

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #04
July 2, 2014 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Hussey, Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hamp, A/Director, Engineering
Paul Clow, Project Manager
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #EPW14-12

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Wilman

That the agenda be adopted 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) Introduction of new Contract Director of Engineering

Administration introduced Matthew Hamp, Contract Director of Engineering and stated that he has lived in Pond Inlet for seven (7) years and worked with the Department of Community and Government Services for five (5) years before his employment with Arktis Solutions Inc.

Mr. Hamp thanked the committee for welcoming him and stated that he worked as a Project Officer with the Department of Community and Government Services, has a designation in Civil Engineering with an Environmental Engineering background and is registered with the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists. He began his employment with Arktis Solutions Inc. approximately two years ago and was recently awarded the contract for the Director of Engineering.

b) Capital Plan Discussion

Administration presented the committee with the Capital Plan and noted that the draft plan was presented to the committee in February. Exp Services reviewed the committee's comments and recommendations and have made changes accordingly. The final version of the plan was distributed to committee members via email on June 11, 2014 and the department is now seeking adoption of the plan. Mr. Steve Burden with Exp Services is participating via teleconference to provide any clarification if required by the committee.

Councillor Mansell noted that he was not a member of Council in February but reviewed the final draft distributed on June 11, 2014. He asked for clarification on the new paving project listed in the plan.

Administration believed that this listed project was one previously discussed but was not included in the high priority list to be completed as part of this Capital Plan.

Councillor Bell noted that the most important project to be completed identified in the Capital Plan is the New Granular Deposit and recognized the importance of the project but believed that the city is facing issues with getting equipment to the

site and wonders if this project will move forward as scheduled. The city is currently faced with the landfill fire and funds need to be identified in order to move forward with the extinguishment of the fire. He asked if any of the identified projects could be delayed for another year or less.

Administration explained that approximately forty seven million (\$47,000,000.00) dollars have been allocated for the identified projects in the plan and if these funds are used for other purposes, additional funds will need to be identified for projects listed in the plan. The department would need to review the identified projects further to see if any can be delayed and if additional funds can be found to assist with the cost of the landfill fire extinguishment.

Councillor Nattaq believed that additional changes may need to be made to the plan due to the landfill fire or include a section to permit the city to address the issue. He noted that the city could also declare a state of emergency which would provide the city the opportunity to access funds available for such issues. He did not believe that funds allocated for projects identified in the plan should be used for any other purpose, including the landfill fire, and that the city should seek assistance from the federal and territorial government. The city's current priority should be the development of the new solid waste facility.

Deputy Mayor Wilman believed that the solid waste management facility project was to be completed later than initially proposed in the plan but was identified as a priority and moved as one of the first projects to be completed.

Councillor Dobbin did not understand why the current landfill site was not decommissioned as recommended several years ago and why the city has waited so long to move forward with the development of a new site.

Administration explained that they were not employed with the city when previous discussions took place regarding the decommissioning of the current landfill site and stated that the department is working hard to address the most important issues as soon as possible.

Councillor Stevenson believed that the city has been working on both the new granular deposit site and solid waste management site since 2009. There has been a lot of public consultation, research and review by the city to prepare for the new solid waste management site and the city did not commit to the decommissioning of the current landfill site as there was no final plan addressing the development of the new solid waste management site.

Councillor Mansell noted that the committee has discussed the possibility of creating a partnership with an organization for marine infrastructure as the city has funds set aside for this purpose. He noted that this matter is not included in the plan and wondered if it could be included as he believed it was a very important project.

Administration explained that the Capital Plan is a working document and can be updated as projects move forward; this project could be taken into consideration and added to the Capital Plan if deemed important and urgent.

Councillor Bell agreed with Councillor Nattaq that funds allocated for projects identified in the plan should not be used to address the landfill fire but it was indicated by the Chief Administrative Officer during a recent meeting that the city may be forced to do so.

Councillor Nattaq noted that the development of the new granular deposit site will be very expensive and believed that the city often used gravel in areas that are not necessary and that the gravel used is left on the roads and in ditches. He believed that the city should make every effort to reuse its gravel whenever possible to maximize their supply.

Motion #EPW14-13

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Mansell

Committee recommends to adopt the Capital Plan as presented on July 2, 2014. Unanimously Carried
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6. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

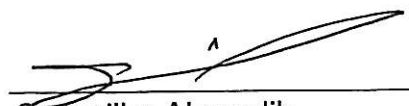
7. ADJOURNMENT

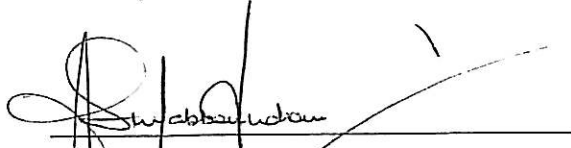
Motion #EPW14-14

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:50pm. Unanimously Carried
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Councillor Akumalik
Chairperson


John Hussey
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on this 12 day of November, 2014, A.D.