

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #17  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Madeleine Redfern (participated via teleconference)  
Councillor Joanase Akumalik  
Councillor Jimmy Kilabuk  
Councillor Mary Wilman  
Councillor Stephen Mansell  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

**ABSENT**

Deputy Mayor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Mat Knickelbein

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability  
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 #12-297**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Add Item 9 (b) – Mayor’s Activity Report  
Add Item 9 (c) – RFD – Water Booster Station No. 1 Preliminary  
Planning Study Scope Increase (Verbal)

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes #13 – July 10, 2012

**Motion #12-298**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #13 dated July 10, 2012.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) City Council Meeting Minutes #14 – July 24, 2012

**Motion #12-299**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved City Council Meeting Minutes #14 dated July 24, 2012.

**Unanimously Carried**

- c) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Minutes #04 – July 16, 2012

**Motion #12-300**

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilman

Council approved Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Minutes #04 dated July 16, 2012.

**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. DELEGATIONS**

#### **a) Bjorn Simonsen – Citizen at Large**

Bjorn Simonsen thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to speak and stated that he was here on behalf of Iqaluit Visual Artists; they would like to request the City's assistance in their initiative to create a dedicated artist studio space in Iqaluit.

He stated that the Iqaluit Visual Artists is comprised of long time Iqaluimmiut, including himself, Daniel Osborne, Matty McNair, Janet Armstrong, Jonathan Wright, Leetha Barrell and many others. They meet on a weekly basis to practice visual art and different mediums, to learn from one another and to teach one another. As an organization, they feel getting a dedicated studio space is the next step to their ongoing process as it will easily allow for their art practice and art membership to grow. He stated that the space would be used for live drawing sessions, painting, print making and holding various workshops in different art mediums for anyone interested in learning.

Mr. Simonsen noted that Iqaluit has many social issues including overcrowding, addiction, abuse, et cetera. However, what they are proposing is an avenue through which the small community can begin to get back on the right track; an art studio in Iqaluit, run by and for the people, is a venue for growth. The City of Iqaluit is the proprietor of an old building located downtown, known as the Butler Building. He noted that the building has long remained unused and the land in the area is heavily contaminated. Many organizations have tried to unveil it to use it for various purposes; it has a great size and a great location and in the young community it is a historical site worthy of restoration and preservation. It has great worth and deserves to be used as a place that people can enjoy and derive pleasure from.

He also noted that due to its large size, it need not be limited to the visual arts; performing artists, musicians and any other group in Iqaluit could rent it and use it as needed. The Iqaluit Visual Artists would like to request that the City of Iqaluit approve that the Butler Building be donated or sold at a low price; in terms of restoration and decontamination, they would also like to request financial support from the City so that Iqaluit Visual Artists can properly create the space that the city greatly needs. In order to solve the social issues that plague the city and the territory, they need to be addressed as honestly as possible. They believed that the arts were one form of expression that allows people to express their joys and their hurts without fear of being stigmatized by society in the way that social issues usually do. In having a dedicated space for the arts, freedom of expression is secured further by ensuring that the art and its production remain where they are meant to be, in one place. As a part of human society we must make the people that live in our city our number one priority; we cannot afford to

wait for development and infrastructure to be ready before we start healing our society. We must give people a chance to be happy now; this is why they are requesting assistance from the City of Iqaluit on this matter.

Councillor Akumalik thanked Mr. Simonsen for his presented and asked for clarification as to how much financial assistance they are seeking.

Mr. Simonsen stated that he spoke with Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, and it was indicated that a study had been conducted to estimate the cost of decontamination of the land; it was estimated at one million two hundred thousand (\$1,200,000.00) dollars. Restoration and preservation of the building would be in addition and would need to be considered. He noted that they were unsure as to how much assistance they would be seeking but would be willing to discuss further and did not believe that it would exceed two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars.

Councillor Mansell believed that the Iqaluit Visual Artists did good work and that this should be supported by the community. The Butler Building has been an ongoing issue for some time and the City hopes to find a solution soon. He noted that the City has other buildings that user groups can use for various purposes and suggested that they seek another location rather than the Butler Building. He supported their initiative and believed that this would be very beneficial to all residents of Iqaluit. He asked if they had also applied for funding through Brighter Futures and suggested to do so if they had not.

Mr. Simonsen noted that they had not applied for funding through Brighter Futures but would take it into consideration.

Councillor Wilman stated that Council is very supportive of their residents and want to give them what they need as much as possible. She noted that a delegate also came to Council regarding the opening of a performing arts centre and asked if they had spoken with them.

Mr. Simonsen stated that they did not speak with Alianait regarding the performing arts centre as they would like to be the sole proprietor of the location for the Iqaluit Visual Artists but to also make it available for those who wish to use it.

Councillor Wilman expressed her support for the initiative and believed that it would greatly benefit the community. She noted that there are other groups that are also trying to do the same thing and suggested that they contact them so that they can perhaps work together; it may be more beneficial to create a larger group rather than several small groups who all have the same idea and goals.

Councillor Akumalik asked if they would also take into consideration traditional Inuit art.

Mr. Simonsen noted that all art is of equal value to them and would welcome all types.

Chairperson Stevenson noted that many other organizations have been interested in the facility and there may be a process started since he spoke with Arif; he noted that Council would not vote on a decision this evening and would wait for more information from the Planning and Development Department. He agreed with Councillor Wilman that the smaller groups should work together to create a bigger group who all have the same ideas and goals as the community does not have an art centre and needs to improve the social life of Iqaluit. He fully supported the initiative and their ideas and encouraged them to push for what they want. He asked if they were a registered society with financial capabilities.

Mr. Simonsen noted that they are a registered society but is unsure if they have financial capabilities.

Chairperson Stevenson noted that they would have financial capabilities as long as they are registered and in good standing. He encouraged them to contact the other groups and perhaps create a bigger group or to ensure they are not working against each other.

Councillor Kilabuk noted that the Municipal Elections are fast approaching and that even if Council supports this initiative today, the new Council may have a different opinion; he hopes that they will reach their goal in securing a location for the Iqaluit Visual Artists.

#### **4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

#### **5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Kilabuk noted that winter is fast approaching and suggested that the school bus company be contacted and requested that more bus stops be identified to reduce the distance for children to walk and wait for the bus; a bus stop should be created near the museum as there are several children living in the area.

Councillor Wilman thanked the staff at the municipal landfill for their hard work and dedication and for the information and presentation given to her and other residents who visited the landfill; they were kind and very helpful.

She noted that many residents like to camp near the beach area and it often gets crowded; she suggested that the City look into this area and create an official road and designated area for campers.

Councillor Akumalik noted that Prince Edward will be visiting Iqaluit on Thursday and asked if the City has any events planned for his welcoming; someone should be at the airport to welcome him and should give him a tour of Iqaluit.

Councillor Mansell noted that he was recently approached by a young couple who was purchasing their home with the anticipation to close the transaction this summer; this was delayed due to City staff being away on holidays and not being able to process the paperwork. He suggested that, while staffs work very hard and is appreciated; legal transactions should not be delayed due to vacation or personal leave.

Chairperson Stevenson noted that mass registration took place during the weekend and was very successful; it is very heartwarming to see all the activities that are held in the community, the number of children who participate and the number of parents who volunteer their time to assist the groups. He noted that he was in attendance for the third consecutive year and was at a booth with Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation, promoting the new Aquatic Centre that the City hopes to develop. He believed that most residents were very supportive of the project but that there was a lot of work to be done by the city. He hopes that residents will be informed properly on the project to prevent from residents not voting in favor due to misunderstanding. It was suggested that a meeting be held for ratepayers and the City to discuss this matter further.

He stated that during the mass registration he was also approached by a resident regarding trucked services and issues that arise from them; these need to be addressed and better solutions need to be identified as the issues return on a regular basis.

He stated that Council has been setting aside funds for a small water front improvements; both beautification and small craft improvements. He believed that there is one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars set aside in a fund and hopes that Council will move on this matter in the very near future. The boat launch was improved this year and was very nice; parking and line ups remain an issue.

**6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

**7. BYLAWS**

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

None

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

None

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

None

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Request for Decision – Contract Award for Bunker Removal  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development

Arif Sayani, Director of Planning and Development, noted that the City recently issued a Request for Quotation for the demolition of a decommissioned bunker in Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision. The bunker was used as seismograph station by Natural Resources Canada and was decommissioned in 1972 and has since sat unoccupied. As a condition of accepting the land from the Government of Canada on which the bunker sits to allow for the development of Phase 4 lots, the City agreed to have the bunker demolished; two abandoned communication towers adjacent to the bunker will also be removed.

He stated that the tender closed on August 17th, 2012 and the City received two submissions. After a formal review of the submissions by the project engineers, both submissions were approved and the prices are as follows: Kudlik Construction Ltd. for a total of six hundred fifty five thousand six hundred ten (\$655,610.00) dollars and Nunavut Excavating for a total of one hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred ten (\$121,810.00) dollars.

Arif stated that in its costing estimates for Phase 4, the City estimated a cost of one hundred ten thousand (\$110,000.00) dollars for the project; the lowest bid of one hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred ten (\$121,810.00) dollars is therefore in line with the City's estimated cost and is easily accommodated by the construction budget for Phase 4.

He stated that based on the results of the review, staff is recommending that the project be awarded to the lowest bidder, Nunavut Excavating, for the amount of one hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred ten (\$121,810.00) dollars plus GST.

Councillor Kilabuk believed that the bunker was unsafe and expressed his support for the request to demolish the bunker.

**Motion #12-301**

Moved by: Councillor Kilabuk

Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved to award the contract for the demolition and removal off site of the existing concrete bunker and two communication towers in Phase 4 of the Plateau Subdivision to Nunavut Excavating for the amount of one hundred twenty one thousand eight hundred ten (\$121,810.00) dollars plus GST.

**Unanimously Carried**

b) Mayor's Activity Report

Councillor Mansell asked if Mayor Redfern had received any feedback regarding her interview on the wearing of seatbelts.

Mayor Redfern noted that there are a few residents who are not in favor of the enforcement of seatbelts as the speed limit is forty (40) kilometers per hour but others are very happy with the enforcement.

Councillor Akumalik noted that he had discussions with a couple taxi drivers and noted they were not in favor of the enforcement; the speed limit is not significant and they did not believe there was a need to wear a seatbelt. It was also indicated that passengers often do not want to wear their seatbelts and taxi drivers feel unsafe when asking passengers to wear their seatbelts.

Mayor Redfern noted that in many jurisdictions, passengers are not required to wear seatbelts but this can be clarified with the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Wilman asked for more information on the preparation for Minister of Infrastructure Roundtable meeting.

Mayor Redfern noted that the Minister of Infrastructure and Member of Parliament, Leona Aglukkaq, were in Iqaluit during the month of September; John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer, Amy Elgersma, Director of Recreation, and Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability attended the meeting. She noted that the City has the opportunity to provide input at the national and territorial level regarding the city's infrastructure needs and issues. The Build Canada Program will expire in 2014 and the federal government is in the process of consulting the communities and cities across the country; the City will be submitting its infrastructure inventory and assessment to the federal government as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the



Member of Parliament, the Senator and Members of the Legislative Assembly for further review.

- c) Request for Decision – Water Booster Station No. 1 Preliminary Planning Study Scope Increase (Verbal)  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability

Meagan Leach, Director of Engineering and Sustainability, thanked Council for allowing her to add the item to the agenda and noted that the information for this submission was only received yesterday. Due to timing for ordering the equipment and materials, the matter is very time sensitive and could not wait until the next Council meeting.

She stated that as part of the Water Booster Station No. 1 Preliminary Planning Study, EXP has completed an inspection on the infrastructure; during the inspection some pump and control systems upgrades were identified that need to be addressed immediately and cannot wait the future upgrade project. She noted that this project will be included in the 2013 Capital Projects budget. In order to ensure that the water booster station can meet the needs of its service area until such time where the entire renovations can be completed, the Department of Engineering and Sustainability would like to proceed with the immediate needs as soon as possible. This will require the expansion of the original scope of the work awarded to EXP to include the engineering design and commissioning of the short term work required. EXP has provided a quote for the additional work in the amount of forty six thousand two hundred ninety (\$46,290.00) dollars.

Meagan noted that the original contract was in the amount of one hundred two thousand two hundred seventy (\$102,270.00) dollars; the contract would increase by forty six thousand two hundred ninety (\$46,290.00) dollars to address the additional required upgrades. The project would remain under budget with a total of one hundred forty eight thousand five hundred sixty (\$148,560.00) dollars.

Councillor Wilman understood the urgency of the matter and asked for clarification as to why it was urgent.

Meagan noted that once the inspection was completed on the Water Booster Station, it was identified that the pumps and controls systems were in serious need of upgrades; some of the control systems were identified at being at the end of their life and need immediate replacement. If these upgrades are not completed, the control system would be at risk of failing to provide pressure and proper function and put the entire system at risk.

Councillor Mansell asked if the increase to the contract is for the purchase of equipment required to complete the upgrades.

Meagan noted that the increase would be to complete the design to identify what equipment is needed and to commission the equipment once installed; it does not include the equipment purchase.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the design was included in the original contract for one hundred two thousand two hundred seventy (\$102,270.00) dollars.

Meagan noted that original budget included the preliminary design, identifying the main components at a preliminary level. In order to move forward and complete the work, an engineering design is also required.

**Motion #12-302**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved to increase EXP's Water Booster Station No. 1 Preliminary Planning Study contract by forty six thousand two hundred ninety (\$46,290.00) dollars to address the scope increase (detailed design, programming and commissioning) associated with addressing Water Booster Station No. 1 upgrades requiring immediate attention.

**For – Kilabuk, Wilman, Mansell, Redfern**

**Against – Akumalik**

**Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Application: "Marine Macrobia Bioprospecting in Nunavut – A Pilot Project"

**Motion #12-303**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

Council approved the NRI application "Marine Macrobia Bioprospecting in Nunavut – A Pilot Project"; Russell Kerr

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Application: "Return of the Far Fur Country: Early Films of Nunavut"

**Motion #12-304**

Moved by: Councillor Mansell  
Seconded by: Councillor Kilabuk

Council approved the NRI application "Return of the Far Fur Country: Early Films of Nunavut"; Peter Geller.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #12-305**

Moved by: Councillor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Council approved to adjourn City Council Meeting #17 at 6:55pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Romeyn Stevenson  
Chairperson

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John Mabberi-Mudonyi  
A/Chief Administrative Officer

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Tracy Cooke  
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, AD.