

**CITY OF IQALUIT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #25  
November 26, 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  
Councillor Mark Morrissey  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Noah Papatsie

**ABSENT**

Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk  
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development  
Joe Brown, Operations Superintendent  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**PRAYER**

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

**SWEARING IN**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #13-29**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

**1. MINUTES**

- a) Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Minutes #05 – August 8, 2013

**Motion #13-330**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That Engineering and Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes #05 dated August 8, 2013 be approved.

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

**Abstained – Bell, Wilman**

**Carried**

**Councillors Bell and Wilman abstained to the motion as they were not in attendance.**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- a) RCMP Report  
Sergeant Monty LeComte

The delegate was not in attendance.

- b) Chris Scullion, Interim President  
Toonik Tyme Society

Mr. Chris Scullion, Interim President for the Toonik Tyme Society, thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to present and noted that the Toonik Tyme Festival is approaching its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; spring of 2014 will be the 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the festival has been held in Iqaluit. With the goal of creating the very best festival experience for the entire community, as a board, the Toonik Tyme Society has been actively planning. Specifically, they have completed a strategic review and planning session this fall, they have reviewed and renewed efforts to reconstitute and revitalize the society board itself, restructuring the planning process for the festival events, planning for their annual general meeting to be held in the next few days and prepared a request for proposal for advance fundraising and coordinator. They are taking a much

more active approach to meet with organizations and businesses in the community for board members. He stated that the Toonik Tyme Society is seeking the city's assistance and active support as in the past; the city was the essential organizing force of the Toonik Tyme Festival. This coming year, in anticipation of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, they would like to have the City of Iqaluit actively participating in the Toonik Tyme Society and board. They would like to have a member from the city as part of their board to make Toonik Tyme the very best festival it can be; recapture the enthusiasm and focus the energy to make the Toonik Tyme Festival a resounding success for 2014 and beyond. They would like Council to consider the following:

- Mayor, and perhaps a Councillor on the society board itself
- A senior manager from city staff to sit on the board to facilitate specific event planning
- Assist with the opening and closing ceremonies, logistical support as well as specific activities and programming such as the scavenger hunt, talent activities, et cetera
- Assistance with local business liaison and networking opportunities that may arise

The Toonik Tyme Festival is an event that the entire community shares. They want to make the festival the very best that it can possibly be for the entire community. In fact, as the host city for the Toonik Tyme Festival, the City of Iqaluit becomes, effectively, the focal point for communities throughout the Baffin region. People talk of the Toonik Tyme Festival with a great deal of excitement and many schedule their spring time travel to Iqaluit to attend the festival.

Mayor Graham asked for clarification as to when the annual general meeting is to be held.

Mr. Scullion noted that the annual general meeting will be held on December 5, 2013.

Councillor Morrissey asked when the Toonik Tyme Festival will be held in 2014 and when the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival will be held; several individuals and organizations, specifically Nunavut Tourism, have indicated that they would like to promote the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary six months to one year prior to the event.

Mr. Scullion noted that the festival will be held from April 11 to 21, 2014. The dates for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have not yet been set but the Toonik Tyme Society will ensure that it is decided upon as quickly as possible.

Councillor Bell believed that the city should be a strong player in the Toonik Tyme Festival, not to take away from the volunteers who dedicate their time to the event, but the event has significantly grown and cannot only rely on volunteers any longer. The volunteer organizations are already very busy with all

other activities and the City of Iqaluit used to be the host of the event. He believed that the event was very successful each year and should celebrate the Inuit culture as much as possible. The Recreation Department is mostly involved with southern sports and should be more involved with cultural events such as igloo building, dog sledding, et cetera. He believed that city staff should organize and run some of the events during the festival and asked how many individuals volunteered during the festival in 2013.

Mr. Scullion stated that the board includes eight to ten people and an additional twenty five (25) to (35) individuals volunteered during the festival, over the ten days duration, which volunteers then requested more assistance from additional volunteers for specific events.

Councillor Bell asked if the matter could be added to a future Council meeting or Recreation Committee meeting for future discussion as the city needs to become more involved in the festival.

Deputy Mayor Wilman noted that she has volunteered a number of times during the festival and expressed her support for volunteering during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Scullion stated that the Toonik Tyme Society fully appreciates the involvement of many Council members during past festivals as well as the organizations in Iqaluit who have assisted in any way possible.

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

None

#### **5. STATEMENTS**

Councillor Bell noted that Movember is almost over and thanked everyone who supported him and others and donated to the cause.

He stated that he would like to revisit the Metis Development Corporation's financial matter discussed at a past Planning and Development Committee of the Whole as soon as possible and suggested that a Planning and Development Committee of the Whole or Finance Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

He stated that he would also like to discuss the matter of arrear collections within the city as soon as possible.

Councillor Morrissey thanked Administration for the installation of the speed bumps and believed that many residents are happy to see them installed.

He stated that the Community Economic Development Plan is currently being worked on and many workshops and meetings have been scheduled for the next week; the plan will be brought to Council for review and discussion prior to its approval.

Councillor Stevenson noted that the Vigil for Violence Against Women is being held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Inuksuk High School and encourages everyone to attend.

**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 – Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-015-2013  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development

Administration noted that the matter was previously discussed during a Planning and Development Committee of the Whole meeting and that Bell Mobility is proposing to build a communications tower on a portion of Lot 1 Remainder, Block 1087, Plan 184 just north of the Qikiqtani General Hospital. The proposed parcel will be twelve (12) metres by twelve (12) metres, with a total lot area of one hundred forty four (144) square metres; the parcel will be accessed through the hospital lot.

**Motion #13-331**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve Survey Sketch SK-IQAL-015-2013 to create a new parcel to accommodate a communications tower.

**Unanimously Carried**

- b) Request for Decision – Development Permit and Request for Variances – Saimavik Yoga Studio and Massage Therapy Room  
Melodie Simard, Planning and Development

Administration stated that the applicant is applying for a development permit and variances to convert Building 754, Lot 155, Plan 674 to a yoga studio and massage therapy room. The lot is located on the south side of Ben Ell Drive in Lower Base. It has approximately twenty seven (27) metres of frontage onto Ben Ell Drive and a lot area of seven hundred and fifty (750) square metres; building 754 is a one-storey single-detached dwelling and is currently vacant.

The applicant proposes to convert the building to a yoga studio and an associated massage therapy room; the majority of the building, approximately thirty nine (39) square metres, would be used as the yoga space, with a former bedroom used as the massage therapy room. A washroom and wet bar would also be included.

Vehicles will access the site via Ben Ell Drive, the road located along the north lot line. An access driveway is proposed to be located along the east lot line. A surface parking lot containing five spaces is proposed in the rear yard. The proposal exceeds the minimum number of required spaces, based on a rate of five spaces per one hundred (100) square metres. The proposed yoga studio has a total of eight three point two (83.2) square metres of common area, resulting in a required parking rate of four spaces.

The lot does not meet the minimum required lot area or lot width provisions for institutional uses in the S Zone. Variances are needed to reduce the minimum lot area from one thousand (1,000) square metres to seven hundred and fifty (750) square metres, and to reduce the minimum lot frontage from thirty five (35) metres to twenty seven (27) metres. These variances are considered to be minor and are supportable.

**Motion #13-332**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council approve development permit application #13-054 for Lot 155, Plan 674 to permit the conversion to a yoga studio and massage therapy room, subject to the conditions listed in Attachment 1, and as shown on the plans that accompany the application; approve a variance to Section 13.11 of Zoning By-law No. 704 to reduce the minimum lot area from one thousand (1000) square metres to seven hundred and fifty (750) square metres and approve a variance to Section 13.11 of Zoning By-law No. 704 to reduce the minimum lot frontage from thirty five (35) metres to twenty seven (27) metres.

**Unanimously Carried**

c) Request for Decision – Tender Award for Fence Installation  
Joe Brown, Operations Superintendent

Administration stated that presently there is a lack of security at the federal garage, public works site. It has been suspected that over the years, many items have been removed without permission. Some estimates feel that this number could be as high as thousands of dollars annually. The department feels the need to construct a fence around the entire site and eventually install security cameras and lighting to protect assets. A tender was called for the construction of an appropriate fence around the public works site and previous to this, a tender was accepted for the materials required to construct the fence at a cost of sixty seven thousand six hundred four dollars and thirty six cents (\$67,604.36); all materials are now on site. Two contractors submitted proposals to install the fence; Nunavut Excavating provided a total cost of one hundred and ninety two thousand one hundred and ninety five (\$192,195.00) dollars plus tax and Kudlik Construction provided a total cost of two hundred and six thousand two hundred and twenty two (\$206,220.00) plus tax. Both proposals exceed the 2013 budgeted amount of one hundred and forty thousand (\$140,000.00) dollars.

The Public Works Department currently has a total of seventy two thousand three hundred and ninety five dollars and sixty four cents (\$72,395.64) remaining in their 2013 budget; additional funds would need to be identified in the 2014 budget. An additional one hundred and nineteen thousand one hundred and ninety five dollars and thirty six cents (\$119,195.36) is required to complete the project this year.

Councillor Bell asked if the department has a total cost for the equipment that has gone missing or vandalized.

Administration noted that they are unsure of the total cost of equipment that has gone missing or vandalized but that it has been a serious issue over the past few years and the department would like to secure its assets.

Councillor Bell noted that he had expressed his support for the project during the 2013 budget deliberations but with the additional information and total cost of the project, he can no longer support the project.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he is very surprised with the significant cost for the installation of the fence but believed that the city needed to clean this property and secure assets; the city is currently in violation of the Unsightly Land By-law No. 714 and needs to address this as soon as possible.

Administration noted that the Municipal Enforcement Department would also be using this fenced area for vehicles to be impounded as part of a new by-law being drafted. It was also a recommendation of the auditors that the area be fenced since the city has its most valuable assets stored on this lot.

Councillor Nattaq believed that the total cost for the installation of the fence was under budget; the city will require additional storage space in the future as additional equipment is purchased. He believed that there was a significant amount of theft and vandalism occurring on this lot and that the city needed to protect their assets as much as possible. He expressed his support for the project.

Councillor Bell noted that the Municipal Enforcement Department does not have the authority to tow vehicles and impound them, nor to charge a fee for the release of the vehicles. He asked for clarification on the matter.

Mayor Graham believed that further discussions relating to the impounding of vehicles should be discussed with the Municipal Enforcement Department and not the Public Works Department.

Councillor Bell believed that the city would have more information on assets being stolen or vandalized if this was also a recommendation by the auditors; without details on the matter he cannot support the cost for the project.

Administration advised that this is part of risk management and protecting the city's assets; it is not necessarily due to the fact that there has been past vandalism or assets being stolen. If the city installs a fence, it prevents from any future vandalism or theft of assets.

Councillor Bell advised that the city could become in compliance with the Unsightly Land By-law No. 714 without installing a fence; the lot would simply need to be cleaned up. He noted that he is not supportive of the cost for the project but supports the project in principle. He understands the importance of protecting city assets and suggested that future request for decisions include important information in the future and not only state that the reason for the installation of a fence is due to the fact that equipment has been stolen. With more information and details relating to the matter, Council can make an informed decision and understand the issue much better.



Administration noted that they were very surprised with the cost quote received for the installation of the fence as they were expecting a much higher cost. The area to be fenced is very large and installation will require a lot of time and effort.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that the matter be deferred until after the 2014 budget deliberations to identify the sources of funds to cover the additional cost for the installation of the fence.

Councillor Morrissey asked if Municipal Enforcement has any funds available to contribute towards the budget since they will also be using the lot for impounding of vehicles.

Councillor Bell suggested that details as to how the fence will be installed also be presented when the matter is brought back to Council at a later date.

**Motion #13-333**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council defer the matter to a future meeting to take place after the 2014 budget deliberations.

**For – Papatsie, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Bell, Morrissey  
Against - Dobbin  
Carried**

d) Request for Decision – Award of Contracts for Sewer Projects  
Joe Brown, Operations Superintendent

Administration stated that a request for quotation was requested for two infrastructure projects; a sewer collapse in Happy Valley and sewer repairs between AV300 to AV301. Nunavut Excavating was the only company to provide bid for the projects at a total price of five hundred and seven thousand six hundred and sixty five (\$507, 675.00) dollars.

The sewer problem in Happy Valley has been an ongoing issue for some time. Every day, an existing AV must be pumped out in order to prevent sewer flooding downstream. The city is facing a potential lawsuit if this project is not completed as soon as possible and today would be the ideal time frame to do such a project as the flooding issues of the construction trench are eliminated due to freeze up and most of the existing pavement could be saved. Both projects should be completed well before spring time to ensure construction efficiency.

**Motion #13-334**

Moved by: Councillor Bell  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council award the sewer infrastructure projects AV300 and AV301 to Nunavut Excavating in the amount of five hundred and seven thousand six hundred and seventy five (\$507,675.00) dollars, plus GST, as per their tender submission.

**Unanimously Carried**

- e) Correction to Committee Terms of Reference  
John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer

Administration stated that in an effort to bring the terms of reference for the Public Safety Committee, Taxi Review Board and Taxi Advisory and Complaints Committee into compliance with all other standing and ad hoc committees as well as Council Procedures By-law No. 526, changes are required to the term of the committee members.

Currently, each of the noted committees has a term of three years for their members at large. The correct term for members at large is one year as per Council Procedures By-law No. 526. The only committee that has a term of three years is the Development Appeal Board as that is a requirement of the *Planning Act*.

Deputy Mayor Wilman expressed her support for amending the Council Procedures By-law No. 526 as one year term is not sufficient time to achieve goals and objectives with current members and those who are familiar with previous discussions and recommendations.

Councillor Dobbin agreed with Deputy Mayor Wilman and suggested that this be discussed further at a future meeting.

Councillor Stevenson also agreed with Deputy Mayor Wilman and believed that it would be more beneficial to the city to have members at large for a three year term as opposed to a one year term.

**Motion #13-335**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve that the Terms of Reference for the Public Safety Committee, Taxi Review Board and Taxi Advisory and Complaints Committee be changed to reflect a one year term for members at large.

**Unanimously Carried**

f) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

**Motion #13-336**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Mary Wilman as Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

**Unanimously Carried**

g) Appointment of (1) Alternate Deputy Mayor

**Motion #13-337**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Romeyn Stevenson as an alternate Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

**Unanimously Carried**

h) Discussion Item – 2014 Budget

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Administration stated that the 2014 draft budget is being prepared and is almost complete, but the city is waiting on property tax assessments which should be received in December. Once the information is received and reviewed by the Finance Department the budget document will be completed. The budget deliberations should be presented in early 2014 as the draft budget is completed and translated. Administration will be requesting that twenty five (25) percent of the city's operational budget be approved as an extension until the 2014 budget deliberations are completed in early 2014. The city has contacted the Department of Community and Government Services regarding the 2014 budget extension and will be in compliance of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Councillor Bell asked if the 2014 draft budget documents could be distributed to Council earlier than the forty eight (48) hour prior to the meeting as currently done to allow Council members sufficient time to review the documents.

i) Discussion Item – City Scholarship  
Councillor Dobbin

Councillor Dobbin believed that most directors or managers hired by the city are from south, remain employed in the north for a few years and then relocate back to their home communities in the south. The city has a very high turnover in staff and projects are sometimes delayed or put on hold until a new staff member is hired. He believed that the city should be making every effort to attract local youth and retain them once hired by implementing a scholarship program to assist with post-secondary education; the scholarship could perhaps be called the Jimmy Kilabuk Memorial Scholarship, pending approval from the family, after former Mayor and longtime Councillor with the city. The scholarship would be offered to Iqaluit, Nunavut students attending a recognized post-secondary institution in Public Administration, Engineering, Urban Planning, Human Resources, Finances or Business. The five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars annual scholarship could be offered to one student or shared and opened to a full time Iqaluit with requirement that they return to Iqaluit for a period of eighteen months upon graduation.

He believed that this would assist in obtaining local expertise in employment and encourage local youth to return to the north for employment after graduation. There was an article in the newspaper last week about a beneficiary from Kimmirut who took advantage of the Government of Nunavut's Aviation Scholarship and whose goal is to return to the north after graduation and be employed by First Air. It is a fact that most northerners eventually want to return home and the city too often relies on southern experts who do not completely appreciate the north or understand the lifestyle. This would also help reduce the cost of consulting fees that the city incurs from southern companies.

Councillor Morrissey expressed his support for the scholarship and suggested that the matter be deferred to a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion and deliberation for Council's approval.

Mayor Graham agreed with Councillor Morrissey and expressed his support with the creation of the scholarship. He also suggested that the Human Resources Department review each department and staff member and determine what training is required to create a succession plan for each department and position.

Administration asked for clarification as to how many students could receive the scholarship of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars each year.

Councillor Dobbin suggested that it be a total amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars for one student or to be shared equally between two students. Further details could be determined and discussed during a future Finance Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Motion #13-338**

Moved by: Councillor Dobbin  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council direct Administration to explore the recommendation of creating a City Scholarship in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per year and to report back to a Finance Committee of the Whole for review and Council's recommendation.

**Unanimously Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Niksiit Committee Report  
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services
- i) Update to Niksiit Terms of Reference  
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, Senior Director, Corporate Services

Administration stated that the Niksiit Committee is recommending updating the committee's terms of reference to include a representative from each of the following:

- 1. Nunavut Housing Corporation
- 2. Nunavut Antipoverty Secretariat

City Council passed a motion in February 2011 (11-84) to extend an invitation to the Nunavut Housing Corporation to have a representative from their organization sit on the committee. In April of that same year they responded declining the offer advising that they have a territorial mandate for homelessness which may conflict with the city's mandate.

After the Government of Nunavut's re-organization in April 2013, the homelessness file is no longer under the Nunavut Housing Corporation and is now with Family Services under the Nunavut Antipoverty Secretariat. The Secretariat contacted the Wellness Coordinator expressing interest in having a position on the Niksiit Committee.

The Niksiit Committee feels that having a representative from both Nunavut Housing Corporation and Nunavut Antipoverty Secretariat would enrich the committee and bring a unique and much valued perspective to the committee.

**Motion #13-339**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve to update the Niksiit Terms of Reference to include a representative from the Nunavut Housing Corporation and Nunavut Antipoverty Secretariat.

**Unanimously Carried**

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) AWG 2016 Sponsorship Request**

Councillor Morrissey suggested that the matter be deferred to the Recreation Committee for further discussion and review and that it be brought back to Council with the committee's recommendation.

### **b) Letter: The Future of Canada Post/Proposed Resolutions**

Councillor Bell stated that he has been receiving excellent service from the Canada Post over the past few months but others have not been as fortunate.

Councillor Dobbin believed that they were seeking a letter of support stating that they provide great service but he did not agree that the service provided by Canada Post was great and did not support the request.

Councillor Morrissey agreed with Councillor Dobbin and stated that he also did not support the request.

Councillor Stevenson also agreed with Councillor Dobbin and stated that he did not support the request.

## **12. IN CAMERA SESSION**

- 1 Legal – Award of Request for Proposal (HPS Research)
- 1 Legal – Award of Request for Proposal (Website Redevelopment)
- 1 Legal – Award of Request for Proposal (Planning Services)

### **Motion #13-340**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council go In Camera at 8:25pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-341**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council return to Regular Session at 9:00pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-342**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council repeal Motion #13-307.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-343**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That Council award the contract for the “Research Consultant: Development of a Coordinated and Sustainable Approach to Prevent and Reduce Homelessness in Iqaluit” to Cassandra Vink for a maximum amount of sixty nine thousand four hundred and eighty four (\$69,484.00) dollars, including GST, as per her proposal.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Motion #13-344**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey  
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That Council award the Website Redevelopment and Hosting Project to Outcrop in the amount of seventy nine thousand two hundred and thirty six (\$79,236.00) dollars as per their submission.

**For – Dobbin, Papatsie, Nattaq, Stevenson, Wilman, Morrissey  
Against - Bell  
Carried**

**Motion #13-345**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That Council award the contract for the provision of Planning Services to Fotenn Consulting for the month of December 2013 in the amount of sixteen thousand four hundred and ninety five (\$16,495.00) dollars as per their submission.

**Unanimously Carried**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #13-346**

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:05pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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John Graham  
Mayor

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John Hussey  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the **27** day of **March**, 2014, AD.