

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #09
May 22nd, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Stephen Mansell
Councillor Mary Wilman

ABSENT

Mayor Madeleine Redfern

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-172

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:

Add Item 9 (b) – Mayor's Report

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 – February 21, 2012

Motion #12-173

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 dated February 21, 2012.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #01 – March 6, 2012

Councillor Mansell requested a correction to the minutes to reflect his attendance.

Motion #12-174

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #01 dated March 6, 2012.

Unanimously Carried

- c) City Council Meeting Minutes #05 – March 13, 2012

Motion #12-175

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #05 dated March 13, 2012.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) RCMP Report
Sergeant Lewis

Sergeant Lewis stated that the Iqaluit detachment reported five hundred eighty five (585) calls for service in April 2012 compared to six hundred seventy eight (678) calls for service in April 2011. Since January 2012, the detachment has lodged eight hundred sixty six (866) prisoners, which is less than it was in 2011 with nine hundred two (902) prisoners.

He noted that the month of April was very busy, although most calls for service were of a routine nature. There were however, several major incidents in the communities. This required the Iqaluit detachment to send members to assist with relief duties. He noted that as the detachment is currently fully staffed, they were able to assist with no impact to their level of service delivery in Iqaluit.

Sergeant Lewis noted that the Iqaluit detachment laid firearms charges against the male who entered the Qikiqtani General Hospital with a rifle; members were able to quickly contain the hospital and contain the suspect in the waiting room. He stated that the V Division Emergency Response Team was also deployed inside the hospital while a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer negotiated a successful surrender of the suspect.

He stated that the Iqaluit detachment has continued to provide a prominent presence at Arctic Vetnures and Northmart to deter drug trafficking; drug charges have been laid against suspects found to be in possession of drugs or trafficking drugs.

Sergeant Lewis noted that the detachment has also been working alongside the Municipal Enforcement Department, Iqaluit Fire Department and various other partners in the community to develop a collective coordinated response to deal with a catastrophic power outage scenario in Iqaluit; this scenario will assist all partner agencies in Iqaluit to look at alternative ways to provide service delivery in the event of a real power loss incident.

He noted that the Toonik Tyme barbeque at the detachment was very well attended; the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Safety Bear also made an appearance to hand out frisbees to the children.

He stated that two members are delivering the DARE program to Grade 7 students to provide drug awareness and education; the program started in April and the students are scheduled to graduate at the end of May.

Sergeant Lewis noted that the third Annual Royal Canadian Mounted Police Youth Academy will be held from May 12th to May 18th, 2012; thirty five (35) students from across Nunavut are attending this program in Iqaluit which provides a simulation of what it takes to become a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer. This also provides an opportunity for members to engage youth from all over Nunavut and provide them with insight into possible future career options.

Councillor Wilman thanked Sergeant Lewis for the statistics report and noted that the work they do is often dangerous. She stated that individuals are now saying that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is doing more and more work in mental health areas and asked if it was true. If so, how they are dealing with these issues? Does the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have programs available to these individuals or if they are working with other organizations on these matters?

Sergeant Lewis noted that members work closely with the Department of Health and Social Services, specifically with a nurse who provides them information on individuals with mental health issues and their challenges; she evaluates the individuals and decides whether or not they require further treatment. The Iqaluit detachment does what it can to help these individuals as well based on their available resources.

Councillor Wilman noted that the statistics reporting form has changed since 2011 and no longer provides details. She asked if their services were improving and if they had identified areas where they can improve.

Sergeant Lewis noted that the reports are categorized as they are in their computer systems. They continue to run the repeat offenders program with the assistance of the Department of Health and Social Services; repeat offenders are offered assistance when needed.

Councillor Wilman expressed her appreciation for the statistics report and asked if the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would also have yearly statistics; she would like to see how crimes have increased or decreased over a number of years.

Sergeant Lewis noted that he would look into the matter to see if they could provide such a report to Council.

Councillor Akumalik congratulated members of the Iqaluit detachment and the Municipal Enforcement Department for their efforts and hard work during the

check stops conducted during the weekends; he expressed his appreciation and support for the program. He noted that residents are now out later in the evening due to the nice weather and are often attempting to commit crimes; he saw an individual walking door to door, vehicle to vehicle trying to break-in and steal personal items at approximately 5:00am one morning. He yelled at the individual as he was concerned and the individual ran away. He noted that the issue of foot and bicycle patrols has been requested and discussed several times in the past and asked if the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would implement this type of patrol in 2012.

Sergeant Lewis noted that foot and bicycle patrol was proposed last year and has been considered by the Iqaluit detachment; they are having issues with providing the required training to members. They are currently looking into conducting foot patrols this summer during festivals, events and during the weekends.

Councillor Kilabuk thanked the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their hard work and efforts throughout the community.

Councillor Mansell believed that firearms incidents, such as the one that occurred at the Qikiqtani General Hospital, were too common in Iqaluit; this is a long term issue that needs to be addressed. He asked how they ensure that residents stay away from the area during such incidents and if there is anything the City could do to assist them.

Sergeant Lewis noted that the Municipal Enforcement and Emergency Services Departments assist by closing the roads and re-directing traffic. Public service announcements are released and residents are advised and asked to stay away.

b) Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation

Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation, noted that the indoor sports field was officially opened at the Arctic Winter Games Complex on Saturday, May 19th; a grand opening event was held for the public and a ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by Deputy Mayor Simon Nattaq and attended by Councillor Joanasie Akumalik. She noted that over one hundred (100) individuals attended the event and it was a huge success.

The installation of the turf was also very successful and those that contributed to the turf purchase were thanked during the event including Sport Nunavut who contributed over sixty six thousand (\$66,000.00) dollars, the Nunavut Soccer Association who contributed twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars and the Iqaluit Youth Council who contributed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. She stated that Tim Hortons and the Northwest Company have agreed to contribute a Timbits Soccer Program for children; they will pay for jerseys, medals, some equipment

and an “end of the year” soccer party. The Recreation Department is very thankful for the community’s support towards the project.

She stated that an adult dodge ball tournament fundraising event was held that evening; ten (10) teams participated and one thousand eight hundred (\$1,800.00) dollars was raised with proceeds going to the REACH Fundraising Committee for a new aquatic centre. The indoor sports field is open seven (7) days a week and will run until mid September.

She noted that the Iqaluit Skate Park is opening this week; the park includes a wide range of ramps, rails, pyramids and half pipes. The park has been re-designed to ensure that it will be fun and a great hit with children.

Amy stated that the ice at the Arnaituk Arena is being removed this week and will remain closed until mid August when it will re-open for a hockey camp and programs.

She stated that the department is preparing for summer programs and is in the final stage of hiring students for the Summer Day Camp and Skate park programs.

Amy noted that the Assistant Director position has been staffed; Jennifer Martin has joined the Recreation Department with experience in municipal recreation and will be a great asset to the department.

She stated that a bronze medallion and bronze cross course has begun at the swimming pool as well as a masters swimming adult program.

Amy stated that the youth centre remains busy with high attendance; youth are looking forward to the use of the turf as part of the youth centre program. The after school Apex program is also well enjoyed by youth.

She noted that the Iqaluit Rotary Club has supported the REACH Fundraising Committee by sending Rotarians and herself to Bangkok, Thailand for an international event convention where they presented REACH and the proposed aquatics centre project to Rotarians from all over the world. A booth was installed at the House of Friendship and over thirty thousand (30,000) people were in attendance. It is their hope that other Rotarians will support REACH and access matching grants from Rotary International. She believed that the project was well received and there was a lot of interest from other clubs all around the world; they are currently working on following up with various clubs who expressed interest. This was a wonderful opportunity to expose REACH and they expect to raise significant funds as a result of their exposure and hard work during the convention.

Councillor Kilabuk noted that he was not able to attend the grand opening of the turf system but appreciated Councillor Akumalik's attendance.

Councillor Mansell noted that he was also unable to attend but has heard many positive comments from those who attended.

c) Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability

Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability, noted that it has been a very busy two months for the department and their time has been dominated by the Block Funding application to the Government of Nunavut as well as the engineering review of several non-City projects such as Qulliq Energy Corporation's power plant upgrades, the airport project and large development reviews. The Block Funding request to the Government of Nunavut has involved the development of thirty (30) project briefing notes, three business cases and a Financial Management Board submission and information package; these were submitted and are currently under consideration.

She stated that the department also completed the required 2011 Gas Tax Report which was due at the end of March 2012. They have addressed the need for barriers at the yield area of the bridge in Apex; temporary measures have been put into place until permanent barriers can be installed this summer. She noted that they have been working on several quarry management issues which is very time consuming. They continue to work on the Water License application and the six (6) ongoing capital projects; they are also planning in preparing for the ten (10) new capital projects planned for 2012. She noted that the department is extremely busy and very much looking forward to the hiring of a new Project Officer; the competition closed April 26th and interviews will begin shortly.

Councillor Akumalik noted that drainage systems are overflowing onto the streets and mostly in the area of the Water Booster Station No. 1; he asked who is responsible for addressing these issues. He also noted that the drainage systems are poor and suggested that they be reviewed.

Meagan agreed with Councillor Akumalik that the drainage systems need upgrades; the Public Works department is responsible for clearing the culverts and ensuring that they function properly and the Engineering Department is responsible for the review and addressing of problematic culverts. She noted that they are very much aware of the Water Booster Station No. 1 problem area and it will be reviewed this summer.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell noted that funds were set aside during the 2012 budget deliberations for a summer student to work with the Public Works Department; this summer student would be responsible for cleaning up the community. He hopes to see a summer student employed in the very near future for this position.

Councillor Kilabuk expressed his support for Councillor Mansell's comment and believed that it would be a very good part time position for a student. He noted that he had also suggested this in 2011 and hopes to see it move forward in 2012.

Councillor Wilman expressed her appreciation for the managers' and directors' monthly report; it helps keep Council informed on what staff is working on and how issues are addressed. She suggested that an update be given to Council on the Public Works Department in the near future.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law Amendment
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi noted that the by-law must be amended each time a new officer is employed by the City; Levi Nowdluk was added to the list of Municipal Enforcement Officers.

Motion #12-176

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved First Reading of Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law Amendment
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #12-177

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved Second Reading of Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law Amendment. Unanimously Carried

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

- i) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 729 – Lot 167, Plan 3896, Plateau Phase 3
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Motion #12-178

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 729 (Lot 167, Plan 3896, Plateau Phase 3). Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Letter to Greenland re: 2016 Arctic Winter Games
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation

Amy stated that the department received a letter of request from the Municipality of Sermersooq, the government and host society for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games for Greenland; Greenland is slated to host the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk from March 5 to 12, 2016. She stated that the Greenland Host Society

for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games plans on including fifteen (15) different sports for the games; indoor soccer, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, snow shoeing, Dene games, Arctic sports, ski biathlon, snowshoe biathlon, wrestling, basketball and ice hockey. They are planning on holding ice hockey but it is not feasible for Nuuk, Greenland to construct an arena specifically for the Arctic Winter Games; the Arctic Winter Games International Committee has indicated through the Arctic Winter Games sport selection process that two divisions of ice hockey for the games should be included in the 2016 Arctic Winter Games. She stated that Iqaluit was identified as having suitable venues for the hockey events and is in a reasonable distance for athletes to commute from Greenland to Iqaluit. Representatives from Greenland flew to Iqaluit and met with Mayor Redfern, City Clerk, Assistant Director of Recreation and a local logistics company to discuss the possibility of Greenland holding the hockey events in Iqaluit. She stated that the Greenland Host Society and the Municipality of Sermersook have requested to rent the Arctic Winter Games Complex and the Arnaituk Arena from the City for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games. Greenland is looking at various options that would allow the ice hockey delegation, approximately one hundred seventy four (174) individuals, to attend either the opening or the closing ceremonies in Nuuk while having the hockey venue in Iqaluit. She stated that the tournament would last approximately four (4) to five (5) days and noted that Iqaluit would not be co-hosting the 2016 Arctic Winter Games; they would simply lease the two facilities to the Greenland Host Society. The Greenland Host Society would be responsible for all costs and planning of the events.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the Greenland Host Society was also indicating that they would be responsible for improvement costs.

Amy noted that they would like to rent both facilities for the Arctic Winter Games tournaments.

Councillor Akumalik believed that the media would be present and would need space for their equipment and it may require improvements to accommodate their need.

Amy stated that it was her understand that the venues are suitable as is for what they require; they would only be hosting two divisions of hockey.

Councillor Mansell asked when the City is intended to host the Arctic Winter Games.

Amy noted that a letter of intention was submitted to host the 2020 Arctic Winter Games.

Councillor Mansell believed that doing this would be a good opportunity for the City to determine what types of tournaments the City could host during the 2020

Arctic Winter Games if approved and it would also be a very fun event for the community.

Councillor Stevenson asked if speed skating or figure skating had been identified during the meeting with staff and Mayor Redfern as a potential sport during the 2016 Arctic Winter Games and if they would be hosted in Greenland.

Amy noted that she listed the fifteen (15) sports that they intend to host; speed skating, figure skating and curling were not including. Figure skating is not always included and speed skating and curling groups from Iqaluit may be disappointed that these will not be hosted. She noted that it is the responsibility of Greenland to host what they feel can be hosted as well as their work with the international committee during the sports selection process; they do not intend to host any other ice sports other than two divisions of hockey.

Councillor Akumalik asked if a liability clause would be included in the agreement.

Amy believed it was very important to ensure that such a clause is in the agreement to ensure that all legal aspects and liabilities issues are included to better protect the City.

She noted that the Greenland Host Society is requesting a letter from the City confirming that both facilities can be rented by them for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games.

Councillor Mansell did not believe that the fifteen (15) identified sports had been confirmed yet and suggested that the City remind them that a curling rink is available in Iqaluit as well as remind them that speed skating and figure skating are very popular.

Amy believed that this could be added in the letter sent to the Greenland Host Society as they may want to have the other ice sports held at the Arctic Winter Games Complex; she believed that the reason for them not hosting all ice sports was due to cost and hosting what they are best at.

Councillor Stevenson asked if they had indicated where coaches, athletes, et cetera would be staying.

Amy noted that a local logistics company in Iqaluit has been corresponding with the Greenland Host Society since the meeting and is identifying all accommodation options for them.

Motion #12-179

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved that a letter be written to Greenland re: 2016 Arctic Winter Games for the rental of the Arctic Winter Games Complex and the Arnaituk Arena.

Unanimously Carried

b) Mayor's Report

Councillor Kilabuk thanked Mayor Redfern for her report and noted that it is very much appreciated.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance Committee of the Whole Report
Councillor Stevenson, Chairperson

i) 2011 Audited Financial Statements (FIN12-16)
Councillor Stevenson, Chairperson

Motion #12-180

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council accepted the 2011 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried

b) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Report
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson

i) Vehicle Purchase (EPW12-04)
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson

Motion #12-181

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved a vehicle purchase for the Engineering Department; funds to be allocated from the Engineering Vehicle Reserve Fund.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) Gas Tax Projects (EPW12-05)
Councillor Knickelbein, Chairperson

Motion #12-182

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved the following projects to be funded by Gas Tax funds:

- Solid Waste Management Plan and Preliminary Design
- Solid Waste Management Facility Planning and Design
- Sewage Lift Station No. 2 Upgrade,
- Air Base Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Assessment
- Landfill Water Management Upgrade
- Water Booster #1 Planning Study
- 5 Year Sustainable Capital Plan
- Sustainable Community Plan
- Trigram Reheat Relocation Preliminary Design

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Archaeology Permit Application: Chert Sourcing and Palaeo-Eskimo Lithic Technology

Councillor Mansell noted that Council has received other research applications in the past where helicopter activity is involved; Council had requested that a note be included in their approval letter asking that helicopter use be limited near wildlife areas and asked that a note be included in the response for this application as well.

Councillor Wilman agreed with Councillor Mansell and noted that the application has an area where they ask if Inuit will be involved and hired for the project whether it is a high school or college students; the section was not completed by the applicant. She noted that she would like more information relating to this section of the application form and that she would support it if Inuit were involved.

Councillor Stevenson noted that a presentation was made to Council in 2011 from an individual who was conducting a research and using helicopters in an "x" pattern; they were conducting a caribou study as well as mineral study in the peninsula area. He believed that Council may not have authority to approve or not approve helicopter activity in areas other than Iqaluit and noted that he was uncomfortable with the amount of helicopter usage. He believed that Deputy

Mayor Nattaq would be far more familiar with how wildlife would be affected by helicopter use and suggested that more information be requested so that Council is more aware of how helicopter use affects wildlife. It seems that helicopters will be used all day every day for a time period and the Government of Nunavut should also be made aware of this and provide their input.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq noted that the Hunters and Trappers Association could be approached and informed of this application; their approval may have already been given. Caribous do not move from their habitat location if they do not feel threatened and helicopters flying over may not be disturbing them.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that wildlife was scared of helicopters and normally ran away when they were flying closely.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the Hunters and Trappers Association has already seen and approved the letter or if they will in the very near future.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq believed that the Hunters and Trappers Association had already received and possibly approved the research application.

Councillor Stevenson did not believe that Council should not approve this request as other similar project applications have been approved by Council in the past and also included helicopter usage; he suggested that the City request more information on how the use of helicopters affects wildlife for future applications.

Councillor Kilabuk suggested that the application be deferred until the City has spoken with the Hunters and Trappers Association and received more information.

Councillor Knickelbein agreed with Councillor Kilabuk.

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #12-183

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:25pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-184

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council returned to Regular Session at 8:20pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-185

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved the purchase of the Curling Rink for one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars plus GST and adjustments; payment will be made by installments over a twelve month period.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-186

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to close the Zoning Amendment application for Lot 148, Plan 3896 and directs staff to re-advertise the lot for public disposal.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12-187

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #09 at 8:25pm.

Unanimously Carried

Simon Nattaq
Deputy Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Valerie Collin
A/City Clerk

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