

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #13
July 10th, 2012 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk
Councillor Stephen Mansell
Councillor Mary Wilman
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

ABSENT

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Councillor Mat Knickelbein
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #12-228

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended:	
Add	Item 9 (c) – Appointment of Secretary to the Development Appeal Board
Delete	Item 3 (c) – Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability
Unanimously Carried	

1. MINUTES

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes #02 – March 1, 2012

Motion #12-229

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #02 dated March 1, 2012.
Unanimously Carried

- b) City Council Meeting Minutes #06 – April 17, 2012

Motion #12-230

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #06 dated April 17, 2012.
Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) Wendy Ireland
Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society

Ms. Wendy Ireland thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present and for accommodating them by relocating the meeting to a suitable, accessible facility for handicaps; she introduced her partner Noah Papsie, a board member of the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society. She distributed a summary of events that took place during their meeting of March 28, 2012 and noted that some issues discussed were very interesting. There were over fifty

(50) individuals in attendance, including some living with disabilities, service providers and government representatives from all level. The meeting was very successful; topics of discussion focused on individuals with disabilities in Iqaluit. She believed that some of the issues discussed would be easily addressed such as ramps, passageways and automatic buttons on all doors. It is hard for service providers, businesses and residents to know what is needed in the community when individuals in need do not speak up and when some have disabilities that may reduce their ability to communicate.

She stated that she was invited to the First Air Gala in 2011 and attended but had great difficulties accessing the facility properly or even areas within the facility; others helped her up and down stairs to get to the washrooms and held doors open for her. She was very surprised to see that the facility was not accessible by wheelchair; it is a good reminder that individuals like her should be included in planning stages with the City to ensure that facilities have proper access.

Ms. Ireland believed that many individuals with disabilities refused to go shopping or anywhere else in public due to the lack of accessibility; they often even have difficulties accessing their own homes.

She stated that they are also committed to hearing the voices of the people in further discussions regarding disability issues; their plan is to reach out to the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions during their next meetings. She hoped that Council would consider becoming a member of their society to demonstrate their commitment to a barrier-free Nunavut or to create a committee that would address these types of issues for those with disabilities.

Mr. Noah Papsie stated that he was born and raised in Iqaluit and he is the Secretary Treasurer for the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society. He also strongly believed that the City needed to create a committee to address disability issues; there are currently one hundred forty (140) disabled residents in Iqaluit and the number continues to increase. There is no facility that can be used for these individuals to meet as they are not accessible and there is no committee or other society to assist them. He did not believe that disabled individuals could not help the community and that they needed to be more involved.

Ms. Ireland believed that this type of committee was very common in other communities and noted that she would be happy to assist the City with anything they may need.

Councillor Wilman noted that she was very good friends with Mr. Papatsie's parents and thanked them both for their presentation.

Councillor Stevenson also thanked them for coming to Council and raising their concerns. He believed that the accessibility issue needed to be addressed as soon as possible and hoped that City Hall would soon provide accessibility to those with disabilities. He noted that Council may consider reviewing and discussing this type of committee prior to the 2012 election.

Councillor Wilman believed that the society should come to Council more often to raise their issues as it is a good reminder of how difficult it can be to live when you are disabled. She expressed her support for the creation of a committee that would address accessibility issues or any other issues raised by the society.

Deputy Mayor Nattaq believed that public housing units should also provide accessibility for disabled residents and perhaps the creation of this committee would help expedite this process.

Councillor Kilabuk thanked Mr. Papatsie and Ms. Ireland for their presentation and noted that he had not realized how serious the issue of accessibility was in the community. This issue should be addressed as quickly as possible and the community should involve these individuals as much as possible.

b) Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation

Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation, presented her monthly report to Council and stated that the department has been very busy maintaining playgrounds, ballfields and parks. There was a significant amount of work to be done that was to be completed in 2011 due to the lack of sand for playgrounds. She noted that the issue continues this year but a solution should be identified in the very near future. Repairs to a retaining wall and barrier were done for a playground located in Road to Nowhere. She noted that playgrounds are inspected on a daily basis by certified playground inspectors.

She stated that pre-season maintenance was done to the ballfield with the assistance of the Public Works Department which included filling and leveling of the field and outfield. She noted that monthly inspections are being conducted on all facilities to ensure they are safe and in good working condition.

Amy noted that the summer daycamp program has begun with one hundred (100) children registered. This is the maximum amount due to space restrictions but the department is working on expanding the camp in the future. A number of interesting themes have been organized for the camp such as science, cultural, holidays, earth, olympic and Nunavut's got Talent week. She noted that the hiring of local beneficiaries is very important to Council and the City which is why they have hired sixteen (16) candidates as Camp Leaders; they are very proud of this number and the training provided to them to prepare them for the summer camp.

She noted that the Recreation Department organized the Canada Day celebrations once again this year; REACH volunteers organized the pancake breakfast and funds raised were set aside for the new Aquatics Centre. They held activities on the turf for children, the parade, civic ceremony in the big top tent, outdoors games and activities for children, cake and a celebration with the Alianait Arts Festival. She stated that a donation of forty two thousand (\$42,000.00) dollars was received from Heritage Canada to assist with the cost of the Alianait Arts Festival.

Amy noted that the Elders' Qammaq Craft Fair was held on July 6, 2012 in Iqaluit Square; approximately ten (10) elders participated selling crafts, making bannock and it was very successful. New programs will be implemented for elders in the near future; an application was submitted to New Horizons, a federal government program for seniors, proposing a program where elders will act as teachers and teach community members through traditional workshops such as parka making, cooking bannock and story telling. This will provide residents the opportunity to learn about the customs and values of the Inuit society and much more.

She noted that the indoor sports field has been very successful to date and a lot of positive comments have been received by residents of Iqaluit. There is a significant amount of participation by youth and adults on a daily basis through activities and programs such as ultimate frisbee, senior men's soccer, daycare rentals, lacrosse groups, et cetera.

Amy noted that the department is experiencing a couple of issues with the swimming pool; one of the heat exchangers is starting to rust and needs to be cleaned. The Municipal Training Organization ran a bronze medallion and bronze cross course at the swimming pool, core courses required to become a lifeguard; most of the participants were from other communities. She noted that the public and family swim time remains busy as well as rental hours.

She noted that the Iqaluit Skatepark remains busy as well; attendance is steady. Northmart and Tim Horton's sponsored a free skateboard session on Canada Day; though the attendance was not as high as anticipated due to other events on Canada Day, the City sees a great value in this type of partnership and hopes to expand on other sponsored events for youth.

She stated that the Youth Centre's regular activities schedule ended on June 22, 2012; the Youth Centre will now be open every Friday night for teenagers from 3:00pm to 10:00pm which will also include turf time. She believed this to be very beneficial and noted that there are approximately thirty (30) youth in attendance every Friday night.

Amy noted that they also have an Abe Okpik Summer Camp for children of Apex aged six (6) to twelve (12); there are approximately eighteen (18) children enrolled and approximately fifteen (15) attend on a regular basis. They

participate in several camp activities, outdoor games, themed weeks, crafts, et cetera.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Wilman thanked staff for their hard work and organizing the meeting in Apex to accommodate the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the causeway is in terrible shape once again this year and asked if Mr. John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, could remind those responsible for the maintenance of the causeway that it needs to be addressed.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Noise By-law Amendment
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer

Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer, noted that the purpose of the by-law is to change Section 2.7 to reflect "Quiet Time" to be from 10:00pm to 7:00am, rather than 11:00pm to 7:00am.

Councillor Mansell expressed his support for the amendment to the by-law.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the by-law does not indicate what the penalty would be if the by-law was not respected.

Kevin believed that it would be subject to a fine but does not have the schedule with him; the schedule for fines is attached to the original by-law.

Motion #12-231

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved First Reading of the Noise By-law Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Council Indemnity By-law No. 738
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Motion #12-232

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved Second Reading of Council Indemnity By-law No. 738.
For – Wilman, Stevenson, Kilabuk
Against – Mansell
Carried

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

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Development Permit No. 12-029, Lot 2, Block 47, Plan 2253
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the applicant has applied for a development permit to install a satellite antenna on Lot 2, Block 47, Plan 2253, next to Building 1063. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans requires a secondary satellite antenna to increase the communication functions at its current location. The antenna is considered an accessory structure under the Zoning By-law and will be located approximately two point three (2.3) metres away from the existing antenna. He noted that to accommodate the ideal orientation of the satellite, a variance is required to allow for an increase in the height of the structure; the height will not exceed the height of the existing antenna or the building. He stated that the development meets all other requirements for an accessory structure and that a variance notice was circulated to all lease holders within thirty (30) metres of the site on June 27, 2012.

Arif noted that to accommodate the satellite antenna a variance is required to permit an increase of the height requirement to seven point nine (7.9) metres from the maximum of four (4) metres.

Councillor Stevenson asked if any feedback was received after the notice was circulated to lease holders in the area.

Arif stated that one inquiry was received earlier that day; he explained to the individual what the request was and no further inquiries were received.

Motion #12-233

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk

Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved a variance to Section 4.1(f) of Zoning By-law No. 704 (2010) to increase the maximum height to seven point nine (7.9) metres from the current four (4) metres; and approved Development Permit Application No. 12-029 to permit an accessory structure.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Administration Replacement Vehicle
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director of Corporate Services, stated that the Administration Department is requesting to purchase a new vehicle to replace the existing vehicle; the current vehicle, a 2003 Suzuki Vitara, was purchased in 2003 and is due for replacement. This vehicle is still in useable condition and will be reassigned to the staff of building No. 2425 where there is currently no vehicle.

Councillor Mansell asked if a request for proposal would be released for the purchase of the vehicle.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi confirmed that a request for proposal would be released.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the Engineering Department was recently approved to release a tender for the purchase of a new vehicle; he asked if the administration vehicle would also be used by the Engineering Department or other staff members only.

John Mabberi-Mudonyi stated that the Engineering Department would not use this vehicle.

Motion #12-234

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved that the Administration Department purchase a new vehicle in the 2012 year to replace the 2003 Suzuki Vitara; the Vitara is to be reassigned to building 2425 for staff usage; funds to be allocated from the Administrative Vehicle Reserve Fund.

Unanimously Carried

c) Appointment of Secretary to the Development Appeal Board

John Mabberi-Mudonyi noted that a secretary must be appointed to the Development Appeal Board; they are recommending that Valerie Collin be appointed as the secretary.

Motion #12-235

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council appointed Valerie Collin as the Secretary to the Development Appeal Board.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

d) Letter: Katimavik Action!

Councillor Stevenson expressed his support for Katimavik and their programs.

Motion #12-236

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council directed Administration to write a letter of support for Katimavik to the Honourable Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages James Moore in an effort to have Katimavik's funding reinstated.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #12-237

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved to go In Camera at 7:40pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-238

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council returned to Regular Session at 7:45pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #12-239

Moved by: Councillor Wilman
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council approved to award EXP the contract for professional consulting services for the Water Booster Station No. 1 Preliminary Planning Study as per their proposal dated July 3, 2012 in the amount of one hundred two thousand two hundred seventy (\$102,270.00) dollars excluding GST.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #12-240

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #13 at 7:50pm.

Unanimously Carried

Simon Nattaq
Deputy Mayor

John Mabberi-Mudonyi
Senior Director, Corporate Services

Valerie Collin
Recorder

Approved by City Council on the 11th day of September, 2012, AD.