

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #06  
March 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor John Graham  
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman  
Councillor Terry Dobbin  
Councillor Kenneth Bell  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Mark Morrissey  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**ABSENT**

Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Arif Sayani, A/Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk  
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability  
Carrie McEwan-Tucker, Community Wellness Coordinator  
Valerie Collin, Recorder  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**PRAYER**

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:15pm.

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #13-54**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Agenda Item No. 9 (New Business) to be conducted before Agenda Item No. 7  
(Reading of By-laws)

Add           Item 9 (d) – Aquatic Centre Update – Verbal Report (Pierre  
Courteau and Charles Slade, Project Management Team

Add           Item 9 (e) – Verbal Update – Google Street View Project

Delete        Item 11 (b)

**Unanimously Carried**

1.    **MINUTES**

None

2.    **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

3.    **DELEGATIONS**

- a)    **MHPM Project Managers**  
      Pierre Courteau & Charles Slade

Mr. Charles Slade read a message from Franklin Holtforster, President of MHPM Project Managers Inc.:

*“Recreational facilities are at the heart of Canada’s communities. They are where residents come together in the spirit of friendly competition and shared interests, enjoy one another’s company and form bonds that can last a lifetime. They are places where families participate in fun activities together. They provide seniors the opportunity to enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle. They are a respite from the demands of daily life and the long, cold winter. They enhance everyone’s quality of life.*

*MHPM has managed the construction of all manner of community facilities from coast to coast to coast, and we are pleased to have been chosen to build Iqaluit’s new aquatic centre. In our business, we are involved in all manner of construction projects, and there is a special gratification when we have the opportunity to create fun, family-friendly spaces that entire neighborhoods can enjoy. We have seen first-hand how communities blossom when graced with modern, safe recreational facilities. We look forward to seeing Iqaluit benefit similarly from the new aquatic centre and from the recreational facility that will be built with the support of the REACH fundraising committee.”*

Mr. Pierre Courteau presented a five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollar donation to the REACH fundraising Committee on behalf of MHPM Project Managers Inc.

b) Iqaluit Humane Society  
Janelle Kennedy

Ms. Janelle Kennedy thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present and stated that she was appointed as chairperson for the Iqaluit Humane Society in June 2012. She presented Council with a power point presentation which included information on who they are, what they do and what challenges they face. The Iqaluit Humane Society will also be holding a free Parvo-virus vaccine clinic on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Wilman asked if the Iqaluit Humane Society worked with the local veterinarian.

Ms. Kennedy confirmed that the Iqaluit Humane Society works closely with the local veterinarian on a regular basis for vaccine clinics and other assistance as required.

c) Norah Love

The delegate was not in attendance.

d) RCMP Report

Sergeant Monty LeComte presented Council with the November and December 2012 statistics reports and noted that the month of November was very busy, although most calls were of routine nature. The number of incidents requiring police attention increased in November compared to the same time frame in 2011 and decreased in December compared to the same time frame in 2011. The number of persons held in cells for a variety of reasons including drug violations, criminal code violations, public intoxication, causing a disturbance and more increased in November and December compared to the same time frame in 2011. He stated that the Iqaluit Detachment and the V Division Drug Unit continue to provide enforcement at local businesses to deter drug trafficking; drug charges were laid against suspects found to be in possession of drugs or trafficking drugs.

Sergeant LeComte presented Council with the 2012 year end statistics report and noted that members enjoyed their second full year in the new detachment; it has gone a long way in improving working conditions and overall morale of the members. 2012 was a year of change for the Iqaluit

Detachment; of the eighteen (18) constables who were in Iqaluit in December 2011, only ten remain, as well as two new corporals and a new staff sergeant. Most of the new members came from southern detachments and are all excited to be here; new members arriving to Iqaluit must now agree to a three year term rather than a two year term.

He stated that the total calls for service in 2012 increased to eight thousand four hundred ninety four (8494) compared to eight thousand four hundred sixty (8460) in 2011. This has been the trend over the past few 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 increased number for calls for service; the detachment conducted one thousand seven hundred sixty seven (1767) checks in 2012 compared to one thousand four hundred twenty seven (1427) in 2011.

Sergeant LeComte noted that there were several high profile investigations in 2012; the White Row fire which destroyed twenty two (22) units and left two people dead was likely the highest profile investigation. This incident affected all people of Iqaluit including members of the detachment and other emergency personnel.

The number of prisoners decreased to two thousand eight hundred thirty two (2832) in 2012 compared to two thousand nine hundred forty seven (2947) in 2011; this has also been the trend over the past few years as there were four thousand twelve (4012) prisoners in 2009.

He advised 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 2012. This is believed to be one of the reasons for the decrease in prisoners in 2012.

Sergeant LeComte stated that members continue to be active in the community; members were involved in the Start Right Stay Right Hockey Program and several other members were actively involved in coaching youths in sports, including hockey, swimming and figure skating.

The DARE program did not run in 2012 as the Iqaluit detachment did not have any officers trained to deliver the program.

The Iqaluit Detachment hosted a community barbeque during the 2012 Toonik Tyme festival and also had a carving competition. Members also hosted the Elder's Christmas Dinner and participated in delivering Christmas hampers to families in need.

As the Royal Canadian Mounted Police looks forward to the upcoming year, the detachment's priorities will be drug and alcohol enforcement. They hope to continue with the programs listed above and possibly even expand their involvement in the community. Though the workload continues to be very heavy for the members, it's encouraging to see that they are still able to find time to become involved in the community.

Sergeant LeComte stated that he looks forward to working with Mayor and Council over the upcoming year and it is his hope that the Iqaluit Detachment will continue to make positive changes which will help make Iqaluit an even better place to live.

He presented Council with the January and February 2013 statistics report and noted that they were two very busy months. There was an increase in persons held in cells in January 2013 but a decrease in February 2013. The Iqaluit Detachment and V Division continued to provide enforcement at local businesses to deter drug trafficking and charges were laid against suspects found to be in possession of or trafficking drugs.

Councillor Stevenson noted that Council had requested, several times, that foot patrols be conducted and asked if the Royal Canadian Mounted police had intentions to do so during the upcoming summer months.

Sergeant LeComte stated that this matter was recently discussed during a detachment meeting and it was determined that foot patrols would be conducted in 2013.

Councillor Akumalik noted that Council had also requested that bicycle patrols be conducted but was informed by the previous sergeant who attended a Council meeting that special training and equipment was required to do so; he asked if the detachment was looking into this matter to possibly conduct these patrols in 2013.

Sergeant LeComte stated that this matter was also recently discussed and it was determined that the cost of sending members south for training as well as the cost for the equipment was too much and that the detachment could not accommodate these expenses; bicycle patrols will not be conducted.

Deputy Mayor Wilman stated that several residents approached her expressing their concern with the fact that they did not feel that complaints placed with the Royal Canadian Mounted police were always taken seriously and asked what could be done to address this issue.

Sergeant LeCompte stated that if complaints are not being taken seriously by other members, the individual placing the complaint should contact him directly.

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**5. STATEMENTS**

Mayor Graham thanked staff and Council members for their support and kind works during the past couple weeks; they are very much appreciated by himself and his family.

Councillor Nattaq noted that he attended the Baffin Mayors Forum on behalf of Mayor Graham and will be presenting a report to Council. He stated that one topic discussed related to old age pension and it was noted that individuals who do not have bank accounts would soon be required to open one as Service Canada will no longer be issuing checks; the pension will be provided via direct deposit only as of 2016.

Councillor Morrissey stated that the Municipal Economic Development Summit will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>; all operating economic development organizations in Iqaluit will be meeting to determine how everyone can work together to provide better services to the businesses and entrepreneurs within the city itself. He encouraged all Council members to attend if possible and to contact Joamie Egeesiak, Community Economic Development Officer for more information.

Councillor Dobbin noted that he has now been elected for five months and believed that the proper process to request matters to be added to Council agendas for Council's review and approval was to send a letter to Administration. A letter dated February 14<sup>th</sup> was sent regarding the broadcasting of Council meetings, which had been noted during previous statements in past Council meetings, and received a letter from Administration indicating the cost of camera installation and upgrade of the system. He noted that this was not his request and that he had specifically requested to add the matter to the agenda for discussion. Another letter was sent to Administration on March 2<sup>nd</sup> requesting that matters be added to the March 12<sup>th</sup> agenda for Council's discussion and was not given consideration nor a reason. He noted that Section 32.1(a) of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* states:

*Council members have the following responsibilities:*

- (a) *to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and to bring to council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality*

He also noted that Sections 43(2) and 47(1) of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* indicates that the senior administrative officer is an employee and must perform the duties and exercise the powers of the council that the council may, by by-law, delegate. He believed that democratic procedures were followed when the request was made to have matters added to the agenda and perhaps Administration is making decisions when it is not their role to do so. He does not understand why a simple request, such as posting Council agendas on the city's website and adding a section to the agenda that would allow residents to speak to Council, cannot be easily accommodated, especially after many Council members have expressed their support on a number of occasions for the initiative. The Iqaluit voters indicated that they would support the city being more transparent as other cities are doing across Canada.

Mayor Graham noted that the letters were received and one response was given. He had advised that another response would be sent to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> letter by March 8<sup>th</sup> but due to unfortunate circumstances and events that occurred during the past couple of weeks he did not have the opportunity to do so and apologized for not fulfilling the request. Administration was advised not to add the matters to the agenda until a response to the letter was drafted and sent and these matters will be addressed as soon as possible. He noted that adding a section to the agenda to allow residents to speak is not a decision or a change that Administration or Council can make as quickly; it will be reviewed and discussed during the review of Council procedures By-law No. 526 scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, as per his recent email sent to Council. Instructions were given to post agendas to the city's website and should be addressed shortly. He believed that Council is in support of broadcasting Council meetings but there are several issues to address before this can be done such as the broadcasting of meetings in the three official languages, hiring additional interpreters and translators, upgrading of equipment, et cetera.

Councillor Dobbin stated that he simply requested that these matters be added to the agenda for discussions and that the request was not approved.

Mayor Graham noted that a number of issues need to be addressed and that it should be done during the review of the Council Procedures By-law No. 526.

Councillor Bell stated that he attended a meeting held by the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society and it was discussed that the city should create a committee to address issues relating to disabilities; he hopes to see this matter on the next Council agenda for discussion. He noted that he would also like an update as to where the city is with signage translations in three languages.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Ruling on Representations

i) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 742 – Lot 40, Plan 3604

Administration noted that two representations were made during the Public Hearing. Mr. Anthony Barney, who lives at house 5052, expressed his concern with four issues; one being the availability and timing of the lot. He noted that the lot has existed since 2005 and was available for disposal through proposal call. Since the city received no interest in the lot, the lot then became available for development proposals on a first come, first serve basis. A zoning amendment application was brought to the city two years ago to rezone the lot from Public Institutional to Mixed Used (Residential and Commercial Development); the development proposal was to develop a two storey residential building with a small scale commercial component but was denied by Council after the public hearing. The city was then in the process of moving forward with the subdivision of the lot to create four small lots to permit the development of single family homes; the city received the subject development proposal from the applicant and considered the proposal for Council's review. The development proposal was presented to Council in 2012 during a Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting and it was decided that the proposal should be further considered.

Councillor Stevenson believed that there was a misunderstanding in the community as several residents believed that this lot was to left open space. He expressed his support for the subdivision of the lot to permit the development of four single family homes rather than two storey buildings but also supported the development of housing units as there is a shortage of housing units in Iqaluit.

Councillor Morrissey agreed with Councillor Stevenson and stated that he would also prefer if the lot was subdivided to allow the development of four single family homes.

Councillor Dobbin asked if Council would be setting a precedent by approving the lot to remain open space and provide opportunity for development elsewhere.

Administration noted that the lot is not a green space; it is zoned Public/Institutional. There is always an opportunity for setting a precedent but residents also have the right to approach the city with development proposals and can be granted approval by Council if Council so wishes.



Deputy Mayor Wilman expressed her concern with the zoning amendment and stated that she would also prefer the development of four single family homes.

Councillor Bell asked if all twelve units would be available for purchase by the public.

Administration noted that in order to sell each unit individually, the lot would need to be subdivided; he did not believe that this was the applicant's intention. There is a possibility to create a condominium and to sell each units individually this way.

The height limit for the proposed development would be thirteen (13) metres, up to three storeys, as it is zoned Public Institutional and would not require a public hearing; the applicant is proposing to rezone the lot to Residential Cluster with a height limit of ten point five (10.5) metres, up to two storeys. If the lot was rezoned to allow the development of single family homes, the height limit would be ten (10) metres and would not be very different from the current development proposal. There is a six (6) metre setback between neighboring lots and the subject lot as well as a six (6) metre wide easement that the city keeps as open space and a three (3) metre setback for the building itself on the lot.

**Motion #13-55**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council accept the comments received from the public representations; no changes are required.

**For – Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Bell, Morrissey  
Against – Dobbin  
Carried**

- b) Request for Decision – Development Permit Application No. 13-05  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Administration stated that the Government of Nunavut is proposing an interim correctional facility at Lot 200 Remainder, Plan 74058 to house inmates; the lot is located in the North 40 industrial area. The lot currently has two road accesses and accommodates the Baffin Correctional Centre, a youth correction centre and a women's correction centre.

The building will include twenty-four cells and is anticipated to have twelve people on staff at a time; the proposed building will have a total gross floor area of approximately one thousand two hundred forty three (1,243) square metres and will include two bullpens located along the side of the building and in the

front yard. The proposed building will be located in the southeast portion of the lot.

Administration noted that the proposal includes eleven parking spaces; ten parking spaces will be located in a common parking area located directly west of the proposed building and the remaining parking space will be located next to the building entrance and will be a dedicated disabled parking space.

The interim facility will house inmates for up to ten years and will allow the Government of Nunavut a window of opportunity to carry out the construction of a replacement for the current Baffin Correctional Centre. It is anticipated that the interim facility will then be re-commissioned for other purposes.

Councillor Bell did not understand why the Government of Nunavut thought it was a good idea to build an interim correctional facility across from the new airport to be developed.

Administration noted that the Government of Nunavut owns the lot and wanted to build on the remainder of the lot, close to the existing facility.

Councillor Bell asked where the new correctional facility would be developed in the future.

Administration believed that they would develop the new facility where the existing one is located but was unsure.

Deputy Mayor Wilman believed that the Government of Nunavut should come to Council and clarify whether or not they have future plans to relocate the correctional facilities elsewhere such as the Upper Base area.

Administration did not believe that the facilities could be relocated to the Upper Base area as there are no utilidor services installed and it is important that these types of facilities be located near a fire hydrant.

### **Motion #13-56**

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That Council defer the item to a Planning and Development Committee of the Whole.

**Unanimously Carried**

c) Request for Decision – 2013 Gas Tax Project Approval  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability

Administration noted that the Department of Community and Government Services requires a motion from Council identifying which projects are to be funded by Gas Tax Funds. According to the 2013 Capital Budget and Sustainability Budget, the following ten (10) projects have been identified as Gas Tax Projects:

1. Solid Waste Management Facility Planning and Design
2. Air Base Garage Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Assessment
3. Landfill Water Management Project
4. Water Booster Station #1 Upgrade Project- Design and Construction
5. 5 Year Sustainable Capital Plan (Capacity Building Funds)
6. Trigram Reheat Station Relocation Preliminary Design
7. Supplementary Water Source Infrastructure
8. Lake Geraldine Site Improvements Project
9. West 40 Landfill Run-off Treatment Project
10. Sustainable Community Plan (Capacity Building Funds)

**Motion #13-57**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That Council approve the following Gas Tax Projects:

- Solid Waste Management Facility Planning and Design
- Air Base Garage Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Assessment
- Landfill Water Management Project
- Water Booster Station #1 Upgrade Project- Design and Construction
- 5 Year Sustainable Capital Plan (Capacity Building Funds)
- Trigram Reheat Station Relocation Preliminary Design
- Supplementary Water Source Infrastructure
- Lake Geraldine Site Improvements Project
- West 40 Landfill Run-off Treatment Project
- Sustainable Community Plan (Capacity Building Funds)

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-58**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council Meeting No. 6 be extended to 10:00pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

d) Aquatic Centre Update – Verbal Report  
Pierre Courteau & Charles Slade, Project Management Team

Mr. Pierre Courteau noted that the Council Aquatic Centre Building Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> but did not due to the weather; he thanked Council for giving them the opportunity to provide them with an update on the aquatic centre project activities.

A geo-technical investigation was undertaken on the aquatic centre site located next to city hall; the investigation and foundation recommendations report has been completed. The executive summary will be provided to the Council Aquatic Centre Building Committee at its next meeting.

He stated that the project is currently proceeding with the procurement of a prime consultant who will be responsible for the architectural and engineering design of the aquatic centre; the closing date for the receipt of proposals is March 18<sup>th</sup>. They have interested firms from across Canada to present proposals.

The project is also proceeding with the procurement of long-term and bridge financing from financial institutions; Canada's main banks are represented in the group interested in providing financing. The closing date for the financial proposals is March 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that bridge financing is the procurement of the funds required during the construction period; this financing is then replaced by the long-term financing.

Mr. Courteau stated that once proposals from both groups are received, they will be evaluated by the evaluation committee and be presented to the Council Aquatic Centre Building Committee for approval. The project is currently on schedule and on budget and they expect to maintain this momentum. Shortly after proposals are received, they will be seeking proposals for site assessment consultants so that any soil remediation required can be done this summer, ahead of the main construction contract.

The project will be a LEED silver project; LEED means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a North America standard for building according to ecologically sustainable standards and for long term operational cost effectiveness.

Mr. Courteau stated that they are planning on releasing a request for proposal to invite firms to present proposals as commissioning agents who monitor the design and train staff in the operations of the cost effective measures designed into the building; the commissioning agents work with the designers to obtain the LEED certification.

Councillor Dobbin asked what protection the city has against failures of the project.

Mr. Courteau noted that he has been doing this type of work since 1979 and has never had a project go over budget or fail. He is confident that his experience and reputation will also provide the city with a successful project, on time and on budget.

- e) Verbal Update – Google Street View Project  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Administration noted that Google will be arriving in Iqaluit during the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> to conduct their Street View Project. They will be walking throughout the city with a camera attached to their backpack taking three hundred sixty (360) degree angle pictures of Iqaluit.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his concern with the project and asked if pictures will be taken of hunted animals as this may cause issue for animal protectors around the world.

Administration advised that the concern will be noted to the Google team.

## 7. **BYLAWS**

- a) **First Reading of By-law (s)**

None

- b) **Second Reading of By-law (s)**

- i) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 742 – Lot 40, Plan 3604  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Administration noted that the by-law received a Public Hearing prior to the Council meeting and must now receive Second Reading.

### **Motion #13-59**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Second Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 742 be approved.

**For – Nattaq**  
**Against – Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Wilman, Bell, Morrissey**  
**DEFEATED**

c) **Third and Final Reading of By-law (s)**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Niksiit Committee Report  
Carrie McEwan-Tucker, Community Wellness Coordinator

Councillor Bell and Deputy Mayor Wilman left the chamber.

Administration noted that the Niksiit Committee met to review proposals and decided that projects that have received the same funding for various years should receive multi-year funding for the next four years (2013-2017); these projects would be referred to as “set” funding.

New projects or projects that have not applied on a consistent basis would not be eligible for the multi-year funding and would only receive funding for one fiscal year (2013-2014).

The list of projects was reviewed by Council.

**Motion #13-60**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council approve the Community Wellness Funding proposals as per the recommendations presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Proclamation: The International Day of Pink

**Motion #13-61**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the item be deferred back to staff for more information.

**Unanimously Carried**

## **12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

### **Motion #13-62**

Moved by: Councillor Dobbin  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council go In Camera at 9:10pm.  
**For – Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Morrissey**  
**Against – Bell**  
**Carried**

### **Motion #13-63**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council return to Regular Session at 9:20pm.  
**Unanimously Carried**

### **Motion #13-64**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council award the Engineering Services contract for Water Booster Station No. 1 Upgrade Project to EXP Services Limited in the amount of one hundred eighty eight thousand five hundred seventy eight (\$188,578.00) dollars plus GST, as per their proposal dated February 26, 2013 and amendment letter dated March 4, 2013.  
**Unanimously Carried**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion #13-65**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:25pm.  
**Unanimously Carried**

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John Graham  
Mayor

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Arif Sayani  
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, AD.