

**CITY OF IQALUIT
ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING #01
January 25, 2018 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Madeleine Redfern
Deputy Mayor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Kuthula Matshazi
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Jason Rochon
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Noah Papatsie

ABSENT

Councillor Terry Dobbin
Councillor Simon Nattaq

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Matthew Hamp, Director, Engineering and Public Works
Jeanie Eeseemailie, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Andrea Spitzer, Communications Manager
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Executive Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #EPW18-01

Moved by: Councillor Rochon
Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

That the agenda is adopted as amended: Add one In Camera item (Legal).

Unanimously Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. **DELEGATIONS**

a) Iqaluit Housing Authority

Iqaluit Housing Authority thanked Mayor and Council for having them as a delegation to discuss the garbage issues.

He stated that every Thursday the garbage areas are overflowing with Northmart and Ventures garbage bags that are not being picked up by the City.

Mayor Redfern acknowledged there is a problem with residents not being able to afford black garbage bags. A suggestion is to have a pilot project of \$5,000.00 to provide garbage bags to residents who are struggling to buy garbage bags. There are 100 to 105 residents living in the 24-complex.

Councillor Matshazi said educating residents with a managing garbage letter could work and should be considered.

Councillor Akumalik stated a second weekly pick up may be an idea to lessen the overflowing of garbage at the 24-plex.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson noted youth have been hired to pick up garbage in the past from the money collected at Northmart for the plastic grocery bags.

Mayor Redfern reminded that the Economic Development Officer could assist with \$5000.00 to purchase garbage bags.

Councillor Sheppard supports helping but it would not be a long term solution.

Councillor Akumalik stated the Economic Development Committee will deal with this at the next Economic Development meeting.

4. **DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS**

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Departmental Updates Matthew Hamp, Director

i) Garbage Fees

Mr. Hamp provided a summary of the letter from Rannva Simonsen requesting her garbage fees be removed because of unfairness. Rannva Designs claims to produce no

waste at their retail shop and requests to have all fees to date, and all future garbage fees waived.

Mr. Hamp noted that the fees pay for each city public works service (other than roads and drainage maintenance) and is expected, by law, to pay for itself through fees. In other words, expenditures for the service must balance or be less than revenues for the service. The City is expected by law, to establish a fund for each service (other than the ones previously mentioned.)

The City maintains a Sanitation Fund to cover the cost of waste collection and waste disposal. The City administers this fund by tracking expenditures for collections and expenditures for landfill operations (i.e. waste disposal). Separately however, they are both considered as part of the Sanitation Fund.

The City receives two sources of revenue to sanitation Fund: (1) garbage fees to residents and businesses; and (2) tipping fees at the landfill; as such, part of the cost of waste picked from residents and businesses is covered by the garbage fee.

This balance can be seen by examining the expenditures for the landfill alone. Tipping fees do not cover total expenditures on the landfill. Note that the expenditures shown do not cover equipment depreciation or the cost of special programs such as large item pick-up, spring clean-up, remedial works, or recycling. Adding these expenditures simply exacerbates this illustration.

Everyone contributes to the cost of waste disposal.

ii) Capital Projects Briefing

Mr. Hamp provided Mayor and Councillors Capital Projects to review.

Council asked for a summary of projects to be discussed at the next Engineering and Public Works meeting.

iii) Garbage Collection Operations

Mr. Hamp stated the City and Iqaluit Housing Authority have had a very good relationship for the past three years, working together on large item pick-up, property clean ups, and vehicle disposals; looking forward to continued collaboration with Iqaluit Housing Authority on these efforts.

The City picks up garbage at the 24-plex location once per week as per the residential schedule; the commercial schedule is either twice per week or six times per week, with an associated change fee.

There are options to increase the service frequency to six times per week and change the fee accordingly. Secondly, increase the number of bins and increase the fee accordingly.

Thirdly, increase the size of bins that are outside the scope of what the City currently allows and Mr. Hamp is not sure how the City would charge for this.

iv) Cemetery Update

Mr. Hamp stated the City has retained the services of a consultant to study other operational models and is looking into third-party funding opportunities, and provide recommendations for improvements. It is expected that another update could be provided on the cemetery at the end of March.

6. IN CAMERA SESSIION

Motion #EPW18-02

Moved by: Councillor Rochon

Seconded by: Councillor Matshazi

Council goes In Camera at 7:17 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Motion #EPW18-03

Moved by: Councillor Matshazi

Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Council returns to Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #EPW18-04

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: Councillor Rochon

Council adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Akumalik
Chairperson

Matthew Hamp
Director

Approved by City Council on the 22 day of May, 2018.