

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #11
June 12th, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Deputy Mayor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Stephen Mansell (participated via teleconference)
Councillor Mary Wilman

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Jenessa Warren-Bitton, A/Director, Human Resources
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Councillor Kilabuk opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:05pm.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-192

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:

To change the order of business and conduct No. 9 (New Business) before No. 7 (Reading of By-laws).

Add (1) In Camera Item – Verbal, legal item

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Iqaluit Slo-Pitch Association

Denise Hutchings, Executive Member of the Iqaluit Slo-pitch Association, noted that they are seeking approval for two Special Event Permits as in previous years. The Association will be holding its fifth Annual CKIQ Canada day Cup Tournament from June 30th to July 2nd and will also be hosting the 2012 First Air Territorial Slo-pitch Championships from August 31st to September 3rd; they are seeking permission to hold a beer garden and concession at the North end of the Federal Road Ball Field.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the hours of operation for both events would be from 11am to 9pm as indicated in the letter.

Denise noted that the hours of operation would be from 11am to 9pm for both events depending on the weather; they usually close the beer garden and concession at 6pm as it is too cold.

b) John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director of Corporate Services, presented his monthly report and noted that a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012. The Finance Department has hired a term employee for the Land Lease Receivables position who will begin at the end of June for a one year period; the current employee will be on maternity leave. He noted that the Finance Officer – Cashier position is currently being advertised as the current employee has resigned; they hope to staff the position in the very near future. The department is also in the process of hiring a summer student;

this is one way of encouraging local beneficiary students to gain interest in finance and accounting.

He noted that the Information Technology Systems Specialist resigned at the end of May and the department is in the process of re-staffing the position; they are making every effort to hire locally and Nunageek Solutions Inc. is providing the service in the interim. The department will be upgrading the ethernet metropolitan area network soon; this should make the network more efficient and there are no additional costs except for a small piece of equipment that is included. He stated that the backup systems project for the network will be underway beginning in July; Nunageek Solutions Inc. and Microworks Solutions inc., based in Ottawa are responsible for the project. The re-vamping of the website is still waiting for the amendment of the Purchasing By-law which is currently being worked on with legal counsel. He stated that new phone lines have been installed in the translation booth and they are for the additional two languages through the teleconference system; additional equipment will be required for that and it will be presented to Council in the near future as it will require a budget amendment.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi noted that the Purchasing Department is currently reviewing the Purchasing By-law; the process may require Council's input. The department is currently busy preparing for the upcoming sealift season.

He noted that he remains responsible for the Public Works Garage, Building Maintenance and Landfill divisions. Building Maintenance will be working with Roads to repair or replace wooden posts that have been damaged. He noted that the City is currently running out of space at the municipal landfill but are also looking at acquiring equipment that will crush metal; this equipment is not available in Canada and will need to be ordered from the United States. The Public Works Department was able to create new plots at the municipal cemetery as discussed at a previous meeting.

Councillor Stevenson asked how many plots were created at the cemetery.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi noted that more than ten (10) plots have been created.

Councillor Wilman asked when Council could expect an update on the new cemetery as the current cemetery is quickly running out of space.

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the Engineering Department will be presenting the matter at a future Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting.

c) Jenessa Warren-Bitton, A/Director, Human Resources

Jenessa Warren-Bitton, Acting Director of Human Resources, noted that the Safety Training officer position has been staffed; the individual is scheduled to

begin at the beginning of July. Staffing levels as of May 2012 remain at fifty (50) per cent Inuit beneficiaries; it is her goal to increase this percentage to ensure a very strong presence of Inuit beneficiaries at all levels within the City. She stated that after conducting extensive research and meeting with a number of stakeholders, she is now in the process of writing a draft Inuit Employment Strategy for the City in order to ensure full compliance with Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and to create attainable and realistic goals relating to Inuit employment.

She stated that she continues to look at ways to be proactive in complying with the proposed *Official Languages Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act*; the department actively recruits Inuktitut speakers in all departments as vacancies arise. The department was recently approved by Kakivak for the partial funding of two Inuktitut speaking students to work in Dispatch for the summer and are extremely excited about this opportunity; they are currently preparing to recruit for those two positions.

Jenessa stated that they have successfully recruited an Operations Superintendent for the Public Works Department; this employee will begin work on June 26, 2012. John Hussey, John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Arif Sayani and herself continue to act as co-directors for the Public Works Department until such time where they have filled the Director position. She noted that in honour of Nunavut Day, the City will have a cultural exchange and potluck scheduled for July 6 for employees and members of Council; they want to gather together and encourage the telling of traditional Inuit stories and stories from other cultures as well.

Councillor Akumalik stated that he was very happy to hear that Kakivak had approved the funding request and that beneficiaries would be working with Dispatch services during the summer. He noted that Aboriginal Day is also fast approaching and asked if the City had organized events during that day for beneficiaries.

Jenessa stated that no activities had been planned for this day but the City could consider it and possibly plan for bannock and tea during a small gathering.

Councillor Wilman believed that Jenessa's report and comments were very positive; she expressed her appreciation for her hard work and dedication as Acting Director of Human Resources. She noted that a motion was made when Council was first elected regarding the hiring of a beneficiary to be trained as a future Chief Administrative Officer; she asked if this was moving forward.

Jenessa noted that she was not aware of this position and asked for clarification.

John Hussey noted that the City is currently moving forward with this issue and will be addressing it in the near future.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Kilabuk stated that he attended meetings in Pangnirtung on behalf of the Economic Development Committee and noted that Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator, was also present. Issues were discussed and letters will be sent to the appropriate organizations once they have been drafted.

Councillor Akumalik noted that he attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Saskatoon and believed that it was very educational and interesting; he discovered that other cities are not very familiar with Nunavut, Inuit and their culture and believed that they needed to be educated. He did not believe that Elizabeth May should be welcomed to Iqaluit as she is not very familiar with Inuit and their culture; he was very disappointed and did not feel welcomed by her.

Councillor Wilman noted that the Anglican Church had its grand opening ceremony this past weekend and it was very enjoyable; many residents met at the Nunatta Old Residence. The area around the church was cleaned and sea cans were moved as requested. She noted that sea cans are often left on development sites after the development has been completed and does not make the property attractive; she believed that a section in the General Plan should address this issue. Individuals often paint them and keep them looking clean but often they do not. She believed that residents did not take good care of the environment as waste was often thrown anywhere; she suggested that a by-law be created and enforced for those who do not respect the environment. She did not believe that the community was capable of addressing such issues in a timely manner and suggested that the City slow down growth until such time where the environment can be properly taken care of and cleaned.

Councillor Stevenson believed that attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference was very valuable and stated that he met with a lot of people that were very important to him; he enjoyed his time in Saskatoon. He agreed with Councillor Akumalik that the meeting with Elizabeth May was difficult.

He congratulated the over fifty (50) graduating students from the Inuksuk High School and noted that these could be possible future employees of the City.

He noted that the Unsightly Land By-law No. 714 was passed in December 2011 and the Building Inspector was to act as the Enforcement Officer but the position is now vacant. He asked if the responsibility of enforcing the by-law had been

temporarily given to someone else as many residents have been asking and complaining about some unsightly properties.

He acknowledged the passing of Jamesee Mike; he had a positive influence on many residents of Iqaluit.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq noted that the graduating students from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's cadets youth academy program have been working hard during the past year and the community may see an increase in youth employed in the field. He believed that a security guard should be on duty during evenings to provide a safer community and suggested that Municipal Enforcement Officers work later hours during the summer months.

He noted that the opening ceremony of the Anglican Church was very well attended; free bus transportation was provided for those who were gathering at the Nunatta Old Residence thanks to the assistance of the Chief Administrative Officer.

He noted that he attended the Inuksuk High School graduation ceremony to present the Ben Ell Scholarship Award and was accompanied by John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Knickelbein suggested that a public service announcement be released in seven (7) days to remind residents to drive safely and be aware of children as schools will be out for the summer and children will be out to play more often.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq noted that he met with members of Joint Task Force North regarding ships coming to Iqaluit in August for Operation Qimmiq Reconnaissance and other military tasking to be held this summer such as a joint operation between the Canadian Armed Forces divers and Coast Guard to recover a sunken mooring buoy in Iqaluit.

Councillor Mansell suggested that Administration consider broadcasting meetings for residents who cannot attend; residents have requested this service and also believed it would be beneficial to the community. He requested that information be provided to Council such as what has been done in the past.

He acknowledged the passing of Jim Currie and believed that his business was very beneficial to the community and that he was a wonderful person.

Mayor Redfern thanked Deputy Mayor Nattaq for his assistance during her absence. She acknowledged the Iqaluit firefighters who attended the Firefit Combat Competition in Leduc; an email was received from a volunteer firefighter in Leduc noting the sportsmanship of Iqaluit firefighters and that while they were a new team, they brought class and dignity as well as they thanked all volunteers

for their work and support. The volunteer firefighter indicated that this gesture had never happened before and Iqaluit was recognized without a doubt by volunteers and community members who were also present at the event.

She acknowledged the passing of Jim Currie, Jonah Kelly and Elijah Mike; they will be tremendously missed.

She believed that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference continues to be a great event and a good opportunity for Iqaluit to discuss their issues with other representatives from Canada. The meeting with Elizabeth May was a challenge and did not believe that they clearly understood the culture, values, rights, relationship to the environment and natural resources.

She congratulated all graduating students from the Nunavut Arctic College and Inuksuk High School. She noted that there have been and continues to be several community workshops relating to sustainability and the attendance has been significant.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

a) Archaeology Permit Application

Mayor Redfern noted that the matter was deferred until further information was received; it was identified that helicopter use will only be used as means of transportation for individuals to and from the site.

Councillor Stevenson noted that helicopters will be used for transportation only but several times a day on a daily basis.

Councillor Nattaq noted that he advised the Hunters and Trappers Association that a meeting should be held to discuss this matter and it was indicated by them that they do not have control over the amount of helicopter use. He believed that the researchers would need permits to access these areas and conduct research, especially for Inuit owned land, and that approval would be required.

Councillor Akumalik believed that the helicopters would be flying to the base camp everyday and that the Hunters and Trappers Association would be more interested in this information; Council should request that a representative from the city and the Hunters and Trappers Association attend a day trip with Brook Milne.

Mayor Redfern noted that this will be a seven (7) day project; July 29 to August 4, 2012. She noted Council can request comments and thoughts from the Hunters and Trappers Association; a decision from Council will be required soon.

Councillor Knickelbein believed that this raised an interesting issue, not only for the current research application, but for the use of helicopters in general. More information should be requested such as current practices and what is acceptable, background information and more. He noted that helicopter use is part of research but also other things as there is a lot of helicopter activity around the community and this is not in council's control. This is a major concern for hunters and Council does not have sufficient information in order to make an informed decision.

Councillor Wilman supported Councillor Knickelbein's comments and noted that she would not support the application until Council received information from the Hunters and Trappers Association and their thoughts on the matter.

Mayor Redfern believed that a meeting should be held with appropriate organizations to discuss the helicopter activity in general as there is an increase in use lately; one helicopter in particular transports cargo that is very loud and has been forced to turn around and return to Iqaluit due to high winds. The City should also discuss the possibility of minimizing large cargo being transported over inhabited areas.

Councillor Wilman noted that she enjoys being outdoors and camping during the summer months; they do not like loud noises and helicopters flying over camping areas. They fly every day, several times a day and are very disturbing.

Councillor Knickelbein noted that he is not against the use of helicopters; he simply wants to be more informed. He recognizes that with economic development somewhat depending on mineral development that use of helicopters makes it more economical and feasible and is a positive growth for the community. He agreed with Councillor Wilman that the noise can be disturbing at times and that the larger helicopter is very loud but would simply like to have more information.

Councillor Kilabuk noted that helicopters are used during the winter months as well. He asked if they reported to someone and if people were aware of where they were going.

Mayor Redfern noted that more information such as what companies are flying and to where will be requested from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the Hunters and Trappers Association and the Nunavut Research Institute.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ruling on Representations – Zoning By-law Amendment No. 734 – Lots 217 and 218, Plateau Phase 4
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that there were no representations on the Public Hearing for Zoning By-law Amendment No. 734 for Lots 217 and 218 of Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision; no ruling is required.

- b) Matters Arising from Delegations
 - i) Iqaluit Slo-Pitch Association

Motion #12-193

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved two Special Events Permits as requested by the Iqaluit Slo-Pitch Association.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Summer Meeting Schedule

Motion #12-194

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved that the summer meeting schedule remains as is.

Unanimously Carried

7. BYLAWS

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

None

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

- l) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 734 – Lots 217 and 218, Plateau Phase 4
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif noted that the by-law received First Reading on April 17, 2012. If Second Reading is approved, it will then be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Government Services for approval and will return for Third and Final Reading.

Motion #12-195

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved Second Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 734. Unanimously Carried

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

- i) Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law No. 737
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer

Motion #12-196

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved Third and Final Reading of Appointment of Municipal Enforcement Officers By-law No. 737. Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- c) Application: Monitoring educational and professional success amongst Inuit of Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program

Councillor Wilman stated that she did not understand why the individual wanted to study Inuit from Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program.

Mayor Redfern noted that the individual's research is not only related to Nunavut but for this portion of the research, it will only be studying Inuit in Nunavut. The researcher is trying to assess and determine the number of Inuit who have gone to post-secondary programs; why they attended, what they studied, where they attended, et cetera. She noted that it is baseline information that he is trying to collect.

Councillor Wilman did not understand why the researcher wanted to collect such information and expressed her frustration with comparisons.

Mayor Redfern noted that he is collecting Inuit specific information and that the primary purpose of this is to promote what has worked or not worked for post-secondary programs at the Arctic College and in the north, why programs are successful or non-successful; it wants to build on success and create a commentary. This is not a comparative analysis of Inuit and southern students. She stated that he is specifically researching Inuit students who have gone to post-secondary in the north and south.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq asked if only Iqaluit students are being researched or students from all over Nunavut.

Mayor Redfern noted that the application is for Iqaluit only but a similar application will be made to other communities where the research will also take place as required by the Nunavut Research Institute.

Motion #12-197

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved the NRI application: Monitoring educational and professional success amongst Inuit of Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program; Thierry Rodon, University of Laval.

For – Kilabuk, Nattaq, Knickelbein, Stevenson, Mansell

Abstained – Wilman, Akumalik

Carried

Councillor Wilman abstained to the motion as she did not understand why the research needed to be done.

Councillor Akumalik abstained to the motion as he did not have sufficient information to make a decision.

- d) & e) Letters: Nomination of a Hamlet Community Representative from Iqaluit to Participate in the Final Hearing for NIRB's Review of Baffinland's Mary River Project & Nomination of a Women Community Representative from Iqaluit to Participate in the Final Hearing for NIRB's Review of the Baffinland's Mary River Project

Motion #12-198

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council nominated Madeleine Redfern as the community representative from Iqaluit to participate in the final hearing for NIRB's review of Baffinland's Mary River project and also nominated Mary Wilman as the female community representative from Iqaluit to participate in same.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #12-199

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:30pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-200

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council returned to Regular Session at 8:45pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-201

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved to award Concentric the contract for professional consulting services for the Lake Geraldine Dam Berm Repairs Project as per their proposal dated May 28, 2012 and their clarification letter dated June 4, 2012 for a total cost of fifty seven thousand four hundred three (\$57,403.00) dollars plus GST .

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-202

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Knickelbein

Council approved to award Concentric the contract for professional consulting services for the City of Iqaluit bridge repairs as per their proposal dated May 28, 2012 for a total cost of twenty eight thousand two hundred fifty five (\$28,255.00) dollars plus GST.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-203

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved that only essential operations shall continue in the North 40 quarry area; processing and stockpiling of granular material can continue until an alternate site is available. Blasting will be considered by Council on a case-by-case basis; blasting requests must include a description of the project, the quantity and quality of material required and must demonstrate that blasted material is essential and that no other reasonable alternative exists.

For – Kilabuk, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Mansell

Against – Knickelbein

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12-204

Moved by: Councillor Knickelbein

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #11 at 8:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Madeleine Redfern
Mayor

John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Tracy Cooke
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 28th day of August, 2012, AD.