

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #24  
November 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor John Graham  
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman  
Councillor Kenneth Bell  
Councillor Terry Dobbin  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson (via teleconference)  
Councillor Mark Morrissey  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Noah Papatsie

**ABSENT**

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability  
Keith Couture, Director, Public Works  
Joe Brown, Operations Superintendent  
Eva Michael, Communications Officer  
Valerie Collin, Recorder  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**PRAYER**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #13-313**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Add (1) In Camera Item – Labour Item: Update on CAO Contract

Add (2) In Camera Item – Legal Opinion: Rocks and Posts

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

- a) Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Minutes #06 – August 6, 2013

**Motion #13-314**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Planning and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #06 dated August 6, 2013 be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Morrissey**

**Abstained - Bell**

**Carried**

**Councillor Bell abstained to the motion as he was not in attendance.**

- b) Public Hearing Minutes – August 13, 2013

**Motion #13-315**

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Public Hearing Minutes dated August 13, 2013 be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Morrissey**

**Abstained - Bell**

**Carried**

**Councillor Bell abstained to the motion as he was not in attendance.**

- c) City Council Meeting Minutes #16 – August 13, 2013

**Motion #13-316**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That City Council Meeting Minutes #16 dated August 13, 2013 be approved.  
**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Morrissey**  
**Abstained - Bell**  
**Carried**  
**Councillor Bell abstained to the motion as he was not in attendance.**

d) City Council Meeting Minutes #17 – August 27, 2013

**Motion #13-317**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That City Council Meeting Minutes #17 dated August 27, 2013 be approved.  
**Unanimously Carried**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. DELEGATIONS**

None

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Akumalik welcomed Councillor Noah Papatsie to Council and congratulated him on his election. He apologized to Iqaluit residents for his absence during the month of October but he needed this time to concentrate on family matters. His family suffered from the tragic loss of their son, who committed suicide, and the loss of his wife's older sister. It was a very difficult time for their family but they received a lot of support from many residents of Iqaluit, co-workers, and many other people; they received a lot of food and other gifts and are very thankful for everyone's support. He thanked the airlines and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association who assisted with the airline tickets for family members to attend the funeral, as well as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Emergency Services for quickly attending his home the day of the tragedy.

He stated that he is very proud of Inuit, especially those who work for the airlines, specifically First Air, who operated the flight from Igloolik, Hall Beach to Iqaluit.

Michael Inuksuk, Jimmy Nakusa and Jane Flaherty were employees on this flight and should be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.

Councillor Morrissey also congratulated Councillor Noah Papatsie on his election and welcomed him to the team.

He stated that he received many positive comments from residents regarding the speed bumps that the city recently installed and suggested that signs be installed to advise residents that a speed bump is ahead since the winter months are fast approaching.

Councillor Bell welcomed Councillor Noah Papatsie to Council. He noted that Council approved the amount of one hundred and forty thousand (\$140,000.00) dollars during the 2013 budget deliberations to install wheelchair access to City Hall and the matter has yet to be presented to Council; he asked if Council could receive an update on the matter at a future Council meeting. He would also like to discuss the proposed Disabilities Committee that Council had discussed creating in the very near future. He stated that in an earlier Council meeting, he stated that he was going to send the Minister of Community and Government Services a letter requesting that a Municipal Inspector be hired to review operations at the City; a new Minister will be appointed in the very near future and he will then be sending his letter, but requesting a Municipal Supervisor and not a Municipal Inspector.

## **6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

## **7. BYLAWS**

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

- i) General Plan Amendment – Portion of Lot 1 REM, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560)  
Councillor Bell, Chairperson, Planning and Development Committee of the Whole

Councillor Bell noted that the matter was discussed in detail during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting on November 6, 2013; the purpose of the amendment is to re-designate Portion of Lot 1 Remainder, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560) from Heavy Industrial to Light Industrial.

### **Motion #13-318**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That First Reading of General plan Amendment (Portion of Lot 1 REM, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560)) be approved.

**Unanimously Carried**

- ii) Zoning By-law Amendment – Portion of Lot 1 REM, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560)  
Councillor Bell, Chairperson, Planning and Development Committee of the Whole

Councillor Bell noted that the matter was discussed in detail during the Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting on November 6, 2013; the purpose of the amendment is to rezone Portion of Lot 1 Remainder, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560) from Heavy Industrial Special Exception 1 to Light Industrial.

**Motion #13-319**

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That First Reading of Zoning By-law Amendment (Portion of Lot 1 REM, Group 1087, Plan 184 (Building 1560)) be approved.

**Unanimously Carried**

**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) Discussion Item – Street Signage Policy  
Councillor Bell

Councillor Bell stated that he requested that the matter be added to the agenda due to complaints received from a member of the public; he asked if the city had a street sign policy in place.

Administration noted that the Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and initial installation of all signs within their jurisdiction. A typical drive around for the foreman or lead hand involves checking to see if all signs are still up and functional. In the course of a physical year, numerous signs are replaced; usually approximately forty (40) stop signs go missing and many are bent from being backed into by vehicles. Signs are placed in locations identified by an approved by-law; if changes such as speed are requested, an appropriate amendment must be made to the by-law. The Public Works Department works with Municipal Enforcement regarding any signage issue.

Normally signs are ordered and placed in conjunction with a project; the recent installation of speed bumps was a rush project and weather was a consideration to ensure completion of their placement. Therefore, the installation of signs has not occurred as the signs have not yet arrived. Once the signs arrive they will be placed in the appropriate location to warn residents of the speed bumps.

Administration stated that the department would like to review all signage issues within the city and create a written policy for Council consideration. This standard would address such issues as size, color, height of signs as well as setbacks from corners; time limits for replacement of missing signs would also be included. With risk management becoming an urgent issue, maintenance time tables should also be in place to reduce risk.

The Public Works Department is currently installing trilingual signs; all signs within the city's jurisdictions shall be upgraded to trilingual in the future. This is a very costly endeavor and the changeover shall be phased in over a number of years. Signs are an essential element of any city to function properly and the Public Works Department is making every effort to ensure this occurs.

Mayor Graham asked if the Public Works Department has extra street name signs in their inventory.

Administration advised that the department only orders them as needed, but this practice will change and will be included in the new policy.

Deputy Mayor Wilman expressed her appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Public Works Department and asked how long they anticipate it will take before the remaining signs for the speed bumps are installed.

Administration stated that the signs have been ordered and should be installed by Christmas 2013; if additional speed bumps are to be installed, signage will be in stock and installed at the same time as the speed bumps.

Councillor Bell thanked Administration for the information and expressed his support for the hard work and dedication of the Public Works Department. He asked what the normal timeframe is for replacing street signs.

Administration advised that signs are normally replaced as soon as the department is notified that they are missing or damaged, if they are in stock, if not, they are ordered and installed as soon as they are received. The stop signs are the most common signs that are damaged or missing and the department normally has a few on hand. Individuals are encouraged to notify the department when a sign needs to be replaced.

Councillor Morrissey asked when they expect the policy to be finalized.

Administration stated that they would like to have the policy presented to Council in spring 2014 or earlier.

Councillor Akumalik asked if the street signs are ordered locally. He believed that there were companies in town capable of creating street signs and that the city should support them as much as possible. He suggested that the city also consider installing signs at the end of Road to Nowhere, at the end of the airport runway and other areas required that indicate that the city is not responsible should anything happen to someone. The speed limit sign near the Water Booster Station No. 1 indicates that the limit is thirty (30) kilometres per hour when going uphill, but indicates a speed limit of forty (40) kilometres per hour when going downhill; he asked for clarification.

Administration noted that speed limit signs as well as all remaining street signs need to be reviewed and possibly corrected; this will also be included in the new policy.

Councillor Papatsie asked if it would be possible for the city to consider audio indicators for road crossing and street identification to accommodate the blind.

Administration noted that the matter will be considered and researched.

b) Discussion Item – Swimming Pool Reports  
Councillor Bell

Councillor Bell stated that he is happy to see that the matter was included on the agenda, but very disappointed that he has yet to receive a copy of the reports relating to the old swimming pool that he has requested several times. He is seeking the report that indicated that repairs in the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars needed to be done to the pool, which was not completed, and subsequently, there was damage in the amount of one hundred and sixty one thousand (\$161,000.00) dollars to the pool, unknowing if they correlate or not. He stated that he would like further information as to whether or not these

matters correlate as who had the authority to refuse to complete the fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollar repairs, recommended by the consultants.

Mayor Graham apologized for not providing the reports after the numerous requests; Council is entitled to receive a copy of any report relating to city business.

Councillor Morrissey believed that Council is entitled to receive a copy of a report but that a motion was not required.

Councillor Bell explained that the only reason is he requesting to pass a motion is because he has requested a copy of the reports several times, since December 2012 and has yet to receive them. The reports will now be shared with Council as a whole and not only provided to him.

**Motion #13-320**

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That Council be provided with a copy of the pool reports.

**For – Dobbin, Papatsie, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Bell, Morrissey**

**Abstained - Akumalik**

**Carried**

**Councillor Akumalik abstained to the motion as he did not believe that a motion was required to obtain a copy of reports.**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- b) Letter to Council: Motion to Support a Project to Assess the Drinking Water Quality in Iqaluit, November 2013

**Motion #13-321**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council support the Project to Assess the Drinking Water Quality in Iqaluit.

**Unanimously Carried**



## **12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

- 1 Legal – Capital Plan Contract Award
- 1 Labour – Motion 10-186
- 1 Labour – Update on CAO Contract
- 1 Legal Opinion – Rocks and Posts

### **Motion #13-322**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council go In Camera at 7:25pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

### **Motion #13-323**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That the meeting be extended to 10:00pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

### **Motion #13-324**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council return to Regular Session at 9:19pm

**Unanimously Carried**

### **Motion #13-325**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council award the contract for the provision of Engineering Services for the Development of a 5-year Capital Plan to EXP Services Inc in the amount of thirty eight thousand seven hundred and thirty five (\$38,735.00) dollars, plus GST, as per their proposal dated October 25, 2013.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-326**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the Mayor enter into the contract with the CAO on behalf of the Council of the City of Iqaluit.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-327**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That the Mayor begin the process of creating an apprenticeship position for the CAO; to be completed by the end of March.

**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #13-328**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:25pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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John Graham  
Mayor

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John Hussey  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of **March**, 2014, AD.