

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #08
May 8th, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Councillor Stephen Mansell
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

ABSENT

Councillor Mary Wilman

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner
Levi Nowdluk, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Michael Hatch, Municipal Enforcement Officer
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
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

Levi Nowdluk was sworn in by Commissioner for Oaths, Jennifer Catarino, as a Municipal Enforcement Officer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-160

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:
Add Swearing in of Municipal Enforcement Officer
Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2012

Motion #12-161

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated February 28, 2012.
Unanimously Carried

- b) City Council Meeting Minutes #04 – February 28, 2012

Councillor Mansell noted that the minutes reflect him being absent from the meeting but he was in attendance.

Motion #12-162

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 28, 2012.
Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) Kevin Sloboda
Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer

Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer, stated that department received and addressed a total of forty six (46) complaints during the month of April; the majority were animal related. A total of fifteen (15) dogs were held at the municipal dog pound; nine (9) were transferred to the Iqaluit Humane Society, four (4) were released to their owners and two (2) were destroyed. He noted that each dog was held at the pound for approximately five days.

He stated that forty nine (49) traffic and by-law violation tickets were issued; the majority were for speeding. Officers worked on a total of forty nine (49) court related files. He stated that the department continues to receive taxi licenses and vehicle renewals from the taxi industry. Most officers are kept busy with various calls during the day and the on-call officer remains busy during the weekends. He noted that the department now has a new officer and this is great as the department is now fully staffed; Levi Nowdluk is being trained and well welcomed by the public. He was a current employee with the Recreation Department prior to his hiring as a Municipal Enforcement Officer and is from Iqaluit.

Kevin noted that the department conducted a Take Back the Night program with the Royal Canadian Mounted police last weekend and it was very successful; they anticipate conducting them regularly during the summer months.

Councillor Akumalik welcomed Levi Nowdluk to the department and believed that Council was very happy to have a bi-lingual beneficiary on board.

He believed that some of the speed limit signs were old and should be reviewed and possibly changed; the speed limit should increase in some areas but remain the same where there are schools, stores and near the hospital.

He noted that summer is fast approaching and many events are planned for the summer such as the softball tournament, Canada Day, et cetera. He asked if the Municipal Enforcement Department plays a role during these events and if so, how do they assist.

Kevin noted that the current speed limits were reviewed during a recent traffic study; this will be presented to Council and discussed further once the report is completed.

He noted that the department does assist during events as requested and this will also be discussed further as the events approach.

Mayor Redfern noted that Council, Alianait, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Municipal Enforcement will be meeting to discuss the increased number of incidents that occur during the long weekend and how to address those issues.

Councillor Akumalik noted that the speed limits near the Water Booster Station No. 1 are different; it is thirty (30) kilometres per hour going up the hill and forty (40) kilometres coming down.

Kevin noted that they are currently reviewing these and will bring forward recommendations and amendments.

Councillor Mansell congratulated Levi Nowdluk on his new position with the City. He noted that there was a report released by the media relating to drivers avoiding pot holes and driving in the opposite lane, into oncoming traffic; he did not believe that Municipal Enforcement would be sitting nearby potholes waiting to issue tickets and asked for clarification. He also asked if he could provide Council an update on the review of the Domestic Animal Control By-law No. 538.

Kevin noted that the public service announcement was to remind residents that due to the melting of snow, pot holes are formed on the roads and drivers cannot drive into the opposite lane into coming traffic to avoid these pot holes; it was to remind residents to drive safely and to slow down.

He noted that he met with stakeholders and public health regarding the issue of dog bites and how this could be addressed; more meetings are scheduled to take place and a detailed report will be brought to Council for discussion.

Councillor Knickelbein welcomed Levi Nowdluk and noted that he has known him for a very long time and believed that he would be a benefit to the department.

He asked for clarification on fines issued during the craft fair. He believed that there was parking overflow and some vehicles were parked on the road; residents expressed their frustration and asked for clarification.

Kevin noted that he was not the officer on duty at that time, but believed that if there was a parking overflow issue during the craft fair, officers on duty believed it to be a violation and issued fines. Individuals are responsible for the parking of their vehicles and to ensure that they are correctly and safely parked.

Councillor Knickelbein asked if the review of the Domestic Animal Control By-law No. 538 would be public.

Kevin confirmed that public meetings would be held during the review of the by-law.

Councillor Knickelbein noted that public service announcements were released during the winter months regarding speeding and dogs; he suggested that some also be released regarding speeding, bonfires and children playing outside.

Kevin noted that public service announcements will be released as the seasons change.

Chairperson Stevenson asked if there was a by-law relating to fireworks and fire crackers.

Kevin did not believe that the City had such a by-law and noted that one could be drafted if Council felt it was necessary.

Mayor Redfern noted that this matter has been brought to the attention of the Acting Fire Chief and the matter is currently being looked into. She did not believe that there was a by-law pertaining to fireworks and fire crackers; the Acting Fire Chief is currently researching to see what regulations currently exist in other cities and will come to Council with recommendations.

Councillor Akumalik stated that he preferred having pot holes on the roads as it forced drivers to slow down and noted that the roads would get better once the melting of the snow is over. He asked if the department visited schools to talk to students.

Kevin noted that the department does visit schools and presents to students regarding road safety, bicycle safety, road crossing and a number of other issues.

Councillor Kilabuk welcomed Levi Nowdluk to the department. He noted that residents are often using fireworks and fire crackers; this issue should be addressed as it could be dangerous and often disturbs residents who live nearby where the fireworks are going off.

b) Arif Sayani
Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the department received five (5) development permit applications during the month of March and April. The department is currently working on three (3) major capital projects; Plateau Subdivision Phase 4, Upper Base Industrial Subdivision and Apex Infill Development. He noted that the proposal call submissions for the Plateau Subdivision Phase 4 are due tomorrow by 5:00pm; it will then be identified if there is sufficient interest in the lots to proceed with development in 2012. Once interest is confirmed the construction tender will be reviewed and awarded upon Council's review and approval.

He noted that he updated Council on the changes to the survey sketch for Upper Base Industrial Subdivision, upgrades to the road and pricing of the lots during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting on May 2, 2012; the Survey Sketch and zoning amendment will be reviewed later in the meeting. If approved, the survey sketch will be submitted to the Minister of Community and Government Services for approval and the City will then begin the proposal call for the lots.

Arif noted that Apex Infill Phase 1 is of lower priority and will begin once the other two projects are addressed. They are currently working on the financial numbers and will then begin the engineering design and public lot disposal.

He noted that the snowmobile trails project was not addressed as hoped but the department did make progress. They have established a good working relationship with the Hunters and Trappers Association and addressed some major concerns; more discussions will take place. The City is doing its best to keep the snowmobile trails open with the early melting of snow and opening of culverts.

Arif stated that the Lands Department is currently working on staffing the Clerk position that will assist the Land Administrator. One of the key projects for 2012 is the archiving of land leases; the project has begun but the department was not successful in obtaining outside expertise to assist them and is doing the project in house.

He noted that the Building Inspector position is vacant as discussed during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting on May 2, 2012, the issuance of building permits has been suspended until further notice. The competition for the position closed today and the department hopes that there was sufficient interest to staff the position.

Arif noted that he has been responsible for the Utilidor Department since the departure of the Operations Superintendant of Public Works; there was one major leak requiring a major dig and was addressed within two days. They continue to try and increase staffing levels in the department. He noted that staff is currently assisting with the opening of culverts.

Councillor Kilabuk noted that the leak was near his house and the pavement has been removed in order to address the issue. The City replaced the paved portion of the road with sand and graded it so that it would be smooth but it is now very bumpy. Staff was using a generator during the repairs and had it plugged into the home next to his; he believed that the residents of that home would incur electricity costs for that and asked that the matter be looked into by the City.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Nattaq noted that general operations have opened by the church group for the new cathedral and believed that this was very good news.

He noted that he will be attending meetings from May 14th to May 18th with Qikiqtani Inuit Association; they have funding for community feasts and may provide it to the Anglican Church to hold a community feast.

Councillor Akumalik believed that Monica Ell should receive a congratulating letter from the City for her elected position as Minister responsible for Human Resources, Status of Women and Homelessness.

Mayor Redfern noted that a letter will be sent on behalf of Council.

Councillor Knickelbein noted that Council had discussions regarding permanent structures developed in certain areas in 2011; it was brought to his attention that structures are currently being developed near the river, behind the runway and at the recreational site near Sylvia Grinnell Park. He suggested that the City look into this and have further discussions in the near future.

Councillor Kilabuk expressed his support for Councillor Knickelbein's comment and did not believe that permanent structures should be developed in the Sylvia Grinnell Park or near the river; the tundra should be kept clean and protected.

Mayor Redfern acknowledged the passing of the beloved elder, Joe Tikivik as well as Ooloota Partridge, a long time resident of Iqaluit.

She thanked the Public Works Department for their diligent work and addressing the opening of the culverts, pot holes and other spring related issues.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Zoning By-law Amendment – Upper Base Industrial Area, Phase 1
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif stated that the purpose of the by-law is to permit traditional industrial uses to some lots but to restrict the uses to those closer to Phase 3 of the Plateau Subdivision. This was discussed during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting of May 2, 2012.

Motion #12-163

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved First Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment – Upper Base Industrial Area, Phase 1.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

None

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

- i) Civic Holiday By-law No. 735
Councillor Stevenson

Motion #12-164

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved Third and Final Reading of Civic Holiday By-law No. 735.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-001-2012, Upper Base Industrial Area Phase 1
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif stated that the lands to be surveyed consist of part of the remainder of Lot 1, Group 1087, Plan 184 located northwest of Phase 3 of the Plateau Subdivision; the survey will create Phase 1 of the Upper Base Industrial Area. The survey will create nine (9) new light industrial lots; the survey will also include the existing

road connecting the Plateau Subdivision to Upper Base Road (Qaujisarvik Road). He noted that the current surveyed road allowance that connects to Upper Base Road will be removed.

Motion #12-165

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-001-2012 for the survey of Phase 1 of the Upper Base Industrial Area.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Request for Decision – Request for Variance, Lot 140, Plan 3896, Plateau Phase 3
Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner

Jennifer Catarino, Assistant Planner, stated that the applicant has applied for a development permit to build a semi-detached dwelling on Lot 140, Plan 3896, in Phase 3 of the Plateau Subdivision; the lot fronts onto Qajisarvik Road. To accommodate the semi-detached dwelling and to meet the Plateau Development Standard related to solar orientation, the building is located in such a way that the corner at the front of the building encroaches into the required front yard setback. She noted that the lot has an unusual shape which makes it more difficult to meet the setback requirements. To address this encroachment a variance is required to reduce the front yard setback to five point seventy four (5.74) metres from the required six (6) metres.

Motion #12-166

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved a variance to Section 8.4 of Zoning By-law No. 704 (2010) to reduce the front yard setback from the required six (6) metres to five point seventy four (5.74) metres, for Lot 140, Plan 3896.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Appointment of Alternate Deputy Mayor

Motion #12-167

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council appointed Jimmy Kilabuk as alternate Deputy Mayor for the remainder of Council's term.

Unanimously Carried

- d) NAM Signing Authority
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the City has been acting as signing officers for the Nunavut Association of Municipalities for a number of years; the City was obligated to appoint an alternate signing officer due to the passing of Deputy Mayor David Ell and Councillor Joanasie Akumalik has agreed to be the signing officer.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #12-168

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:15pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-169

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council returned to Regular Session at 7:35pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-170

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved to award the contract for professional consulting services to EXP Services Inc. for the rehabilitation of AV 305 in the amount of forty nine thousand five hundred (\$49,500.00) dollars plus GST as per their proposal dated April 27, 2012.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12-171

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #08 at 7:40pm.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Cooke
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 14th day of August, 2012, AD.