

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
CONTINUATION OF FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #07
November 20, 2014 at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Robyn Mackey, Director, Human Resources
Luc Grandmaison, Fire Chief
Kevin Sloboda, Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer
Michael Hatch, Sergeant, Municipal Enforcement
Robyn Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator
Melodie Simard, Director, Planning and Development
Matthew Hamp, Engineering
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation
Keith Couture, Director, Public Works
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2015 Goals & Objectives

Chairperson Mansell noted that this is a continuation of Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 07; the committee adjourned on November 15th, 2014 after receiving presentations from all city directors and managers on their goals and objectives for 2015. The committee will now discuss what they would like to accomplish during 2015.

Councillor Stevenson stated that he has noted important projects he would like Council to accomplish during 2015 after hearing from City directors and managers, understanding that some projects may not be fully completed in 2015. He noted that the City will be holding its municipal elections in October 2015 and that Council's goals and objectives for 2015 may not be those of newly elected Council members. He stated that he has a number of projects, considered a priority to him, that he would like to see in progress before the end of his term and noted the following:

- that the Aquatic Centre be in development phase and possible half developed
- that a new, clear and concrete landfill plan should be in place
- that the current landfill be a place where waste is properly sorted and separated and near the end of its useful life; installing a new fence, remove old tires, et cetera
- that an accessibility plan be in place for all facilities in the city and to address current accessibility issues within the city
- that a drainage plan be developed so that the City can properly move forward with new developments
- that the project of sidewalks move forward; a pilot project was proposed and should be in place during 2015
- that some beach improvements be completed as Council has requested for many years

Deputy Mayor Wilman stated that some of her goals and objectives are similar to those of Councillor Stevenson. She noted that a list should be created on a flip chart as goals and objectives are being noted so that all committee members can remember what other members have said. She stated that she has a number of goals and objectives that she would like to see move forward in 2015 but that her main priorities are:

- the Aquatic Centre be in the development phase
- movement on the development of the new landfill site
- that the City begin full and proper recycling and waste separation/sorting practices and define goals and objectives for solid waste management
- that Council and the community be given a clear indication as to when the community could expect a new City Hall, either by new development or identifying additional office space
- that the City work towards beach improvements and community beautification strategies, through partnerships with other organizations
- improvement of current City infrastructure such as roads and utilidor

Councillor Stevenson stated that he forgot to note one of his goals and objectives. He would like for the City to not only explore but also access the Canada Building Fund to move forward with the Piquituvut "Building Our Capital", and move forward with the development of a new Emergency Services Centre.

Councillor Nattaq stated that his goals and objectives for 2015 are similar to those noted already and noted the following:

- that the Aquatic Centre be in development phases
- that the City push for cleanups of contaminated sites, including the landfill site
- that the City increase community beautification
- that the City enforce by-laws and demand that home owners clean up their properties
- that the City move forward with beach improvements
- that the City move forward with identifying additional office space for City staff
- that the City complete upgrades to City infrastructure such as roads and utilidor

Councillor Bell thanked all City directors and managers and expressed his appreciation for their hard work and dedication. He stated that he has a number of goals and objectives for 2015 and noted the following:

- that an incinerator be purchased and installed at the current landfill site as soon as possible
- that the development of the new subdivision move forward as quickly as possible
- that the training budget be reviewed and amended as necessary to accommodate each department's training requirements and that required training be included in the departmental budget
- that the City move forward with staffing of vacant positions as soon as possible
- that data entry staff be hired to assist managers and directors with the significant amount of data entry required for the department
- that the City identify additional office space
- that the contract with Qulliq Energy Corporation be reviewed and amended as necessary for street lighting and that street lighting be improved

Councillor Dobbin stated that he also has a number of goals and objectives for 2015 and noted the following:

- that the City move forward with City infrastructure such as roads and utilidor
- that the City move forward with plans for the development of new Emergency Services Centre
- that the City move forward with the development of snowmobile trails

- that the City move forward with removal of metals and derelict vehicles from the city
- that the City move forward with the sidewalks project
- that the City repair or repave Apex Road
- that the City's fleet be reviewed and that the City consider leasing vehicles rather than purchasing vehicles
- that the landfill site be decommissioned
- that the Trail Area Deposit be decommissioned
- that the sewage lagoon be decommissioned
- that weight scales be installed at the new granular source site
- that the City implement a scholarship program to attract students to work for the City of Iqaluit
- that the map located in front of the Parnaivik building be updated
- that the City establish a relationship with Baffin Land
- that the City explore the option of issuing business licenses using Bizpal or something similar and perhaps review the business licensing by-law to make necessary changes as the current process is not proactive or affordable for small businesses

Councillor Akumalik thanked all City staff for their hard work and dedication and noted that the City completed many important projects during 2014. He stated that he has a few goals and objectives for 2015 and noted the following:

- that the current landfill site be decommissioned and that the new landfill site be in development phases
- that the City review and update by-laws as necessary; many by-laws are old and outdated
- that the City move forward with upgrades to City infrastructure such as the utilidor
- that the City explore ways to reduce homelessness and partner with organizations to address this issue

Councillor Stevenson stated that a company who had completed an energy audit as a pilot project for buildings belonging to the Government of Nunavut also brought a proposal to the City to complete the same. The purpose of the energy audit was to address current costs and how using alternative energy sources can reduce cost. He believed that this could be very valuable to the City and that Council should consider moving forward with such a project.

Councillor Papatsie thanked all City directors and manager for their hard work and dedication. He stated that he also has a few goals and objectives for 2015 and noted the following:

- that the City address current accessibility issues throughout the community and create an accessibility policy

- that the City explore funding opportunities for projects to be completed
- that the City complete upgrades to City infrastructure such as roads, utilidor and sidewalks
- that the old landfill be decommissioned

Councillor Nattaq stated that proper drainage and culvert maintenance needs to be addressed; additional culverts need to be installed throughout the community.

Chairperson Mansell passed the Chair to Councillor Papatsie.

Councillor Mansell thanked all the City directors and managers for their presentations and believed that all goals and objectives noted during those presentations are all important and reasonable. He believed that one of the most common objectives for all departments was to address policies and human resources issues. He believed that additional administrative and/or support staff was required to assist departments with simple tasks. He stated that he has a number of goals and objectives for 2015 and noted the following:

- that the City address basic City infrastructure such as drainage, utilidor, sidewalks, et cetera
- that the City move forward with the decommissioning of the current landfill and move forward with the development of the new one; that landfill practices be improved immediately
- that the City move forward with beach improvements using the funds Council set aside
- that the City move forward with the development of a park at the old proposed cemetery site located on Road to Nowhere
- that Municipal Enforcement be given the tools, equipment and manpower necessary to improve their department as requested
- that the City move forward with providing the Emergency Services Department a comfortable working space
- that the City move forward with the infill lots as noted by Planning and Development
- that the City make efforts to remove all metals and derelict vehicles from the landfill as well as throughout the city and consider purchasing required equipment to complete it in house
- that the City move forward with the bus-turnaround in the Plateau subdivision
- that the City explore how to make Council Chambers more presentable and recognizable to the public
- that the City move forward with identifying additional office space whether it be purchasing a new building, leasing or a new development

Chairperson Papatsie passed the Chair back to Councillor Mansell.

Councillor Bell noted that many goals and objectives of each member were similar to others and wondered how the committee can move forward with identifying Council's goals and objectives for 2015 as a whole and identifying sources of funds.

Chairperson Mansell stated that he wanted to hear from each member as to what their goals and objectives were and ask that Administration review the list and identify total costs for each project. After receiving this information from Administration, some of the goals and objectives may change due to total costs or lack of funds.

Administration believed that costs should now be identified for goals and objectives noted both by staff and committee members. Everyone now has an idea as to what the City would like to accomplish during 2015 and moving forward.

Councillor Bell believed that the project noted by Engineering to address the issues at Creekside Village is very important and should be made a priority. He expressed his concern with possible liabilities issues the City could face if something were to go wrong.

Administration stated that their goal is to present and have the 2015 budget approved by December 31, 2014. The committee could meet again to discuss this further during the first or second week of December, prior to commencing budget deliberations.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #FIN14-36

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Committee adjourn at 7:10pm.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Mansell
Chairperson

Director, Finance

Approved by City Council on this _____ day of _____, 2015, A.D.