmobile trails.

Councillor Stevenson agreed with Councillor Mansell and suggested that all families have an escape plan and review it with their family members.

He attended the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse last week and congratulated all coaches, athletes and any other individuals who participated or assisted with the event as it was very successful. He visited the new recreational facility and believed that it was amazing and much bigger than what the City was hoping for as their new facility.

Councillor Wilman believed that the City should review the safety standards and possibly amend them with the assistance of the Building Inspector to ensure buildings and homes are safe for residents.

She stated that she was happy and thankful to hear that the City was making every effort to increase the number of beneficiaries employed by the City. Council has discussed this matter several times during their term and is looking forward to seeing the numbers increase.

Councillor Akumalik noted that Members of the Legislative Assembly have been recognizing and congratulating the Nunavut Arctic College for their support and management with accommodating students who lost their homes and personal belongings; the efforts of the City, including firefighters, Municipal Enforcement Officers, Public Works staff and many others were not spoken of. He believed that the City was rarely recognized for their efforts and services.

Deputy Mayor Ell agreed with Councillor Wilman that the number of beneficiaries employed with the City has increased and hoped that it would continue.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that Council should discuss safety standards for development in Iqaluit and possibly make changes before the election in October 2012.

Mayor Redfern thanked Councillor Nattaq for attending the Baffin Mayor's Forum on her behalf as she was very busy assisting with the fire victims during those days. The City continues to work with the Red Cross as they set up an affiliate chapter. She stated that a debriefing took place to discuss the next steps to train more volunteers and that the current volunteers receive more training.

She noted that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities board of directors will be in Iqaluit this week; she will be meeting with them for by-law amendments. She invited Council to come in and meet the members and directors.

She sent her condolences to Deputy Mayor Ell and his family for their loss of a loved one as well as two other community members due to the tragic fire.

Mayor Redfern noted that she and Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, met with the Hunters and Trappers Association this week to discuss the snowmobile trails; this project is now ongoing and Council will be updated in the near future.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Exemption from Taxation By-law
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services, noted that the by-law is reviewed and amended as necessary each year.

Motion #12-116

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

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| Council approved First Reading of Exemption from Taxation By-law. Unanimously Carried |
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b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Exemption from Taxation By-law No. 732
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #12-117

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

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| Council approved Second Reading of Exemption from Taxation By-law No. 732. Unanimously Carried |
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c) Third and Final Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Land Acquisition By-law No. 730 – Plateau Subdivision
Phase 4
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that the purpose of the by-law is to acquire ten (10) lots that will comprise Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision.

Motion #12-118

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

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| Council approved Third and Final Reading of Land Acquisition By-law No. 730. Unanimously Carried |
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- ii) Land Disposal By-law No. 731 – Plateau Subdivision
Phase 4
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif stated that the purpose of the by-law is to allow the City to dispose of the ten (10) lots in Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision.

Motion #12-119

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

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| Council approved Third and Final Reading of Land Disposal By-law No. 731. Unanimously Carried |
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8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Variances and Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-
002-2012, Lot 146, Phase 3
Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner

Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner, stated that the applicant has applied for a development permit to build a three (3) unit row dwelling on Lot 146, Plan 3896 in Phase 3 of the Plateau Subdivision. A proposed survey to subdivide the lot has been included as part of the application.

She noted that Lot 146 fronts on Qajisarvik Road and is designated as an affordable home ownership lot; the proposed building encroaches onto the western interior side and rear yard setbacks. The impacts of the variances are minor as the adjacent land uses are designated open space (OR). She noted that

the Plateau Phase 3 playground is located directly to the west of Lot 146. The proposal maximizes the space on the lot and will provide three additional housing units. She noted that the lot has an unusual rear lot line, which makes it more difficult to meet the rear setback requirements. All leaseholders within thirty (30) metres of Lot 146 were notified of the variance request on February 24, 2012; to date there have been no comments received.

Jennifer stated that to address the encroachments the following variances are required:

- to reduce the interior side yard setback to 2 metres from the required 3 metres; and
- to reduce the rear yard setback to 2.36 metres from the required 3 metres.

She stated that the proposed survey will subdivide the subject lot into three (3) parcels. As a result, each unit of the proposed three-unit row dwelling will sit on its own lot. Lot 146 will be divided along the party wall between the units of the proposed row dwelling; the proposed lots are all roughly rectangular in shape.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the lot needed to be subdivided because each building would be separately owned.

Jennifer confirmed that each unit would be owned separately.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the building would have a fire escape.

Jennifer noted that the building will have an entrance at the front and at the back but will not have a fire escape.

Councillor Wilman asked how each unit is protected from one another.

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that there is fire separating wall as per the building permit; the Building Inspector will ensure that the wall meets all requirements of the National Building Code.

Councillor Stevenson believed that new buildings were much safer than ones built in the past due to building standards. He asked for clarification on the process of affordable housing.

Jennifer noted that a clause is included in the land lease agreement which indicates that the unit must be sold between three hundred forty five thousand (\$345,000.00) and three hundred eighty six thousand (\$386,000.00) dollars.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the first owner was also obligated to sell the unit for the same price range.

Jennifer noted that the first owner, second seller, was not obligated to sell the unit for the same price range; it would be up to them as to how much it is sold for.

She clarified that the units have a door located at the front and a window in the back; they do not have two doors as indicated earlier.

Motion #12-120

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved:

-a variance to Section 10.6 of Zoning By-law No. 704 (2010) to reduce the interior side yard setback from the required three (3) metres to two (2) metres, for Lot 146, Plan 3896; and

-a variance to Section 10.6 of Zoning By-law No. 704 (2010) to reduce the rear yard setback from the required three (3) metres to two point thirty six (2.36) metres, for Lot 146, Plan 2896; and

-approves survey sketch SK-IQAL-002-2012 to subdivide Lot 146, Plan 3896 into three (3) lots to enable the construction of a three-unit row dwelling with each unit on a separate site.

Unanimously Carried

b) Baffin Mayor's Forum Resolution

Mayor Redfern noted that the resolutions from the Baffin Mayor's Forum have been shared with Council; she felt it was important to share with Council. They are sent to the appropriate agencies and responses are sometimes received.

Councillor Wilman thanked Mayor Redfern for providing the resolutions to Council and asked if Council would also receive a copy of the responses.

Mayor Redfern noted that responses received would also be shared with Council.

c) Mayor's Report

Mayor Redfern presented her activity report to Council.

Councillor Akumalik asked for clarification on the World Wildlife Fund.

Mayor Redfern stated that a representative from the World Wildlife Fund came to Iqaluit; she met with the representative and it was indicated that they are currently in the process of hiring a new representative which they hope will be situated in Iqaluit.

Deputy Mayor Ell asked for clarification on the Beach Clean-Up Assignment.

Mayor Redfern stated that she often receives different requests from students on City activities; Josh Armstrong requested information regarding the beach clean-up and looking at possible designs, challenges and more relating to this.

d) Matters Arising from Delegations

i) Qaggiavuut!

Motion #12-121

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved to write a letter of support to Qaggiavuut for their efforts to secure funding for a feasibility study on a performing arts centre.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Report
Councillor Kilabuk, Co-Chair

i) Engineering Services Contract (PD12-06)
Councillor Kilabuk, Co-Chair

Motion #12-122

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to increase the Pavement Maintenance Plan budget from thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars to thirty six thousand seven hundred twenty (\$36,720.00) dollars and to award EXP the contract for professional consulting services for the preparation of a Pavement Maintenance Plan as per their proposal dated February 9, 2012 and their amendment letter dated February 22, 2012 in the amount of thirty six thousand seven hundred twenty (\$36,720.00) dollars plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #12-123

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:20pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-124

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to return to Regular Session at 7:45pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-125

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

Council approved to award the contract for the provision of engineering design and construction supervision for the development of Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision to EXP Services on the basis of their proposal dated February 24, 2012 in the amount of two hundred thirty seven thousand two hundred seventy (\$237,270.00) dollars plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12-126

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ell

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #05 at 7:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Cooke
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 22nd day of May, 2012, AD.