

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #15
June 24, 2014 at 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Kenneth Bell (participated via teleconference)
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Stephen Mansell

ABSENT

Mayor John Graham
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
Luc Grandmaison, Fire Chief
George Seigler, Deputy Fire Chief
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Interpreter, Innirvik Support Services

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #14-189

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Add Item 9 (e) – Discussion Item – Meeting with Minister Aglukkaq

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) Professor Lisa Stevenson
McGill University

The delegate was not in attendance.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell stated that he would like to remind parents, as well as Municipal Enforcement, that children should not play on the road; children are playing outside more often due to nice weather and drivers should be cautious, parents should remind their children to play in safe locations and Municipal Enforcement should patrol busy areas and ensure that traffic regulations are respected.

Councillor Dobbin stated that a petition with over one hundred (100) signatures has been distributed in Iqaluit requesting that the Government of Nunavut hold public meetings regarding the proposed beer and wine store for Iqaluit.

Councillor Stevenson thanked residents who assisted with the community clean-up; there were many residents cleaning throughout the day and a lot of garbage was picked up. The city is much cleaner and much more beautiful when it is. He stated that although residents worked hard to clean throughout the city, Sylvia Grinnell Park is not as beautiful. He recently brought his two nephews who were visiting Iqaluit and was very disappointed and disgusted to see the amount of garbage throughout the park. There were many tents fallen to the ground and garbage left everywhere. He was very embarrassed to have brought his nephews to a park that is normally very beautiful during the summer months; Rotary Park was in the same condition. He stated that they collected a lot of garbage in the short period of time that they were there and encouraged everyone to clean up

their sites when they are finished and to use the garbage bins installed throughout the park; the parks should remain clean and beautiful.

Councillor Akumalik also thanked the residents for their assistance with the community clean-up and believed that each year; it is very successful and appreciated.

Councillor Bell stated that he has repeatedly noted and brought to Council's attention the fact that not all Council members pick up their meeting packages prior to meetings to review discussion items and requested that a tracking system be put in place to record when meeting materials are picked up.

Deputy Mayor Wilman stated that she was invited to take part in the first flight from Iqaluit to Halifax with Canadian North. She believed that this new flight during the summer months would be great for residents and workers and thanked the airline for inviting her.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

None

b) Second Reading of By-law (s)

- i) Council Indemnity By-law Amendment No. 770
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Administration noted that the proposed by-law amendment was presented to Council during the Council meeting of June 11, 2014 and the suggested changes made by Council have been made to the proposed by-law amendment.

Motion #14-190

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Second Reading of Council Indemnity By-law Amendment No. 770 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

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

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

c) Verbal Update – Landfill Fire

Administration noted that direction was given to the Fire Department by Council during the last Council meeting and the department has since sought expert assistance in determining the most appropriate method to extinguish the landfill fire.

The fire has been contained in the waste pile at the landfill and does not threaten to spread beyond that pile to other areas of the landfill. The fire is considered under control and initial analysis of the smoke generated by the fire on June 8th and 9th, conducted by Environment Canada, has shown that it does not exceed threshold exposure limits. Following the passing of the Council resolution on June 11, 2014, the Fire Department was advised by Environment Canada that any water used to extinguish the fire must be contained in order to prevent flowing into Frobisher Bay. If not contained, this water could cause a violation of the *Fisheries Act* which could lead to charges against the city.

Air testing equipment has been provided by Environment Canada and Health Canada and is operating near the landfill as well as several other locations in Iqaluit. Some testing is completed in Real Time Assessment and some is analysed at certain distances. The Government of Nunavut could provide further information in the matter if needed.

Administration believed that everyone wishes to have the fire extinguished as soon as possible, however, in determining how to best address the extinguishment of the fire; one must remember that there are risks to firefighters, workers and contractors as well as potential impacts to air quality.

The Fire Department will only be in a position to make a decision on how best to proceed with the extinguishment of the fire once they receive a better understanding of the technical risks, the cost and liability related to the course of action; this will not be an easy or obvious decision.

Since the department's last presentation to Council on June 11, 2014, the city has retained landfill fire expert Doctor Tony Sperling to provide technical expertise, retained the law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais to assist with the

assessment of legal risks, begun the process of identifying the types of resources required such as human, equipment and financial, that would be required should the decision be made to extinguish the fire.

Administration explained that during preliminary discussions with the noted experts, certain issues were identified. The city's current waste practices must change in order to prevent future landfill fires and these changes must take place immediately, prior to the opening of the new solid waste facility. With the predicted rate of growth in the city, it will be less than four (4) years before the city is required to address another landfill fire if waste practices are not changed. Obtaining the required equipment and resources to extinguish the fire will take several weeks, if not months, and these must be obtained prior to moving forward with the extinguishment. The process of extinguishment will be a complex process that will pose threats to human health, worker safety and to the natural environment.

During the next following weeks, the department will continue to consult further with the experts retained to assist the city and will gather information which will be used to decide how best to address the landfill fire. Invitations will also be extended to the federal and territorial government to assist with the decision making. This is a significant challenge that requires areas of responsibility from all three levels of government and would be better addressed through a cooperative process involving expertise from each government.

Councillor Dobbin asked how many air quality measuring instruments have been installed and where.

Administration advised that five (5) instruments have been installed throughout the city; two of the instruments are real-time data being monitored by Environment Canada and all data collected is sent for analysing every two days.

Councillor Mansell suggested that specific information be shared to the public on a daily basis such as wind direction and other weather factors that may interfere with the landfill fire and air quality; many residents want to know when the fire will be extinguished but are also very interested in receiving information each day relating to the fire and how it will affect every ones day.

Councillor Stevenson asked if Doctor Tony Sperling was the only individual contacted to provide expertise and who contacted him.

Administration confirmed that Doctor Tony Sperling was the only individual contacted and that he was contacted by the city.

Councillor Bell asked how much money the city has expensed to date in relation to the landfill fire.

Administration advised that the city has not spent additional funds since their last report to Council on June 11, 2014 but that the cost for retaining expertise from Dr. Tony Sperling will begin on Friday as well as the cost for retaining the law firm.

Councillor Bell noted that the city pumps sewage into the ocean every day and has done so for a number of years and stated that he did not understand why the city was now being advised that water runoff into the ocean must be prevented during the extinguishment of the landfill fire. He did not understand why the city has not required that waste be separated since the last landfill fire in 2010 and suggested that this be made mandatory and implemented as soon as possible.

Councillor Dobbin expressed his concern with the fact that the landfill fire continues to burn and that the quality of life in Iqaluit is greatly affected. He asked if the department has an estimated timeframe as to when residents could expect the fire to be extinguished.

Administration agreed with Councillor Dobbin that the fire should be extinguished as soon as possible and that the air quality is being affected. If the city proceeds with the accelerated burn method suggested by Dr. Tony Sperling it would take approximately two months before the fire can be completely extinguished. The department is disappointed that this process cannot be completed any faster but wants to ensure that the method used will be the best and safest method to extinguish the fire.

Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification on what recommendations were made by the working group and that whether or not it was recommended that water be sprayed from a fire truck or a pump onto the fire.

Administration advised that there was no recommendation made to spray water from a fire truck or pump onto the fire. It was indicated by Dr. Sperling that the height of the waste pile currently burning is very significant and even if water is sprayed from the fire truck onto the pile, the water will not reach the hottest area of the fire or even the bottom of the pile. If water is to be used for the extinguishment, it must also be contained as directed by Environment Canada.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the Government of Nunavut requested that all waste collected and delivered to the new area within the landfill be separated and believed that the city should be doing so if given direction by the Government of Nunavut. He asked if the Fire Department also believed that waste should be separated or if this matter did not fall within their mandate as a Fire Department.

Administration believed that the city should have been separating waste long ago and that the city should begin separating waste immediately. The department with the assistance of the Public Works Department has been trying to ensure that combustible waste is separated. The city would require a secure fenced area

for waste to be separated; there are many issues surrounding the separation of waste as the city does not have a lot designated to do so. All directors and managers should meet to further discuss separation of waste and require that all businesses as well as residents separate their waste as much as possible.

The city does not currently have sufficient man power and equipment to separate waste on their own; the public's assistance would be required in order to make waste separation a reality. This will require a lot of work and public education and everyone who can assist with the matter would be appreciated.

Motion #14-191

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council directs that city directors be brought together to come up with an immediate plan for garbage separation off the current site.

Unanimously Carried

b) Annual Fire Department Report
Luc Grandmaison, Fire Chief

Administration presented Council with the 2013 Annual Fire Department Report and noted that the statistical information contained in the report is a summary of the activities of the Iqaluit Fire Department.

The dispatch service handles over forty three thousand one hundred and twenty six (43,126) inquiries, just over one hundred and eighteen (118) different types of requests per day. The fire and ambulance department has responded to one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1,860) incidents, which included one thousand five hundred and sixteen (1,516) ambulance runs and three hundred and forty four (344) fire alarms; full-time firefighters have handled seventy nine (79) of these calls. Volunteers have responded to seventy two (72) emergency call outs (21%) and attended forty two (42) training sessions. The firefighters also participated in numerous community events and fundraising activities through the Iqaluit Firefighters Association under the Presidency of Lieutenant Michael Chappell.

The department has responded to fifty eight (58) fires, injuring two citizens and five firefighters. Fire loss is estimated at three hundred and seventy one thousand four hundred and forty five (\$371,445.00) dollars for 2013, an average of fifty one (\$51.00) dollars per capita and a fire rate of eight point one (8.1) per thousand population.

Administration advised that the statistics and information found in the report will help the department set new operational goals and objectives in order to meet

their mission statement. The department congratulates and thanks its members including dispatchers, firefighters/emergency medical responders and volunteer firefighters for their hard work and dedication to all services they provide to help others. Their commitment to the well-being of the community is commendable and greatly appreciated.

The department also extends a sincere thank you to Council, municipal departments, with special thanks to Utilidor, Municipal Enforcement and Public Works. Their thanks also go to the staff at Qikiqtani General Hospital, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, other public service agencies and private business organisations that help them in many ways throughout the year.

Councillor Mansell thanked the Fire Department for their report as well as their hard work and dedication. He also thanked and recognized the increase in fire containment as fires were not often extinguished when he was younger and structures would burn completely.

Councillor Akumalik also thanked the Fire Department for their report and stated that they hard work and their dedication is very much appreciated. He asked for clarification as to how the Airport Fire Department provides support to the Iqaluit Fire Department.

Administration advised that the Airport Fire Department has two staff members and do assist the city's Fire Department if their assistance is requested and vice versa. Training opportunities are also shared and with the airport's Fire Department and a mutual agreement is in place between both departments to provide each other assistance when needed at no cost.

Councillor Dobbin asked if staff members of the Iqaluit Fire Department receive relief support for any incidents they may respond to that may be bothersome or difficult to deal with.

Administration explained that Qikiqtani General Hospital provides relief support as well as the city provides an employee assistance program via telephone or online. The department continues to seek additional support services that could be provided to staff from outside organizations.

d) Verbal Update – CAO Apprentice Position
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Deputy Mayor Wilman noted that Mayor Graham was tasked with the creation of a Chief Administrative Officer Apprentice position and will provide Council an update upon his return.

Councillor Bell noted that Council was to receive an update on the matter at the end of March and suggested that the Human Resources Department be tasked with the matter so that it can move forward.

Councillor Stevenson agreed with Councillor Bell and believed that the preliminary work should begin immediately.

Administration advised that preliminary work has begun and that the Human Resources Department will be asked to continue with the creation of the position.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Report
Councillor Bell, Chairperson
- i) Request for Decision – Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-002-2014
Councillor Bell, Chairperson

Motion #14-192

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-002-2014 to resurvey Lots 91, 92, 98 and 99, Plan 674 to create three (3) new parcels. Council also approves the following: a variance to Section 13.4 of the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required rear yard setback of Parcel A from six (6) metres to three (3) metres; a variance to Section 14.5 of the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum lot area of Parcel B from five hundred (500) square metres to four hundred and eighteen (418) square metres; a variance to Section 14.5 of the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required front yard setback of Parcel B from six (6) metres to three point six (3.6) metres; a variance to Section 14.5 of the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required rear yard setback of Parcel B from six (6) metres to one point four (1.4) metres; a variance to Section 13.4 of Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required interior yard setback of Parcel C from three (3) metres to one metre; and a variance to Section 13.5 of the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required lot frontage of Parcel C from fifteen (15) metres to fourteen point four (14.4) metres.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) Request for Decision – Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-003-2014
Councillor Bell, Chairperson

Motion #14-193

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve Survey Sketch Sk-IQAL-003-2014 to subdivide Lot 47,
Plan 3604 into two (2) lots

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Application: "Understanding the Role of the CPTA1A P479L variant
in infant and child health outcomes in Nunavut"

Motion #14-194

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the NRI application "Understanding the Role of the CPTA1A P479L variant
in infant and child health outcomes in Nunavut" be approved.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Application: "Establishment of a project for diarrhoeal illness
surveillance at sentinel sites in Nunavut"

Motion #14-195

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That the NRI application "Establishment of a project for diarrhoeal illness
surveillance at sentinel sites in Nunavut" be approved.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Application: "Qikiqtani Truth Commission: Reinventing the Truth
Commission Model for Inuit Social Justice and Self-
Determination"

Motion #14-196

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the NRI application "The Qikiqtani Truth Commission: Reinventing the Truth Commission Model for Inuit Social Justice and Self-Determination" be approved.
Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

(1) In Camera items were to be discussed.

- Legal update (Verbal)

Motion #14-197

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council goes In Camera at 8:20pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-198

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council returns to Regular Session at 8:35pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-199

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council, as per the letter received June 24, 2014, accept the resignation of Mayor Graham, effective immediately.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #14-200

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That Deputy Mayor Wilman continue her current position until such time as Council makes a decision as to a permanent replacement for the mayor position.

Unanimously Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14-201

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 8:40pm.

Unanimously Carried



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Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor

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John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 12 day of November, 2014, AD.