

## **The Corporation of the City of Iqaluit Minutes of a Public Hearing**

Held on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 commencing at 6:05 PM at City Council Chambers.

### **Present from Council**

Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman  
Councillor Simon Nattaq  
Councillor Mark Morrissey  
Councillor Terry Dobbin  
Councillor Kenneth Bell  
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson

### **Absent**

Mayor John Graham  
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik

### **Present from Administration**

John Mabberi-Mudonyi, A/Chief Administrative Officer  
Valerie Collin, A/City Clerk  
Jennifer Catarino, A/Director, Planning and Development  
Meagan Leach, Director, Engineering and Sustainability  
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator  
Rachel Ootoova, Senior Interpreter/Translator

### **Also present**

1 member of the public

Deputy Mayor Wilman called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m., acknowledged the gallery and noted that Administration would continue with the public hearing.

Administration explained that the purpose of General Plan Amendment No. 758 is to amend Lot 960, Plan 3806 and Lot 423, Plan 763 and a portion of Lot 967, Plan 4134 from *Residential Community* to *Commercial*. The purpose of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 759 is to rezone Lot 960, Plan 3806 and Lot 423, Plan 763 and a portion of Lot 967, Plan 4134 from *R2 – Medium Density Residential* to *B2 – District Commercial* to accommodate a proposed development of four-storey commercial building.

Deputy Mayor Wilman called for questions or comments a first time.

Mr. John Maurice stated that the Tukisigiavik Centre will be lost if the development is approved and moves forward. The Tukisigiavik Centre has

performed a great service to Iqaluit and provided many Inuit with gainful employment and many other services; they hope that the city will assist them in finding a new location for the services if the development is approved.

He believed that a high density development on the subject lot, of a four storey commercial building with probable daylight hours usage, would undoubtedly cause congestion issues. He and many other residents of the area sincerely hope that there would not be access granted to the lot through Suputi Street; this would be a travesty to the neighborhood environment. There are many children who use the roadway as a playground as there is currently very little traffic; providing access to the lot through Suputi Street would increase traffic and endanger the safety of those children. There are few neighborhoods remaining that have any semblance of a neighborhood; Suputi Street is one of the last remaining neighborhoods where children can play, pedestrians can walk safely and in security, neighbors get to know each other and where there is a civilized and warm feeling. If access to the new development is provided through Suputi Street, the neighborhood atmosphere will be destroyed; the residents of Suputi Street would like to request that it be designated a residential street in perpetuity.

Mr. Maurice believed that the development would also increase traffic and congestion in the downtown core area and that, in addition to existing traffic and congestion, this would create a nightmare. Perhaps the city could reconsider the location of the proposed development to a quieter area away from the core area.

Deputy Mayor Wilman called for questions or comments a second time.

Deputy Mayor Wilman called for questions or comments a third and final time.

There were no comments or questions from the public; Deputy Mayor Wilman declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:10pm.

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Mary Wilman  
Deputy Mayor

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John Mabberi-Mudonyi  
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council this **10<sup>th</sup>** day of **December**, 2013, AD.