

**CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #05
March 10th, 2015 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Cooke, City Clerk
Joe Brown, Operations Superintendent
Eva Michael, Communications Officer
Victoria Embree, Executive Assistant
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator

PRAYER

Councillor Nattaq opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00pm.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #15-54

Moved by: Councillor Akumalik
Seconded by: Councillor Nattaq

That the agenda be adopted as amended:

Add (1) In Camera Item - Labour

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Mansell
Against - Bell
DEFEATED**

Motion #15-55

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

Seconded by: Councillor Akumalik

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. **MINUTES**

None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **Madeleine d'Argencourt**

Ms. d'Argencourt thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to present and stated that she is here on behalf of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. She will be providing Council an update on their current initiatives and the status of resolutions that the City put forward during the 2013 annual general meeting.

On September 25, 2013, Council made a number of recommendations to be brought forth during the 2013 Nunavut Association of Municipalities' Annual General Meeting. The five recommendations made by Council were as follows:

- to amend the Motor Vehicle Act to include a provision regarding distracted driving
- the lack of mental health facilities and addiction treatment programs and facilities in Iqaluit and in the territory
- small craft harbor development and more, and better improvements to current ones
- Government of Nunavut to enter into joint user agreements with all communities for the use of government assets and other buildings in order to facilitate and promote recreational activities

- Government of Nunavut to impose collection policies and procedures to abandoned and derelict vehicles, unpaid traffic fines and subsequent court rulings

Ms. d'Argencourt explained that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities is currently handling a number of legislation documents. The president will be meeting with the Minister of Justice in the future to discuss a comprehensive review of all legislation amendments that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities would like to see coming from the resolutions brought forth during the annual general meeting. She has met with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation regarding the amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act; interest has been expressed by the department to move forward with an amendment to include a provision regarding distracted driving. They indicated that this would not be a complicated process and that it is a very common legislation in southern cities and that it is a safety concern that needs to be addressed. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities hopes that this will move forward quickly and that the legislation could be in place within the next year or so.

Letters have been written and sent to the Government of Nunavut regarding the remaining resolutions brought forth by the City; the Nunavut Association of Municipalities was disappointed with the responses received. Responses were received during the last six months from relevant departments concerning the resolutions and the Nunavut Association of Municipalities is currently discussing how they will continue to seek assistance for these requests; they would like the resolutions properly responded to and addressed.

Ms. d'Argencourt advised that there was a significant interest regarding the implementation of a hotel tax to possibly generate extra revenue for the City. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities has been working on this matter as best as they can, but this matter is again a legislation that would require amendment. The Nunavut Tourism Bureau has been contacted to initiate discussions on the matter. The hotel tax is very common in Canada and many other municipalities have been working on the implementation of a hotel tax for their city for some time, but this is not an easy task. It is much easier to make amendments to Nunavut legislation in order to benefit communities compared to southern jurisdictions and this is one of them; Nova Scotia has been working on this matter for over 20 years.

Typically in Canada, you'll find destination taxes, tourism taxes and municipal taxes. In Canada, hotel taxes have been used for local infrastructure, support recreation facilities, tourism, offset expenses and cost of non-resident users of resources. A hotel tax in Iqaluit could be used for recreation activities, Toonik Tyme activities, Canada Day activities or special events and whatever the territorial government would authorize. The territorial government would authorize the implementation of the tax, municipal local government would set

the value and the rules within the by-law, the hotels would collect from all or some guests as part of the accommodation fee and would then pay tax to the municipality, where the municipality would then audit and review collection of these taxes. Hotels generally support the tax as they can offer guests additional activities to participate in during their stay and could discuss an administrative fee where they would keep a portion of the tax for their own cost in doing so. The implementation of a hotel tax would also benefit the Government of Nunavut in many ways.

The City will receive support from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities to implement a hotel tax. Discussions with the Department of Community and Government Services have begun as well as with Nunavut Tourism and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Hotel representatives must be approached to discuss the matter and seek interest as well. A working group could then be created to propose the amendment to the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, to develop timelines and the legislative rules, which are currently being worked on by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities.

Ms. d'Argencourt stated that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities has also been working with the City on the idea of installing light emitting diode or "LED" lighting. They have offered to provide the City any assistance required for funding proposals or any other assistance required. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has a Green Municipal Fund, with a very low interest rate, as well as other grants that the City could apply for to use for the installation of light emitting diode lighting. This would be a positive example for the remaining of the territory and would be very beneficial to the City. It could save a significant amount of money on the City's annual budget for the cost of electricity.

The City of Yellowknife recently installed light emitting diode lighting working with Northland Utilities, reducing municipal impact on street lighting. In 2010, Northland Utilities began converting high-pressure sodium streetlights to more electricity efficient light emitting diode streetlights. The joint partnership project will continue to replace streetlights, targeting a total of over one thousand five hundred (1500) streetlights by the end of 2016. When completed, the project will save enough electricity to power one hundred eight (108) homes for an entire year and will save the City over nine hundred seventy five thousand (975,000) kilowatt hours in electricity annually. The conversion will demonstrate a thirty five (35) percent reduction in power consumption, compared to traditional streetlights. The light emitting diode systems are rated for the extreme temperatures in the north and have up to four (4) or five (5) times the lifespan of traditional streetlights, with zero maintenance for up to one hundred thousand (100,000) hours.

Ms. d'Argencourt stated that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities received a letter from the Manager of Access to Information and Privacy Protection with the Government of Nunavut indicating that the current legislation is being amended

to include three municipalities: the City of Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay. Within the next two years, these three communities will need to be compliant with the Access to Information and Privacy Protection legislation. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities is currently fighting this amendment as this will have a big impact on the City of Iqaluit and will take a significant amount of time, money and training in order to do so. These resources are not being provided to the communities and the Nunavut Association of Municipalities feels that this should be on hold until such time when a complete review on how this can be made possible is completed. The communities will require the appropriate resources in order to implement this new legislation and will need additional time.

She stated that she was involved in the Angel Street project a few years ago. The project was to raise awareness on violence against women and Iqaluit was the first city in Canada to name a street for this project. During a recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities, it was indicated that Toronto would soon be naming an Angel Street near the women's shelter and Ottawa is currently working on an Angel bridge. She expressed her appreciation for the update from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to hear that other cities in Canada are participating in the Angel Street project.

Councillor Mansell thanked Ms. d'Argencourt for her update and expressed her appreciation for her dedication. He believed that the Nunavut Association of Municipalities and the City should continue communications and updates on a regular basis.

Councillor Bell stated that this is the first update that the City has received from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities since his election as a Council member. He expressed his appreciation for the work and efforts of the office but expressed his frustration with the lack of updates and communications and believed that the office was not well organized.

Ms. d'Argencourt understood Councillor Bell's concerns and that the City pays a high membership fee each year. The office does its best to ensure that membership fees paid by municipalities are spent wisely. She noted that this was the first invitation received by the City to attend a Council meeting to provide an update and stated that she would be happy to report on a regular basis as invited by the City to do so. She believed that it was important for the City and the Nunavut Association of Municipalities to continue discussions and updates and stated that it has been a very long year and a significant amount of work to rebuild the office's reputation.

Councillor Akumalik agreed with Councillor Bell and thanked Ms. d'Argencourt for her updates. He believed that the City and the Nunavut Association of Municipalities should continue discussions and updates on a regular basis as it is very important for Council to be made aware of the progress on resolutions brought forth during annual general meetings. He thanked her for her

participation at Federation of Canadian Municipalities meetings and stated that it is very much appreciated. He believed that her duties included working with all communities as well as working with the City and asked how she keeps it all organized.

Ms. d'Argencourt stated that she meets with Chief Administrative Officers on a regular basis to discuss issues within their city and what needs to be addressed. There has been a very high turnover of Chief Administrative Officers during this past year and this has made things very difficult. She also meets with the City's Mayor as much as she can to discuss issues and ongoing matters and invites Council members to do so as well.

Councillor Dobbin believed that the Department of Community and Government Services discussed the Solid Waste Management strategy during the Nunavut Association of Municipalities' meeting held in November 2014, and it was suggested that hazardous waste be shipped out of the territory and that a tax be created for all vehicles shipped in the territory that would fund the shipment of derelict vehicles at the end of their useful life. He asked if there has been any progress made on this matter to date.

Ms. d'Argencourt advised that a draft strategy is being worked on and a working group has been tasked with this matter. Some of the members of the working group have been ill and meetings have not been progressing as hoped; the draft strategy is currently stalled but will continue once all members can meet and continue work on the draft strategy. A meeting will be held in Yellowknife to discuss the Solid Waste Management Strategy in March 2015.

Mayor Wilman thanked Ms. d'Argencourt for her updates and for her dedication and efforts during annual general meetings.

b) Francois Choquette

Mr. Francois Choquette thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to present and noted that he is the unit manager on a project called "Two Lovers and a Bear", a film to be filmed in Iqaluit from March 31 to April 23, 2015. The film is based on a love story with three different filming locations; Sylvia Grinnell, at the end of Federal Road in the old scrap yard and Upper Base. The remaining of the filming will be in Apex. During the time that the filming crew is here, there will be night scenes to be filmed on April 19 to 21, 2015. The streetlights in Apex would need to be turned off for this shooting and the request has been made; the crew received a quote for this service but it is very significant and does not fit within their budget. The request was made for all fifty (50) lights to be off but the quote received was for fifteen (15) lights only. The purpose for this request is due to the fact that the lights are traditional high-pressure sodium lights and interferes with the image when filmed; it does not look good through the camera or when recorded. The crew would like to film a good quality film but would not be able to

if the lights remain on. Work lights would be installed in different locations during the filming to provide some lighting. It would be later in the evening with minimal traffic and residents being outdoors. The producer is currently working on the matter and is trying to meet with Qulliq Energy to discuss this further. The crew understands that this would require a significant amount of work to turn the lights off and that a minimum of four to five days would be required to turn off lights prior to the filming date.

Councillor Dobbin understands that the film has a budget of \$10,000,000.00 and asked how much of the budget will be spent in Iqaluit for resources and services.

Mr. Choquette explained that the total budget for the film is \$8,800,000.00. Half of the film will be produced in northern Ontario due to the need for a polar bear and that it cannot be brought to Iqaluit, and the fact that the film is a co-production between Ontario, Montreal and Iqaluit. He stated that he is unsure as to the total budget to be spent in Iqaluit and that the producer from Ontario would be able to clarify the budget for Iqaluit.

Councillor Bell asked for clarification on the need for a polar bear and the fact that it cannot be brought to Iqaluit; polar bears can be found in Nunavut.

Mr. Choquette explained that the polar bear cannot be brought to Iqaluit as it is very risky and expensive; the owner of the polar bear indicated that the polar bear cannot be near other wildlife as it would be distracted and would take a significant amount of time to adapt to Iqaluit.

Councillor Bell asked if this was a trained polar bear.

Mr. Choquette advised that the polar bear has been in captivity since his birth and that it is mixed with grizzly bear as well.

Councillor Akumalik asked for clarification on the quote received for the turning off of streetlights.

Mr. Choquette explained that he requested a quote to have 15 streetlights turned off to give them an idea as to how much it would cost to have 50 streetlights turned off and the quote received was for a total of \$22,500.00. The request to have streetlights turned off is made everywhere when night scenes are filmed and the quotes received are normally reasonable. This producer will not be in favor of filming in Iqaluit if such a significant amount of money must be paid to film night scenes.

Councillor Akumalik asked if a better camera could be purchased rather than spending a significant amount of money to have streetlights turned off.

Mr. Choquette advised that the camera being used for the filming is the latest technology and that the crew is not prepared to purchase a new camera.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson stated if streetlights were to be turned off for the filming of night scenes what is the film crew prepared to do in the meantime to maintain safety in Apex as the streetlights would off for approximately two weeks.

Mr. Choquette explained that work lights would be installed in Apex as well as tower lighting. The crew is prepared to provide work lights while the crew is no longer filming to provide lighting. The crew will be filming during the darkness period for the three days and when filming is complete, a safety guard will be installed near the light so that it cannot be disturbed or damaged. These could remain in place after the crew has completed the night scenes until such time when the streetlights can be turned on again.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson believed that the crew was perhaps seeking the City's support for the turning off of the streetlights. He asked for clarification as to how the City could assist and what the filming crew is requesting from the City.

Mr. Choquette explained that he simply wanted to make the City aware of the issue and stated that this matter is out of his hands. The production manager from Ontario is currently working on meeting with Qulliq energy to address the quote received.

Councillor Dobbin asked if Apex residents have been made aware of the filming and possibility of streetlights being turned off for a period of time.

Mr. Choquette explained that the notification will be made in the very near future and that he will personally go door-to-door to advise residents of the upcoming filming.

Mayor Wilman thanked Mr. Choquette for his presentation and believed that this would be an economic benefit for Iqaluit and its residents.

4. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

5. **STATEMENTS**

Councillor Dobbin stated that he recently reviewed the tax arrears listing for 2012, 2013 and 2014. The total tax arrears in 2012 were \$1,994,000.00, 2013 arrears were \$2,323,000.00 and arrears in 2014 were \$2,695,000.00. The arrears listing is posted each year in July in Nunatsiaq News but it does not seem to address the issue; the same individuals are on these listings and the 2015 listing will most likely be increased compared to 2014 as the arrears amount has

increased each year. The City needs to find an alternate way to collect tax arrears as the posting of arrears does not work.

Councillor Bell stated that he requested that a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to address the tax arrears. He noted that the Firefighters Association is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser to help with annual costs; he encouraged individuals to purchase a t-shirt to assist them with their fundraising. He stated that he will not be support the tax rate increase later on the agenda as a new Chief Administrative Officer will soon be beginning employment with the City and hopes that this can be revised and reduced; the City cannot continue to raise taxes as it is very difficult for residents of Iqaluit.

Coucillor Mansell noted that kids from Apex came to Council a few months ago requesting a number of actions to be done; he noted that Council was to provide them an update as to what has been completed and has not done so yet. The Public Safety Committee is currently working on a fireworks by-law and will be holding a workshop; the committee is seeking feedback and comments from Council as well as residents.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BYLAWS

a) First Reading of By-law (s)

- i) 2015 Mill Rate By-law
John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer

Administration stated that the purpose of the by-law is to implement an increase to the current mil rate, as per the 2015 budget deliberations.

Motion #15-56

Moved by: Councillor Mansell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That First Reading of 2015 Mill Rate By-law be approved.

For – Stevenson, Mansell
Against – Bell, Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq
DEFEATED

Motion #15-57

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Dobbin

That the 2015 Mill Rates be referred back to Finance Committee of the Whole.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Akumalik, Nattaq, Stevenson, Bell
Against – Mansell
Carried**

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) Matters Arising from Delegations

None

b) Director's Report – Public Works

Administration stated that the Public Works Departments received a directive from the Fire Department to relocate the burn box; the burn box has been relocated to the north end of the landfill site. The department experienced a number of issues with the burn box; the turbo boost broke and needed repair. The part was recently received and installed and the burn box is not operational once again. The compactor at the landfill is currently not operational; the deferential needs replacement. The department has requested a quote for the replacement of the deferential and will be repaired once the part is received. The department continues to work hard at the landfill site to improve operations. The department feels that the purchase of an additional burn box would be very beneficial to the landfill crew but funds would need to be identified for the purchase of this item.

The roads division continues to work hard with snow clearing and the utilidor division continues to address water main breaks and other issues as they arise.

The department will require a significant amount of work during the sealift season as a significant amount of wood is received at the landfill site from sealift crates. The department continues to work hard and address the needs of the community.

Administration explained that the landfill could use additional cover material. The landfill sites excavator is currently out of service but the required part as been ordered and will be operational once replaced. The department will continue to seek additional cover material and hopes to access to the new gravel source in the near future for this use as well as repairs to roads.

Councillor Bell thanked Administration for the update and stated that the garbage truck crew is continuously sorting through garbage to separate cardboard. He asked if the City should request that cardboard be separated from regular household waste to save time and that perhaps a separate day should be designated for drop off of pick up of cardboard material.

Administration explained that if a new garbage truck is purchased in 2015 as requested during the 2015 budget deliberations, the operation will be much easier. At this time, the City can only pick up garbage and cardboard with one truck and residents are sorting their garbage in a much better fashion than they used to, but the department still sees individuals who do not separate their waste. The separation of waste was much better when the program first began and perhaps residents need to be reminded that waste must be separated.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson stated that some businesses have moved to dual garbage boxes; one for waste and the other for cardboard. Students at the high school are also building a dual garbage box at this time to easily separate waste. He suggested that perhaps the City not push on separation of waste too hard until the City decides whether they will be using incineration or not. He expressed his support for reminding residents that currently, cardboard must be separated from regular waste until further notice.

Councillor Akumalik stated that he raised a concern with snow piles during the Council meeting that was held in Apex in late 2014 and suggested that this matter be addressed as soon as possible as some snow piles are very high and dangerous.

Administration advised that a few snow piles have been removed and the Department of Municipal Enforcement has visited contractors and requested that the snow piles be decreased in size or completely removed. The department continues to monitor snow piles and does its best to ensure that they remain at a safe height or that they are removed.

Councillor Akumalik expressed his concern with the fact that children often play on or near the snow piles and suggested that the department monitor snow piles located at schools or near schools.

Councillor Bell noted that the burn box was relocated within the landfill site. During his visit to the landfill recently, the burn box was operating unattended as staff may have been on break and it is not fenced in. He expressed his concern with the fact that there is no fence around the burn box and that it was left operating without supervision and asked what safety measures the department has in place for the operation of the burn box.

Administration explained that there is fencing to be installed around the burn box. A staff member is on site during evenings to operate the burn box and has communication with the Fire Department and other staff of the Public Works Department. During the weekends, the landfill site is only open for a few hours and staff may have been on break, but should not leave the burn box operational and unattended. This matter will be investigated further to clarify why it was unattended and will report back on the issue at a later date.

Councillor Bell explained that he is not concerned with staff being on break but that the burn box was operational and unattended. He asked if the operation of the burn box is easy and could be turned on by an individual later in the evening and possibly cause a fire in the landfill site.

Administration explained that the burn box is left on at the end of the shifts but the flame is low. The operation of the burn box is very simple and could be operated by any individual but the department hopes that this will not be an issue.

Councillor Bell suggested that the area be fenced as soon as possible to prevent vandalism, operation of the burn box while staff is gone and to prevent from possible injuries that could occur should an individual decide to enter the landfill site and operate the burn box.

Councillor Dobbin asked if the department would be completing any road repairs or upgrades in 2015 such as painting of crosswalks and other work that was not completed in 2014.

Administration advised that the department did not complete the crosswalk project that was to be completed in 2014; the paint ordered to complete the project was not the proper paint. The department hopes to receive funding for the sidewalk project and if received, the department will move forward with this project in 2015. A funding application was submitted and confirmation has yet to be received. The department will continue with upgrades and repairs to Federal Road; this will be challenging in 2015 with the construction of the new airport. The department will also continue with repairs to other roads within the

community as needed. The ditching and culvert replacement project will continue in 2015.

Councillor Bell asked how much money was spent on repairs and maintenance for culverts, ditching and road patching.

Administration advised that the total amount of money spent on these projects in 2014 is unknown but could be confirmed with the Finance Department and reported to Council at a later date.

Councillor Bell asked if the vacant mechanic position has been staffed.

Administration advised that an interview was recently conducted with an individual from Alberta and an employment offer will be made in the very near future. Two additional resumes from received from local residents and the department hopes to recruit these individuals as well.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked for an update on the water system in Happy Valley.

Administration advised that a tender was released for the work and will close at the end of the week. The Department of Engineering is currently responsible for the project and will be presenting to Council in the very near future to possibly award a contract for the work.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson asked if the City is currently providing acceptable service to residents in Happy Valley.

Administration confirmed that services are being provided as best as possible. The department continues to address issues and provide the best service it can to residents in the area.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Donation request for Nunavut Sivuniksavut trip to Belize

Deputy Mayor Stevenson hopes the students will enjoy they trip as he is certain it will be very enjoyable but stated that he could not support the donation request at this time; the City has yet to approve the increase to the mil rate and has other important financial matters to attend to.

- d) Application: "Clearwater Fiord – Sylvia Grinnell Lake Geoscience Project"

Motion #15-58

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the NRI Application "Clearwater Fiord – Sylvia Grinnell Lake Geoscience project" be approved.

**For – Papatsie, Dobbin, Nattaq, Stevenson, Mansell
Against – Bell, Akumalik
Carried**

- e) Application: "Defining Poverty the Inuit Way: Nunavut's Poverty Reduction Policy"

Motion #15-59

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That the NRI Application Defining Poverty the Inuit Way: Nunavut's Poverty Reduction Policy" be approved.

**For – Mansell, Stevenson, Nattaq, Dobbin, Papatsie
Against – Bell, Akumalik
Carried**

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #15-60

Moved by: Councillor Mansell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stevenson

That Council adjourns at 7:35pm.

Unanimously Carried



Mary Wilman
Mayor

John Mabberi-Mudonyi
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 27 day of October, 2015, AD.

