

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #08
April 9, 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 Mark Morrissey
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

ABSENT

Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Luc Grandmaison, Fire Chief
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #13-80

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Janet Brewster – 2013 Toonik Tyme Update

Ms. Janet Brewster thanked council for giving her the opportunity to present. She stated that they have had good community support with the 2013 Toonik Tyme festival which will be held April 12 to 21, 2013. The festival will include traditional and non-traditional activities and their two major sponsors are Canadian North and the city; without the support and assistance from them and all other sponsors as well as the hundreds of volunteers, Toonik Tyme would not be the same. The only criticism of the Toonik Tyme committee is that most, if not all, of the members are new from a couple of years ago and none of the current members really have knowledge on how the festival used to be held in the past or how it began. They often wonder why the city is not more involved in the organization of the festival or why they are not the primary leader of the festival; they hope that the city will consider becoming more involved and possibly become the leader of the festival in the future. She stated that they are open to any suggestions or assistance anyone may have.

Councillor Bell asked for clarification as to how the city is assisting with the festival.

Ms. Brewster stated that they received funding from Brighter Futures and Jennifer Taus has dedicated a lot of her time and energy to the festival; she has exceeded everyone's expectations. Michel Rheault is also involved with the organization of activities for youth and children as well as Amy Elgersma who is involved in every step.

Councillor Morrissey thanked Ms. Brewster for her update and asked if the committee has ever considered making the Toonik Tyme festival a regularly scheduled event so that organizations can promote it well in advance to increase participation.

Ms. Brewster stated that it has been discussed a few times during the past couple years but the reason why they have not changed it yet is due to the

inconsistency of board members. With a new committee, they now hope to have dates identified for the following year in June.

Councillor Akumalik believed that the festival has greatly changed over the years due to the growth of the community. The games are not as traditional as they used to be and residents often do not know what the events are or need to pay a fee to participate. He thanked them for all their hard work and noted that it is appreciated by many residents.

Ms. Brewster understood the concern of some residents relating to the admission fee and explained that it is very difficult to hold this event and providing everything free of charge. They do their best to provide most events free of charge and charge a very minimal fee if needed.

Deputy Mayor Wilman expressed her support for the hard work and time dedicated by volunteers with organizing the festival. She believed that many residents understood the change in the festival and events held but also believed that it should be revisited and possibly consider increasing the traditional events.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Bell stated that he would like the city to play more of a leadership role with the Toonik Tyme festival; it is a very important event for the city as well as residents and the city should provide more support.

Councillor Nattaq noted that there were snow drift concerns raised by residents in the Plateau Subdivision in 2012 and snow fences were built to address the issue; the drifts seem to have decreased and residents have not returned with more complaints. He suggested that an update on this matter be provided to Council in the near future.

Councillor Stevenson believed that there may be an under usage of the city's turf system this year and stated that he is very disappointed as the city worked really hard to acquire it; Council approved the use of the Arctic Winter Games Complex for the Aboriginal Day Live Celebrations for a period of ten (10) days in June as well as for the trade show being held in September 2013. Most, if not all, ice user groups were contacted and most of them were in support of not having ice installed at the Arctic Winter Games Complex until November. This would allow the turf system to be installed for a longer period of time. Council's decision to allow the use of the facility was a mistake and urged that they no longer make this decision in the future; youth need the facility for recreational purposes.

Deputy Mayor Wilman noted that there are large snow piles throughout the community that are dangerous and should be removed; vehicles exiting parking lots cannot see oncoming traffic or residents that may be walking.

Councillor Morrissey noted that the roads are not in good condition due to the melting snow and suggested that the Public Works Department address this issue as quickly as possible. He acknowledged the attendance of representatives from Peregrine Diamonds who accepted the invitation from the Economic Development Committee to speak to Council regarding the possible mining activity that will be taking place near Iqaluit.

Councillor Akumalik noted that he has raised concerns regarding proper drainage in Iqaluit in past meetings and noted that the issues are occurring again as the snow begins to melt. He suggested that the city review drainage systems in problem areas and upgrade them where necessary.

Councillor Kilabuk stated that he can no longer continue as a Councillor and unfortunately resigns from Council. His health is not improving and he is not able to continue. He thanked all residents who voted for him, residents who did not vote for him, all residents in Iqaluit for being so kind with him and thanked staff and Council for their patience.

Mayor Graham thanked Councillor Kilabuk for his many years of dedicated service to Iqaluit as a Councillor, previous mayor and an amazing resident.

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) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 741
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Administration noted that the by-law amendment is for housekeeping matters only.

Motion #13-81

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 741 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Thermal Imaging Camera
Luc Grandmaison, Fire chief

Administration noted that the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras was discussed with Council during the 2013 budget deliberations. Two different types of thermal imaging cameras were evaluated by a staff member of the Fire Department; it was recommended that both types be purchased to meet the firefighting and rescue needs.

Motion #13-82

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the EMS Department purchase one Bullard Eclipse LD Thermal Imaging Camera and one Draeger UCF7000 Thermal Imaging Camera for a total cost of nineteen thousand four hundred sixty nine dollars and twenty one cents (\$19,469.21) plus shipping and GST; funds to be allocated from the 2013 General Operating Fund and the Emergency Service Equipment Reserve Fund.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Presentation – Peregrine Diamonds
Tom Peregoodoff, VP Business Development

Mr. Brook Clements thanked Council for giving him and Mr. Tom Peregoodoff the opportunity to present.

He noted for Council that diamonds are found in ancient kimberlite volcanoes; Peregrine has discovered sixty four (64) at Chidliak and Qilaq and both areas are located near Iqaluit. Qilaq started in 2009, measures eighty two thousand seven

hundred fourteen (82,714) hectares and contains diamond and metals prospects. Chidliak measures seven hundred forty seven thousand (747,000) hectares and contains diamond prospects only. There were sixty one (61) kimberlites on site, forty (40) of those with diamonds and seven (7) with economic potential; this project is currently at bulk sample stage.

He stated that the Chidliak project is completely operated by Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.; De Beers, the world's oldest and most experienced diamond company expressed interest in becoming Peregrine Diamond's partner and a decision must be made by December 31, 2013. De Beers has over one hundred twenty four (124) years of diamond experience with over fifty (50) years of experience in Canada. They currently operate two northern Canadian diamond mines; Victor Mine located in Ontario and Snap Lake Mine located in the Northwest Territories. They also have a diamond mine currently at permitting stage located in Gahcho Kué in the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Clements stated that Peregrine Diamonds is very committed to local hiring, consultation, safety and environment; they have been conducting environmental baseline and archaeological studies since 2009. They have employed sixty nine (69) individuals from Pangnirtung and Iqaluit since 2008, representing three thousand four hundred (3,400) man-days. Four million three hundred thousand (\$4,300,000.00) dollars was spent in 2011 on wages and at local business in Iqaluit and Pangnirtung and supported community programs, youth sports, festivals and more.

He stated that Peregrine intends to continue exploration and collecting bulk samples at Chidliak project, work in partnership with De Beers, continue working with key communities and organizations in Pangnirtung and Iqaluit as well as continue contributing to Nunavut's economic development by hiring local workers and patronizing local business.

Councillor Bell asked if they provide training for this type of employment and if there have been discussions on the development of a road to the location of the project.

Mr. Clements stated that most of the training is done on site as it is a seasonal employment; they also provide First Aid training.

Mr. Peregoodoff stated that there may be a road developed to the location of the project but it will depend of the amount of source available on the site.

Deputy Mayor Wilman asked how long the employment is offered for. She expressed her concern with that fact that land is disturbed during this type of project; the tundra is very important to her and her culture.

Mr. Peregoodoff stated that employment is only for a few months at a time. Since it is a seasonal project at the moment, most individuals are only employed for a few months at a time.

Councillor Akumalik agreed with Deputy Mayor Wilman and expressed his concern with land being disturbed. He fully supported the local hiring and that Inuit are given the opportunity to work in this industry.

Councillor Bell asked if they see any long term benefits for those individuals who have received on the job training and have acquired special skills from their employment with Peregrine Diamonds.

Mr. Clements stated that a number of employees have significant skills and knowledge from their experience and this will assist them in the future. He stated that diamond mining is very clean compared to other mining industries and very little land will be disturbed.

Councillor Morrissey thanked Mr. Clements and Mr. Peregoodoff for their presentation and for accepting the Economic Development Committee's invitation; this information is very important to Council.

c) Discussion Item – Disabilities/Inclusion Committee

Mayor Graham noted that Councillor Bell with the assistance of Administration, drafted terms of reference for the committee for council's review.

Councillor Bell thanked Administration for their assistance and noted that Council would need to discuss and decide whether or not they would like to create this committee and appoint a chairperson, co-chair and members. This committee would also include members at large.

Councillor Stevenson expressed his support for the creation of this committee as it would help address accessibility issues and any other issues related to those with disabilities.

Councillor Dobbin agreed with Councillor Stevenson and suggested that the city work with other disabilities committees in Iqaluit.

Motion #13-83

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve in principle an Accessibility Committee; draft Terms of Reference and draft committee mandate to be brought forward at a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Application: "A Latitudinal investigation of ecosystem sensitivity to methyl mercury bioaccumulation in Arctic fresh waters"

Motion #13-84

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve the NRI application: "A Latitudinal investigation of ecosystem sensitivity to methyl mercury bioaccumulation in Arctic fresh waters".

Unanimously Carried

- c) Request for letter of support, equipment and services

Motion #13-85

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That Council approve the request by the Alianait Arts Festival for in kind support for the festival and provide a letter of support for their funding application.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #13-86

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

Unanimously Carried

John Graham
Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **14** day of **May**, 2013, AD.