

**CITY OF IQALUIT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING #10
April 30, 2014 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor John Graham
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Stephen Mansell

ABSENT

Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:10pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #14-119

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

2. SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) Draft Council Procedures By-law

Mayor Graham noted that representatives from the city's legal counsel, Ms. Teresa Haykowsky and Mr. David Risling will discuss the Draft Council Procedures By-law and Draft Respectful Workplace Policy with Council.

Ms. Teresa Haykowsky thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to discuss the matter and noted that after several workshops with Council, after many discussions and instructions from Council, after Administration reviewing many drafts, she would like to advise that subject to any comments or any additions Council may have, steps may be taken, as Council deemed appropriate, to put the draft revised by-law as an agenda item at a public meeting for adoption purposes. She stated that the purpose of this meeting is to ask one final time if Council would like to see any changes made to the draft by-law.

Councillor Bell stated that he did not bring his original copy with notes as he was unsure as to what the purpose of the meeting was. He stated that he has had several discussions with Councillor Mansell and believed that he also had notes on the draft by-law. There are many sections of the by-law that he does not support but did not believe that this was a consensus agreement with the remaining Councillors. He suggested that his comments and concerns with the draft by-law be sent via email to legal counsel through Administration.

Ms. Haykowsky advised that it was not their intent to bring forward the draft by-law for Council's approval at this meeting but simply to provide an additional opportunity for comments and suggestions. She asked that comments and suggestions be sent to them via email through Administration.

Mayor Graham believed that all comments and suggestions should be directed to the City Clerk so that they may be forwarded to legal counsel.

Councillor Nattaq expressed his support for the current Council Procedures By-law as the new proposed by-law is very hard to understand and has negative language. There is very strong language that Councillors must respect in the proposed by-law and believed that the language used was sometimes pointing at specific Councillors. It also seems to provide an alternate Deputy Mayor authority to conduct business as opposed to what the current by-law states and this could be dangerous. He believed that the by-law needed further review and discussion.

Ms. Haykowsky noted that language in the proposed by-law can be changed as suggested by Councillor Nattaq. Any deletions or additions to be made will be completed upon Council's request through the City Clerk's office and the amended draft by-law would then be resent to Council for their review.

Mayor Graham thanked Ms. Haykowsky and Mr. Risling for their hard work and clarification and believed that Council would need to have further discussion on the mater.

Councillor Mansell noted that his comments will be sent through the City Clerk's office and agreed that the language in the proposed by-law was very strong and that certain sections perhaps would not be required for the City of Iqaluit Council. Certain sections seem to apply to Councillors but also to individuals after their term with Council and expressed his concern with these sections of the by-law as well as the penalty section.

Ms. Haykowsky noted that the penalty section should be carefully reviewed and decided between Council as to what they would like to have included in the by-law and what they feel is not necessary.

Administration believed that Councillor Akumalik had suggested that an executive committee of Council should be created and suggested that Mayor Graham contact him to also receive his comments and suggestions in relation to the draft by-law.

Mayor Graham confirmed that an email will be sent to Councillor Akumalik to receive his comments and suggestions in relation to the draft by-law.

Councillor Bell expressed his concern with the creation of an executive committee of Council.

Councillor Mansell did not believe that Iqaluit's population and Council itself was not significantly large enough to subdivide into an executive committee of Council and stated that he would be interested to see if any other Council's in Canada have such a committee.

Mayor Graham expressed his concern with the creation of an executive committee as well and did not believe that it was necessary.

Deputy Mayor Wilman believed that the idea of an executive committee of Council was for the purpose of investigation should something significant occur. She agreed that the committee would only be successful with strong council member and a strong leading Mayor but that it should perhaps be discussed further. This type of committee could potentially provide significant power and would not be fair to the remaining council members.

Councilor Stevenson apologized for being absent during the workshops held to discuss of the draft by-law and thanked legal counsel for their hard work on the document. He believed that Councillor Akumalik's suggestion for an executive committee of Council was to have the ability to have private meetings to discuss

certain matters, but without making resolutions and without public representations.

b) Draft Respectful Workplace Policy

Ms. Haykowsky noted that the Draft Respectful Workplace policy was distributed to Council for their review. Once the proposed by-law is approved, this document can be adopted by Council and training will then be provided to staff through the Chief Administrative Officer. Further discussions on the Draft Respectful Workplace Policy can be completed upon Council's request.

Councillor Mansell asked if legal counsel was working with the union in the drafting of the document.

Ms. Haykowsky confirmed that legal counsel has been working with the union in drafting the policy.

Mayor Graham suggested that all comments and suggestions in relation to the proposed by-law and policy be sent to the City Clerk so that they may be sent to legal counsel.

3. IN CAMERA SESSION

(3) In Camera items were to be discussed.

- City Contract
- Report to City
- Labour Matter

Motion #14-120

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council go In Camera at 6:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-121

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council return to Regular Session at 8:20pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-122

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council go In Camera at 8:27pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-123

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council return to Regular Session at 8:55pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-124

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

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

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-125

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council go In Camera at 8:56pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-126

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

That Council return to Regular Session at 9:43pm.

Unanimously Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14-127


Moved by: Councillor Mansell


Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:44pm.

Unanimously Carried




John Graham
Mayor


John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 14 day of October, 2014, AD.