

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #23
August 26th, 2014 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Kenneth Bell
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Noah Papatsie
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Stephen Mansell

ABSENT

Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Luc Grandmaison, Fire Chief
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development
Keith Couture, Director, Public Works
Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator
Richard Sparham, Project Officer
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

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

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #14-270

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Add Item 9(l) – Request for Decision – Dam and Bridge Inspections

Delete Item 9(a) – Verbal Update – Director’s Report

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
DEFEATED**

Motion #14-271

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

- a) Special City Council Meeting Minutes #02 – January 21, 2014

Motion #14-272

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Special City Council Meeting Minutes #02 dated January 21, 2014 be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Bell
Abstained - Mansell
Carried**

Councillor Mansell abstained to the motion as he was not a Council member at the time.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

- a) Janet Armstrong – Citizen at Large

Ms. Janet Armstrong thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present and stated that she would like to discuss bicycle safety with Council as she believed that this was a current issue within the community. She apologized in advance in the case where Council or the Public Safety Committee had already discussed this matter or created a policy in relation to bicycle safety as she is not aware, but expressed her support for decisions or discussions that may have taken place.

She stated that this has been a concern of hers for many years but it is now becoming urgent that the City addresses the issue of road safety for bicycles. She has cycled in over sixteen (16) countries, on all types of roads, highways, trails and pathways, through forests and deserts, through big cities and small villages, through countries where there are many cyclists, and some where there were none. In almost every one of these countries, she and her husband have been welcomed and respected as cyclists and, in most places, they found safe roads to ride on, only a few places were scary. However, sadly, Iqaluit is not one of those safe places for a cyclist. She believed that a small city with a population of approximately eight thousand (8,000), with only approximately twenty three (23) kilometres of road, would be a safe and welcoming community to ride in.

Ms. Armstrong noted that two young children were recently hit by a vehicle while riding their bicycle on Queen Elizabeth Way, near the Arctic Ventures retail store. Shortly after the incident, the Government of Nunavut set up a display table at a Northmart informing residents about road safety for children and riding on their bicycles, including the role of parents. In addition, the Government of Nunavut hung posters throughout the community about bicycle safety. She did not believe that the City had yet released any public service announcements, or make any reference to road safety and bicycle safety since the incident. Iqaluit is no longer a small community where residents are safe from accidents.

According to recent new reports, there are five thousand five hundred (5,500) vehicles in Iqaluit. Approximately three hundred (300) new vehicles are added each year. With only approximately twenty three (23) kilometres of road, does any resident walk or bicycle to their destinations? Northmart and Arctic Ventures received approximately three hundred twenty five (325) new bicycles for children this year and almost all of them have sold; this does not include bicycles purchased elsewhere.

Ms. Armstrong asked if the City has discussed this matter and identified how this will be addressed. She believed that there were too many vehicles for such a small community, both in population and size. Traffic flow is very heavy throughout the day with trucks, motorcycles, boat trailers, bicycles, et cetera. Nor do drivers or cyclists know how to deal with one another. It appears that as a cyclist, she is a nuisance to Iqaluit drivers. Often, drivers will honk their horns at her because she is driving her bicycle along side of the road or not riding fast enough. There are no trails for cyclists, the road sides are full of sand from winter months and are very dangerous for cyclists, nor are there white lines to indicate the side of the road. Drivers need to develop respect for cyclists and share the road. For the majority, children ride their bicycles all over the road, wearing no helmet, crossing in front of vehicles and are almost always on the wrong side of the road. She has stopped and approached many children advising them which side of the road they should be riding their bicycles. Children need to be educated in order to learn safety rules for riding their bicycles and should also be made mandatory to wear helmets. Young children should be riding their bicycles with an adult.

She believed that it was time for the City to consider creating policies and by-laws to keep children safe in Iqaluit. A policy should be created for cyclists indicating where they

should ride or should not ride their bicycles, establish an age restrictions for children permitted to ride along the side of the road and others to be accompanied by an adult, make wearing helmets mandatory under a certain age, make bicycle lights mandatory, et cetera. The public should also then be clearly informed of the policy, after which the policy would be fully enforced. The City could hold safety clinics in schools and summer camps so that children are aware of where and how to ride their bicycles safely.

Ms. Armstrong indicated that the manager of Arctic Ventures expressed his support and assistance with the issue and indicated that he assisted in other communities where he resided. He and the manager of Northmart both strongly believed that children should be made mandatory to wear helmets and that an education campaign needed to be held to properly educate children as well as the general public on bicycle safety.

She stated that roads needed to be widened to make room for cyclists; this would only require that the sand be swept from the side of the road so cyclists can ride on the side and not on the road. Doing so would increase most road width by approximately one metre; this is sufficient space for a cyclist. A white line could be painted to denote the edge of the road, as most cyclists will ride just to the right of the white line. The City should also encourage a positive attitude among drivers in Iqaluit to show respect for cyclists. The City should also encourage cycling as a method of travel; this is a much healthier method for both individuals and the environment. Perhaps a section of Queen Elizabeth Way should be closed for a period of time on Sundays to allow for family biking, walking, et cetera.

Councillor Mansell thanked Ms. Armstrong for her presentation and noted that he is chairperson of the Public Safety Committee. After the recent incident, the committee discussed the matter of road safety as well as children at play with the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer. They have agreed to review specific problem areas in the community for the time being but the issue of bicycle safety will be added to next agenda for the committee's discussion.

Ms. Armstrong believed that this matter was urgent and that it should be addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Mansell explained that policies and by-laws take some time to draft, discuss and approve and that Council would do its best to address the issue as quickly as possible.

Councillor Stevenson thanked Ms. Armstrong for her concerns and stated that Council truly appreciates hearing opinions and concerns of the public. This is a serious concern that must be addressed as soon as possible. He believed that the suggestion of closing a portion of Queen Elizabeth Way on Sundays during summer months would be a good idea, leaving access to stores and main areas, and that families would appreciate this. Perhaps this could be discussed by the Public Safety Committee and that a policy should also be established for this event day.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Mansell thanked Deputy Mayor Wilman as well as all City staff for the meeting held the night before; this meeting was very positive and important information was shared with the public. He stated that he looks forward to beginning the extinguishment operation and wished all fire fighters and contractors the best during the operation and hopes they will be safe.

Councillor Dobbin noted that one hundred six (106) vehicles were shipped via sealift on a single ship this year. Five thousand five hundred (5,500) registered vehicles with a population of approximately eight thousand (8,000) is significant. According to recent reports, sixty (60) percent of registered vehicles in Nunavut are in Iqaluit, with hundreds of derelict vehicles throughout the community. The City has no exit strategy for these vehicles to be removed from the community or properly disposed of them. Council passed a motion in summer of 2013 committing to address derelict vehicles for the 2014 sealift season but he did not believe that the City had acted on the matter yet. Derelict vehicles can contain contaminants that are harmful to the environment and the City should have a policy or by-law in place to address derelict vehicles. He believed that the Government of Nunavut should charge an input levy for vehicles arriving through sealift that could then be transferred to the City to offset the cost of crushing and shipment of derelict vehicles back south. Individuals who purchased vehicles and shipped them to Iqaluit should also be responsible for the vehicle when it become derelict and need to be disposed of.

Councillor Stevenson noted that correspondence item 11 (b) from Pat Angnakak, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Iqaluit Niaqunngu, wrote to Honourable George Kuksuk, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, requesting financial assistance for the urgent need for maintenance and improvements to Iqaluit's breakwater and causeway areas. He advised that this has been an important topic to him for many years and has requested on several occasions that the City write a letter to the minister in relation to this matter. He thanked Mrs. Pat Angnakak for her letter to the minister and her request and expressed his appreciation.

Deputy Mayor Wilman stated that Canadian Tire and Project North, with the sponsorship of First Air, donated one hundred (100) bags of hockey supplies to the City's Recreation Department; activities were held at Nakasuk School on August 25th and it was amazing.

She acknowledged the Government of Canada for their assistance in Iqaluit's extinguishment operation; the City truly appreciates their assistance with this matter.

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)**

- i) Civic Holiday By-law Amendment No. 771
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Administration presented Third and Final Reading of Civic Holiday By-law Amendment No. 771 for Council's approval.

Motion #14-273

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Third and Final Reading of Civic Holiday By-law Amendment No. 771 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

- ii) General Plan Amendment No. 752 (Apex Cemetery)
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development

Administration presented Third and Final Reading of General Plan By-law Amendment No. 752 for Council's approval.

Motion #14-274

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Third and Final Reading of General plan Amendment No. 752 be approved.

Unanimously Carried

- iii) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 753 (Apex Cemetery)
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development

Administration presented Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 753 for Council's approval.

Motion #14-275

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 753 be approved.
Unanimously Carried

- iv) General Plan By-law Amendment No. 760 (Building 1560)
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development

Administration presented Third and Final Reading of General Plan By-law Amendment No. 760 for Council's approval.

Motion #14-276

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Third and Final Reading of General Plan By-law Amendment No. 760 be approved.
Unanimously Carried

- i) Zoning By-law Amendment No. 761 (Building 1560)
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development

Administration presented Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 761 for Council's approval.

Motion #14-277

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Third and Final Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 761 be approved.
Unanimously Carried

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Verbal Update – Director’s Report
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation

Administration was not in attendance.

- b) Request for Decision – Filtering Cans and New Antennas
Luc Grandmaison, Director, Emergency and Protective Services

Administration explained that in order to install multiple mobile base radios, the current tower requires a new, engineered transmit/receive multicoupler filtering system; Comprod Communications Ltd. has designed an engineered multicoupler filtering system. This system is necessary in order to continue the process of upgrading and improving telecommunication for the emergency dispatch service.

The transmit/receive filtering system will permit the installation of VHF antennas in close proximity. It is also designed to reduce and eliminate radio wave interference. Without such a system, no other mobile base radio can be installed.

The goal is to have Municipal Enforcement, Public Works and Fire Departments, Emergency Measures Organisation and Fire Ground Operations with direct mobile radio communications with the emergency dispatch service. Furthermore, recording radio communications will provide assurance of communications that took place and the actual times it took place.

Councillor Bell asked if the purchase would be sole sourced and noted that Council is normally provided with results of scoring used during the review of submissions.

Administration advised that this request is not a sole sourced purchased; two companies from Montreal, Quebec provided submissions.

Councillor Bell asked for clarification if a tender was released to the public for this purchase.

Administration explained that a tender was not released; the Fire Department contacted two different companies requesting quotes for the equipment. Comprod Communications Ltd. Was recommended to the department by the Government of Nunavut but because they do not complete installations, they designed the system according to the department’s needs and sold to the design to Groupe CLR, who will then complete the installation of the system.

Councillor Mansell expressed his concern with the fact that a request for proposal was not released, therefore making the City non-compliant of the City’s Purchasing, Tendering and Contracts By-law No. 581. He asked for clarification.

Administration explained that the City should ensure compliance of its by-laws at all times but this company was recommended by the Government of Nunavut as this system would also allow the City to use the system with the Government of Nunavut's system; perhaps this was the only company able to provide such system. Further clarification would be required from the Fire Chief.

Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification as to when staff is to purchase items following the Purchasing, Tendering and Contracts By-law No. 581 and when they are permitted not to comply with the by-law when purchasing items.

Administration explained that sometimes staff are challenged with providers and are not able to release a request for proposal or quotation and are forced to sole source; the services for the extinguishment of the landfill fire were sole sourced and a tender was not released for those services.

Councillor Stevenson believed that the services for the extinguishment of the landfill fire was decided by Council and not by staff and are not comparable to this request. He asked for clarification as to who decides whether to comply or not comply with the by-law.

Administration advised that staff prepare their requests to Council and present them based on their research and individual needs; Council then decides whether or not to approve the request. The decision remains with Council whether a purchase can be sole sourced or not.

Councillor Mansell believed that this company was contacted as the Government of Nunavut recommended them. He stated that he would prefer to defer the matter so that staff can review whether or not other companies would be able to provide the same type of system compatible with the Government of Nunavut's system.

Administration clarified that the only company that was sole sourced was Comprod Communications Ltd. for the engineering of the system. The department then sought quotes for the installation of the system once Comprod Communications Ltd. Indicated that installation was not possible.

Councillor Mansell asked if the following request for decisions to be presented by the Emergency and Protective Services Department are related to this request.

Administration confirmed that the following items are related to this request and will also need to be deferred if this matter is deferred.

Motion #14-278

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the Request for Decision be deferred back to Administration to determine if the items were sole sourced and if the procurement of the items complied with the City's Purchasing By-law.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Request for Decision – Mobile Base Radios
Luc Grandmaison, Director, Emergency and Protective Services

Item was deferred as per motion no. 14-278.

- d) Request for Decision – Dispatch Communication System Interface
Luc Grandmaison, Director, Emergency and Protective Services

Item was deferred as per motion no. 14-278.

- e) Verbal Update – Landfill Fire
Luc Grandmaison, Director, Emergency and Protective Services

Administration noted that the department held a public meeting to explain the extinguishment operation with residents. Equipment to be provided by the Government of Nunavut arrived but some parts are missing. The department continues to assemble parts and will hopefully proceed as scheduled tomorrow and will do the best it can with available resources at this time with extinguishment operations.

Councillor Stevenson believed that the holding tank has been received and that parts have yet to be received to complete the installation of the system, which is delaying the pumping of water into the tank.

Administration confirmed that the tank has been received and that the installation is complete; the department is simply waiting on missing parts to assemble the hose in order to pump water into the tank from the causeway.

Councillor Dobbin asked for clarification how many local fire fighters will be working during the extinguishment operation and wonders what their feelings are on the matter.

Administration explained that the department agreed that they did not have the resources to extinguish this fire on their own. Fire fighters have provided their availability schedule and the department must work with staff available. The City has received additional staff support from other organizations and continues to request assistance from volunteer fire fighters from those who are interested.

Deputy Mayor Wilman thanked and acknowledged the Fire Department for their tremendous work on the issue and expressed her appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

- f) Request for Decision – Hydraulic Hammer
Keith Couture, Director, Public Works

Administration noted that the Public Works Department is responsible for the digging of graves in the City's municipal cemetery. The new cemetery will be opened shortly and a power hydraulic hammer attached to the caterpillar backhoe would allow the digging of graves in a precise manner, even during the winter freeze up. The ground becomes frozen and very unmanageable due to all the moisture present. Also, having this equipment would permit the opening of graves in a shorter time frame.

Councillor Mansell expressed his support for the purchase and understood the need for the equipment. He asked if this quote was received through tender process.

Administration explained that he brought his requirements to the Purchasing Department and received this information from the department. This equipment must be compatible with the caterpillar backhoe and therefore, a caterpillar hammer was requested from Toromont Arctic as they are the only local supplier for this brand.

Councillor Bell asked if the department has another backhoe of a different make other than caterpillar.

Administration confirmed that they only have caterpillar backhoes and none of other makes. The purchase of this hammer would not be compatible with another make of backhoe as it is specific to caterpillar specifications.

Motion #14-279

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That a hydraulic hammer be purchased from Toromont Arctic for twenty three thousand five hundred ten (\$23,510.00) dollars.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Bell
Against - Mansell
Carried**

- g) Appointment of Secretary to Development Appeal Board
Councillor Stevenson, Board Chair

Motion #14-280

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Tracy Cooke be appointed as the Secretary to the Development Appeal Board.

Unanimously Carried

h) Discussion Item – Funding Programs and Sustainability Research Project
Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator

Administration advised that the City has been invited to participate in two different types of research projects; one is a three-year research project on water, energy and food security between Clyde River, Iqaluit and several other communities in Alaska, to be led by Sherry Gearheard from Clyde River. This would benefit the City by connecting with other regions that Iqaluit does not normally connect with in terms of sustainability as well as comparing practices to other communities in the arctic. The project has very few risks and would only require approximately ten hours of dedication from the Sustainability Coordinator over the next three years.

The other project would be to participate in the Sustainable Canada Dialogues, a research project through McGill Chair for Dialogues on Sustainability, which would include submitting text summarizing what the City has done in planning sustainability in Iqaluit and what the community has said throughout the process. She believed it to be very exciting to be highlighted in a nationally and is requesting Council's support to participate in both research projects.

Councillor Mansell stated that he has received many positive comments on the hard work and dedication of the Sustainability Coordinator and expressed his support for her participation in the research projects.

Councillor Bell believed that the departmental supervisor should be granting permission for participation in these projects.

Administration advised that permission was granted by the Chief Administrative Officer who is currently responsible for the Engineering and Sustainability Department and it was recommended that support be sought from Council as well.

She noted that she has also been tasked with reviewing waste management and waste reduction in Iqaluit due to recent issues identified since the landfill fire started in May. She will be working with Iqalummiut to discuss this matter but noted that this is not part of her action plans as part of the Sustainability Plan and will require a significant amount of her time. It is also being considered to submit funding applications to assist with waste reduction actions as well as meetings and discussions or assistance from southern researchers. She is again seeking Council's support to move forward with this issue.

Motion #14-281

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That Council supports the Sustainability Coordinator participating in a three-year sustainability research project about water, energy and food security and to participate in the Sustainable Canada Dialogues including submitting text for publication as well as work on waste reduction with Iqalumiut and southern researchers and to pursue funding to support waste reduction actions.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
Carried**

Council breaks from session at 7:20pm.

Council returns to session at 7:30pm.

i) Discussion Item – Mayor’s Position

Deputy Mayor Wilman passed the chair to Councillor Stevenson.

Chairperson Stevenson noted that Mayor Graham recently resigned from his position and Deputy Mayor Wilman has been acting Mayor since. Some Council members discussed at a previous meeting that this decision should be made when full quorum is present.

Councillor Akumalik thanked Deputy Mayor Wilman for her hard work and dedication since Mayor Graham’s resignation, especially since the landfill fire begun; her time is very much appreciated. He believed that the next municipal election is to be held in October 2015 and that Council could chose to remain status quo, hold a by-election or appoint a member of the public as Mayor. He asked for clarification as to what the costs would be to hold a by-election.

Administration noted that thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars is transferred into reserves each year for the municipal elections held every three years as the approximate cost to hold an election is ninety thousand (\$90,000.00) dollars; the cost for a by-election would be approximately the same.

Councillor Mansell expressed his confidence in Deputy Mayor Wilman and did not believe that a by-election was necessary; this City will incur ninety thousand (\$90,000.00) dollars in expenses for a by-election and municipal elections are to be held in October 2015. He stated that he would prefer remaining as status quo if Deputy Mayor Wilman accepted the position for another year.

Councillor Dobbin expressed his appreciation for Deputy Mayor Wilman’s hard work and dedication since Mayor Graham’s resignation but believed that the Mayor position should be decided by voters of Iqaluit and not Council.
Councillor Bell agreed with Councillor Dobbin and that Iqaluit residents should decide who they wish to have as Mayor of Iqaluit.

Councillor Akumalik stated that he would not support holding a by-election and believed that Deputy Mayor Wilman should take the Mayor's position if she agrees to do so. Holding a by-election will be very expensive and the City will be having its municipal election in October 2015, which will also require a significant amount of money. Deputy Mayor Wilman has been working closely with staff and has become familiar with office procedures and daily routines.

Councillor Papatsie agreed with Councillors Bell and Dobbin and believed that Iqaluit residents should decide whom they want as Mayor of Iqaluit.

Councillor Bell agreed with Councillor Akumalik that the City should be limiting expenditures as much as possible but strongly believed that the mayor's position should be decided by Iqaluit residents.

Motion #14-282

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the City of Iqaluit hold a by-election for the position of Mayor.

**For – Bell, Dobbin, Papatsie
Against – Akumalik, Stevenson, Mansell, Wilman
DEFEATED**

Councillor Stevenson passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Wilman.

j) Discussion Item – Draft Terms of Reference: Disabilities Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Wilman reviewed the draft terms of reference for the Disabilities Advisory Committee for Council.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his support for the draft terms of reference and suggested that "or as when required" be added to Section IV (1).

Councillor Stevenson agreed with Councillor Akumalik and suggested that it be changed to "The committee shall meet at least six times per year." and asked for clarification on the committee's duty to provide input to City Council and staff, as he believed that any committee's duty was to provide input to Council only. He noted that the committee has not yet been created and asked if the terms of reference would remain in draft form until the committee is created.

Administration confirmed that Council would approve the terms of reference, if they so wish, and once the committee is created, changes to the terms of reference could be recommended by the committee at a later date.

Motion #14-283

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That the Terms of Reference for the Disabilities Advisory Committee be approved with the requested changes.

Unanimously Carried

- k) Discussion Item – Cemetery Updates
Richard Sparham, Project Officer, Engineering

Administration noted that some questions were asked during the recent Finance Committee of the Whole meeting; one was relating the burial depth at the new cemetery and the other was relating to the removal of tundra across the street from the new cemetery.

Staff reviewed the background of the development plan of the new cemetery and it was indicated that the City dug two test pits during July 2013; one was dug to five (5) feet and the other to six (6) feet deep. Based on these test pits, site observations, water was determined not to be an issue at these depths. It was recommended that graves be dug at a minimum of four (4) feet deep based on observations at the current cemetery; it was not indicated that graves should not be deeper. It was noted that deeper graves would cost more and that unless a southern style casket is being used, there is no need for a deeper grave.

Councillor Bell asked what the normal depth of a grave is.

Administration believed that a grave is normally dug at six (6) feet deep due to the height of the casket and providing a certain clearance above the casket. Iqaluit uses smaller caskets than most southern places.

Councillor Bell asked for clarification as to how deep graves are dug at the current municipal grave as he believes that many are deeper than four (4) feet.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that other communities in Nunavut be contacted regarding the depth of their graves to compare different locations and reasons why depths vary.

Councillor Dobbin noted that the committee also requested that staff meet with elders to discuss the new cemetery and the possibility of introducing a burial fee; he asked if staff had a chance to meet with elders since the meeting and what feedback was received.

Administration explained that they have not yet met with elders to discuss cemetery matters with them but will in the near future and will provide Council an update with feedback received from them.

The replacement of tundra removed at the cemetery site during construction is a requirement of the contract. The contractor was unable to save adequate tundra from the site itself in order to fully restore tundra removed; they have identified an alternate source of tundra to use for replenishment at the cemetery site. They discussed the identified site with the Planning Department and no issues were identified with use of tundra on this site as the site is owned by the City. This process also saved costs of approximately fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars from the total estimated costs for the project.

Councillor Stevenson asked is the lot where tundra was removed to replace tundra at the cemetery site is a vacant lot and if it will be developed in the future.

Administration explained that the lot is vacant and there is no plan at this time to develop the lot.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Finance Committee of the Whole
Councillor Mansell, Chairperson
 - i) Deferral of Removal of Cross (FIN14-27)
Councillor Mansell, Chairperson

Councillor Mansell did not believe that the item required a motion as it was deferred by the committee during the meeting.

- ii) 2014 Quarterly Financial Statements (FIN14-28)
Councillor Mansell, Chairperson

Motion #14-284

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the 2014 quarterly financial statements be accepted.

Unanimously Carried

- iii) Budget Amendments (FIN14-29)
Councillor Mansell, Chairperson

Motion #14-285

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the following budget amendments be approved:

- increase to Municipal Funding program of one million nine hundred fifteen thousand four hundred twenty six (\$1,915,426.00) dollars;
- decrease to Water and Sewer Program of four hundred thirty one thousand three hundred three (\$431,303.00) dollars;
- transfer of forty seven thousand (\$47,000.00) dollars from Translation Services-Salary and Benefits to Contracted Translation Service;
- transfer of eleven thousand two hundred (\$11,200.00) dollars from Translation Services-Settlement Allowance to Contracted Translation Service;
- transfer of eighteen thousand five hundred (\$18,500.00) dollars from Building Inspector-Salary and Benefits to enable the acquisition of a vehicle for the Building Inspector

Unanimously Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- d) Letter: Long-term Care and Support for Elders in Nunavut

Motion #14-286

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That the City support the Government of Nunavut in the Long-term care and support for elders in Nunavut project.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Stevenson, Mansell
Against – Bell, Akumalik
Carried**

- e) Application: Seabed Mapping of Frobisher Bay to Support Infrastructure Development and Natural Hazard Assessment

Motion #14-287

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That the NRI application “Seabed Mapping of Frobisher Bay to Support Infrastructure Development and Natural Hazard Assessment” be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
Carried**

- f) Application: Archaeological Inventory and assessments at Peregrine Diamonds Ltd., Chidliak Claim Block, Hall Peninsula

Motion #14-288

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

That the archaeology permit application "Archaeological Inventory and assessments at Peregrine Diamonds Ltd., Chidliak Claim Block" be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Mansell, Wilman
Against – Bell, Stevenson, Akumalik
Carried**

- g) Application: Schools on Board 2014 Arctic Field Program – Educational Site Visitation

Motion #14-289

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Papatsie

That the archaeology permit application "Schools on Board 2014 Arctic Field Program – Educational Site Visitation" be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Mansell
Against – Bell, Stevenson, Akumalik, Wilman
DEFEATED**

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #14-290

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council adjourn at 8:35pm.

Unanimously Carried



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Mary Wilman
Deputy Mayor

*Deputy Mayor
Koreyn Stevenson*

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John Mabberi-Mudonyi
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 14 day of July, 2015, AD.

