

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
February 25th, 2014 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor John Graham (via teleconference)
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Terry Dobbin

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Tracy Cooke, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Colin MacPhee, Assistant Planner
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Wilman opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00pm.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #14-33

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

Add: Item 11 (e) – Letter from GN re: Development Permit #13-048 Iqaluit
Airport Project

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes #08 – September 25, 2013

Motion #14-34

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #08 dated September 25, 2013 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) RCMP Reports
Sergeant Monty LeComte

Sergeant Monty LeComte presented Council with the November 2013 statistics report and advised that the Iqaluit Detachment reported nine hundred and eight (908) calls for service in during the month, compared to one thousand and sixty four (1064) calls for service in November 2012. The detachment lodged two hundred and twenty one (221) prisoners during the month, same number as in November of 2012. Since January 2013, the detachment has lodged two thousand four hundred and sixty three (2463) prisoners, which falls behind the 2012 prisoner count of two thousand six hundred and nine (2609).

Members remain proactive in traffic related checks and made one hundred and ninety four (194) vehicle stops during the month. Eight tickets were issued, seventy two (72) written warnings were issued, one hundred and ten (110) verbal warnings were issued and one criminal code charge arose from the stops. Some vehicles were towed for safety violations. Members have also conducted foot patrols in the downtown core area.

Due to transfers and holidays, the detachment was short a couple members but there was no direct impact on service to the community. The Iqaluit Detachment has continued to provide a prominent presence at local businesses to deter drug trafficking. Five drug charges were laid against suspects found to be in possession of drugs or trafficking drugs.

He presented Council with the December 2013 statistics report and stated that the Iqaluit Detachment reported seven hundred and fifty two (752) calls for service during the month, compared to eight hundred and sixteen (816) calls for service in December 2012. The detachment lodged two hundred and nine (209) prisoners during the month and two hundred and twenty one (221) prisoners in December of 2012. Since January 2013, the detachment has lodged two thousand six hundred and seventy two (2672) prisoners, which falls behind the 2012 prisoner count of two thousand eight hundred and thirty two (2832).

Members remain proactive in traffic related checks and made one hundred and twenty three (123) vehicle stops during the month. Five tickets were issued, forty four (44) written warnings were issued, forty (40) verbal warnings and eight criminal code charges arose from the stops; some vehicles were towed for safety violations.

Iqaluit Detachment continues to provide a prominent presence at local businesses to deter drug trafficking. Six drug charges were laid against suspects found to be in possession of drugs or trafficking drugs.

He stated that the Iqaluit Crime Reduction Unit was officially launched on December 1st, 2013 which has two full time members on it. Their mandate is to reduce crime in Iqaluit by targeting drugs, bootleggers and prolific offenders.

Sergeant LeCompte presented Council with the 2013 year-end report and stated that RCMP members enjoyed their third full year in the new building. The new detachment has gone a long way in improving working conditions and overall morale of the members. 2013 was a year of change for the Iqaluit Detachment. Of the eighteen (18) constables who were here in December of 2012, only six remain; there are two new Corporals and Sergeants. Most of the new members came from southern detachments and all are excited to be here.

The calls for service at Iqaluit Detachment slightly increased from eight thousand four hundred and ninety four (8494) in 2012 to eight thousand eight hundred and seventy nine (8879) in 2013. This has been a trend over the past several years and is in part a reflection on the growing population in Iqaluit; an increase in the number of criminal records checks is also a factor in the increase. The Iqaluit Detachment conducts one thousand four hundred and twenty seven (1427) checks in 2012 compared to two thousand five hundred and fifty eight (2558) in 2013.

There were several high profile investigations in 2013. The pedestrian/motor vehicle accident in July that left a child dead was likely the highest profile investigation; this incident affected all of the people of Iqaluit including the members of the Iqaluit Detachment and other emergency personnel.

The total amount of prisoners showed a substantial decrease to two thousand six hundred and seventy two (2672) from two thousand eight hundred and thirty two (2832) in 2012. This is also a trend as there were four thousand and twelve (4012) prisoners in 2009.

He stated that alcohol and drugs continue to be the major contributing factor to all the crime in Iqaluit. Some great work by the different members and sections in Iqaluit resulted in many large seizures of drugs and alcohol in 2013. There were forty six (46) drug related charges in 2013 and one hundred and twenty two (122) drug related investigations.

The Iqaluit Detachment members continue to be active in the community. Members were involved in various hockey programs and several other members are actively involved in coaching youth in sports including hockey, swimming, figure skating, and lacrosse.

The DARE program did not run in 2013 as the Iqaluit detachment did not have any officers trained in delivering the program.

The Iqaluit Detachment hosted a community barbeque during the Toonik Tyme Festival and judged the competition. Members once again hosted the Elders Christmas Dinner, and would like to say a big thank you to Arctic Ventures for their sponsorship.

Sergeant LeCompte stated that they hope to continue with the programs previously noted and possibly even expand their involvement in the community. Though the workload continues to be very heavy for members of the Iqaluit Detachment, it is encouraging to see that they are able to find time to become involved in the community.

In September, Iqaluit Royal Canadian Mounted Police launched a traffic initiative and during the course of four months, approximately one thousand (1000) vehicles were checked for various traffic violations.

Councillor Bell stated that a member of the public called his residence at approximately 11:30pm one night seeking guidance; the individual had called the detachment asking for assistance on what to do with an individual who had knocked on their door looking for help as he had been involved in a fight. The individual called the detachment several times but no member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded to the call after forty five (45) minutes of waiting. He asked how an individual is to respond to such an inquiry from a member of the public.

Sergeant LeCompte stated that without more information on the matter, he cannot provide an answer as to why members did not respond. The only way to address such a concern is to continue to call the detachment and indicate how

important and serious the matter is and that assistance from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is required.

Councillor Stevenson thanked and recognized the Royal Canadian Mounted police for their assistance during the bomb threat at the Inuksuk High School a few days ago and stated that it was very much appreciated.

Councillor Dobbin noted that a wine and beer store may open in Iqaluit and asked if this would have a positive or negative affect on current bootlegging activities in Iqaluit.

Sergeant LeComte believed that it would most likely decrease bootlegging activities. He anticipates that the detachment would receive an increased number of calls for service at first but that things would return to normal after the store has been opened for some time.

Councillor Papatsie stated that many residents now use their cellular telephones while driving and it is very dangerous; he received two telephone calls from residents indicating that they were concerned with taxi drivers using their cellular telephones while driving and asked if this is something that would be addressed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Sergeant LeComte stated that he is uncertain as to what the law is in Nunavut regarding driving and using a cellular telephone but that the detachment could pay closer attention to this matter and address the issue.

Sergeant LeComte stated that he will soon be starting the process of preparing the detachment's annual performance plans for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and part of this process relies on a consultation with community leaders to assist in identifying areas of concern which would fall under the mandate of Protection Services, especially the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Once these areas are identified it is the detachment's intention to develop a cohesive plan that will assist in addressing these concerns.

Council can either reply by mail or email advising of any areas of concern they may have relating to protection services or request that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attend one of the scheduled meetings to discuss these matters.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Bell noted that he has requested several matters to be addressed or that information be provided to him since his election such as legal opinions;

reports et cetera and Council also passed a motion to receive a copy of reports relating to the old swimming pool. These matters have yet to be addressed or answered. It is the Mayor's responsibility to ensure that requests are responded to and this matter needs to be addressed immediately; information requested by Council is not being provided by either Administration or the Mayor and this is not acceptable.

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) Appointment of Members at Large – Public Safety Committee

Motion #14-35

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Robert Gabuna, Paul Fraser, P. Pitsulaq Boaz, Adla Itorcheak and Paul Carolan be appointed as Members at Large on the Public Safety Committee.

Unanimously Carried

b) Appointment of Members at Large – Taxi Review Board

Motion #14-36

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Matthew Loosemore, Allan Weeks and John Maurice be appointed as Members at Large on the Taxi Review Board.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Appointment of Member at Large – Taxi Advisory and Complaints Committee

Motion #14-37

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Lizzie Ryan, P. Pitsulaq Boaz and Ndabezinhle Rusike be appointed as Members at Large on the Taxi Advisory and Complaints Committee.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Report No. 01
Councillor Stevenson, Chairperson
- i) 2014 Mill Rate
Councillor Stevenson, Chairperson

Motion #14-38

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Mayor Graham

That Council approve a mill rate increase of one point five (1.5) mill for all property classifications.

**For – Stevenson, Graham
Against – Papatsie, Dobbin, Bell
DEFEATED**

Councillor Stevenson resigned from his position as Chairperson of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

Motion #14-39

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council refer the 2014 budget submission back to the Finance Committee of the Whole.

**For – Bell, Dobbin, Papatsie, Graham
Against - Stevenson
Carried**

Motion #14-40

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council approve an extension for the 2014 budget submission to March 14, 2014 and also approves an interim operating budget of twenty five (25) percent, less capital, of the approved 2013 budget for the extension period.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Report No. 01
Councillor Bell, Chairperson
 - i) MOU – Exchange of Lands (PD14-04)
Councillor Bell, Chairperson

Motion #14-41

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

That the City of Iqaluit enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nunavut for the exchange of City Lands and all or a portion of certain Government of Nunavut Lands.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-004-2013 (PD14-05)
Councillor Bell, Chairperson

Motion #14-42

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

That Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-004-2013 to survey portions of Lot 889, Plan 2669, Ungalliqpaat Crescent, and Lot 1 Remainder, Block 1087, Plan 186 to permit three parcels of land to be transferred to the Government of Nunavut for the expansion of the airport property be approved.

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- c) Application: "Implications of winter ice cover to the ecology of Crazy Lake"

Motion #14-43

Moved by: Mayor Graham
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the NRI application "Implications of winter ice cover to the ecology of Crazy Lake" be approved.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14-44

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council adjourn at 7:00pm.

Unanimously Carried

Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor

Tracy Cooke
A/Chief Administrative Officer

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