

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #01
April 16, 2013 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor John Graham
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman
Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Joanase Akumalik
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Kenneth Bell

ABSENT

Councillor Mark Morrissey

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability
Valerie Collin, Recorder
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #EPW13-01

Moved by: Mayor Graham
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision – Cemetery Site Selection
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability

Administration noted that a geotechnical study was conducted on the sites being considered for the new cemetery in November 2012; the current Road to Nowhere site, Alternate site no. 1 and Alternate site no. 2. Alternate site no. 1 could not be accessed by the excavator and drill rig due to snow conditions.

In 2013, this geotechnical information was analyzed along with other decision-making criteria in an Options Report. Based on the investigations and review to date, the Options Report identifies Alternate Site #2 (Apex) as the most suitable for new cemetery development. Alternate Site #2 has the fewest project risks in relation to achieving an opening date of October 1, 2013 and is also the least expensive site to develop. Risk factors affecting the timeline include the need for a site visit and engineering review of surface drainage to be completed in snow free conditions (June 2013).

Once the site is selected by Council and the Phase 2 proposal is awarded, the project will proceed with an Open House to obtain public feedback on the design. This public feedback will inform the final design of the cemetery. Once the design concept is approved by Council, the project will proceed with tendering and construction. Once the site is selected by Council, the city will also initiate a General Plan and Zoning By-law amendment to reflect the selected site.

Administration noted that the following criteria formed the basis for analyzing and comparing the alternate sites and selecting a recommended option:

- number of plots generated
- geotechnical conditions
- opportunities for future expansion
- operation and maintenance issues
- physical conditions
- alignment with design principles
- cost of construction
- timeline for development

Councillor Dobbin believed that the Apex site would be a suitable site for the new cemetery and asked why it had not been considered before.

Administration stated that they are unaware as to why the site was not considered; the original site selection process was done some time ago.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the residents of Apex had been consulted regarding the site.

Administration noted that the public has not yet been consulted; this process will take place when the city is ready to move forward with the design of the cemetery.

Deputy Mayor Wilman believed that many residents felt the decision were already made and that their comments and suggestions were not taken into consideration when public consultations are held; she suggested that city approach residents now to inform them how the site was selected and share the results of the studies conducted with them.

Motion #EPW13-02

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

The committee recommends that Council proceed with the development of the new cemetery at Alternate Site no. 2 as per the recommendations of the 2013 Options Report; and that the City negotiate with LEES + Associates to add the following items to the Phase 2 contract: Cemetery By-law Update, Standard Operating Procedure development and Records Management and Mapping System development; and that a General Plan and Zoning by-law amendment be initiated to reflect the site selected.

Unanimously Carried

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion #EPW13-03

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

That committee go In Camera at 6:10pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #EPW13-04

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

The committee returns to Regular Session at 6:35pm.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #EPW13-05

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

The committee recommends that Council award the Professional Consulting Services contract for Phase 2 of the Cemetery Project to LEES + Associates in the amount of one hundred sixty five thousand eight dollars and ten cents (\$165,008.10), excluding GST, as per their proposal dated March 22, 2013 and supplemental information letter dated April 4, 2013. Committee also recommends that a peer review of the engineering design be completed.

Unanimously Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #EPW13-06

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Wilman
Seconded by: Mayor Graham

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:40pm.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Akumalik
Chairperson

Meagan Leach
Director, Engineering and
Sustainability

Approved by City Council on this **14** day of **May**, 2013, A.D.