

**CITY OF IQALUIT**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #03**  
**April 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor John Graham  
Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson  
Councillor Kenneth Bell  
Councillor Mark Morrissey  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik  
Councillor Simon Nattaq

**ABSENT**

Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

**PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk  
Arif Sayani, Director, Planning and Development  
Valerie Collin, Recorder  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion PL13-06**

Moved by: Councillor Morrissey  
Seconded by: Mayor Graham

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) Nunavut Planning Commission Presentation

Mr. Paul Quassa, Chairperson for the Nunavut Planning Commission, thanked the committee for giving him the opportunity to present and introduced his team; Adrian Boyd, Director of Policy and Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director.

The Nunavut Planning Commission is preparing a land use plan to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area. As part of its efforts, the Nunavut Planning Commission is facilitating discussions in each Nunavut community on land use and resource management issues. Information that is obtained from these discussions will be used to form decisions regarding the further development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan. He noted that the Nunavut Planning Commission currently has two existing land use plans; one for North Baffin and one for Keewatin. This new proposed land use plan would replace the two existing plans and would become a Nunavut wide land use plan.

The summary of community meetings on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan presents information obtained during the Nunavut Planning Commission's visit to Iqaluit. The purpose of the report is to form decisions regarding the further development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan, ensuring that the plan reflects the priorities and values of residents. It is important to note that the information contained in the Community Report will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Mr. Quassa advised that the Nunavut Planning Commission visited Iqaluit on November 28 and 29, 2012; all events occurred as scheduled. The sessions were attended as follows:

- Elected officials meeting: the Mayor and members of Council as well as individuals from the Hunters and Trappers Organization attended
- Open house: approximately twenty (20) people attended the open house to review the draft plan
- Public workshop: approximately twenty five (25) people attended the presentation of the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and a facilitated mapping sessions

- Wrap up session: approximately five (5) people attended the wrap up session

He stated that Protecting and Sustaining the Environment was one of the topics presented to and discussed by participants during the open house, elected officials meeting, public workshop and wrap up session, collectively referred to in the report as information sharing and gathering sessions. Participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment:

- Key bird habitat sites
- Caribou habitat sites
- Atlantic cod lakes
- Cumulative impacts
- Transboundary considerations
- Climate change

The importance of these issues and areas was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment. These additional areas and issue areas are:

- Fishing areas
- Walrus haul outs
- Caribou habitat
- Bird nesting
- Hunting areas

Mr. Quassa stated that areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment are illustrated on map 1 in the report, including areas identified in the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in appendix 3 of the report.

Based on discussions with participants, the Nunavut Planning Commission understands that:

- The areas identified on map 1 are considered by the community to be important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
- In these areas, the community would like the Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

He stated that Encouraging Conservation Planning was also one of the five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions. The following areas and issues were presented as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning:

- National parks awaiting full establishment
- Proposed national parks
- National marine conservation areas
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary
- Migratory bird sanctuaries
- National wildlife areas
- National historic sites
- Territorial historic site
- Heritage rivers

The importance of these issues and areas to Encouraging Conservation Planning was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

Mr. Quassa stated that additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning. These additional areas and issues were:

- Caribou calving grounds
- Fishing areas

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning are illustrated on map 2 of the report, including areas identified in the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in appendix 3 of the report.

Based on discussions with participants, the Nunavut Planning Commission understands that:

- The areas identified on map 2 are considered by the community to be important to Encouraging Conservation Planning
- In these areas, the community would like the Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Mr. Quassa stated that the third goal discussed during the community meetings was Building Healthier Communities; participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Building Healthier Communities:

- Areas of community interest
- Community land use
- Transportation infrastructure
- Unincorporated communities
- Alternative energy sources
- Community drinking water supplies
- Land remediation
- Northern contaminated sites program
- Aerodromes
- Canadian Forces station
- Northern warning system sites

These areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions are illustrated on map 3 of the report. The Nunavut Planning Commission understands that:

- The areas identified on map 3 are considered by the community to be important to Building Healthier Communities
- In these areas, the community would like the Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage activities that support community needs and cultural priorities.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

He advised that during the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented with the following issues and areas as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development:

- Mineral exploration and production
- Oil and gas exploration
- Commercial fisheries

The importance of these issues and areas was not disputed by participants. Additional areas and issues were identified by participants:

- Soapstone quarry
- Commercial fishery potential

These areas and issues are illustrated on map 4 of the report, including areas identified in the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and areas identified by the community. The Nunavut Planning Commission understands that:

- The areas identified on map 4 are considered by the community to be important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- In these areas, the community would like the Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage activities that support economic opportunities and needs

Mr. Quassa stated that the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan identifies areas important for a variety of uses. These areas were presented to participants during the workshop as Mixed Use Areas. These areas as they occur around the community are illustrated on map 5 of the report. No additional areas were identified as Mixed Use by participants.

All areas discussed with the community as important for a particular goal are shown on map 6 of the report. In some instances, areas have been identified as important for multiple goals; these areas, and the specific goals they are important to, are also shown on map 6. In these areas, the Nunavut Planning Commission will take all of the identified goals and all other feedback into consideration when revising the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

He advised that all information, concerns and comments received by Council during their meeting is given priority during the decision making process. The Nunavut Planning Commission's challenge is to balance community feedback with the many overlapping information sources that they are required to take into consideration under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Mr. Quassa noted that during the meeting attended by the Mayor, Council and members of the Hunters and Trappers Organization, the following issues were raised:

- Advised the commission of a future municipal water supply
- Advised the commission of a change to the four (4) kilometer aerodrome regulations implemented by Transport Canada
- Advised the commission of potential future long range growth areas
- Discussion about the identification of a buffer around the city boundary and the need to enlarge the municipal boundary
- Concerns about ballast water exchange
- Shipping routes
- Roads to mineral exploration sites

During the community workshop, there was a question and answer period, which included a discussion of the following topics:

- Since Nunavut is like a gated community, could you control import of goods? For example, require that materials be able to be recycled and composted? The commission answered that this is not a function of the land use plan, and that the purpose of the plan is to guide and direct resource use and development.
- High speed cable cars are an option to move between Iqaluit and Kimmirut. There is value in alternate energy sources (including hydro). Also, gas is a better alternative energy source to diesel. The commission answered that the land use plan depicts how land should be used, and municipal governments are responsible for their own uses.

Mr. Quassa advised that Council's support for the content of the report as well as the preparation of the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan would be greatly appreciated.

Chairperson Bell thanked Mr. Quassa for his presentation and noted that the information shared is much appreciated.

Councillor Nattaq believed that this information was very important and thanked Mr. Quassa for his presentation.

Administration thanked the Nunavut Planning Commission for their presentation and stated that they are very happy to see that the comments received by Council during the elected officials meeting were included in the report. The water shed protection area is one of the most important areas to the municipality; the city currently has one water supply, Lake Geraldine, and a supplementary water supply, Apex River, which does extend beyond the municipal boundary. This information has been shared with the Nunavut Planning Commission and the city is very happy to hear that this information has been acknowledged and hopes to see this information included in the future draft Nunavut Land Use Plan as well.

Due to the size of the community and the number of activities happening, there are several overlapping goal areas identified on Map 6 of the report; could the goals be better identified for the city's purpose so that it is made clear as to what the priorities should be for different areas?

Mr. Adrian Boyd advised that the overlapping goals map is intentional; it is to show that, as land use planners, they collect information that sometimes has competing issues. It is normal for them, once information is collected, to have overlapping goals and this is the Nunavut Planning commission's challenge.

## **6. IN CAMERA SESSION**

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion PL13-07**

Moved by: Mayor Graham  
Seconded by: Councillor Morrissey

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:50pm.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Councillor Kenneth Bell  
Chairperson

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Arif Sayani  
Director, Planning and Development

Approved by City Council on the **14** day of **May**, 2013, AD.