



MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – City Council Chambers
12:00 p.m.**

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**With** Deputy Mayor McMillan in the Chair, Councillor M. Goss, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor K. Ralko, Councillor S. Smith, Councillor C. Van Walleghem

**Regrets:** Mayor D. Reynard

**Staff:** Heather Pihulak, Manager of Administration/City Clerk, Adam Smith, Development Services Manager, Todd Skene, Fire & Emergency Services Manager

## Call to Order

Deputy Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order and Councillor Ralko delivered a blessing.

A moment of silence was held in respect of the passing of His Worship Mayor Reynard's mother Rita Reynard.

## Public Information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007

Deputy Mayor McMillan then read the following notices:-

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following at today's meeting:-

- Amend the 2019 Capital Budget to withdraw funds from the Roads Reserve in the amount of \$16,200.00 (plus applicable taxes) to offset the cost of the consultant work related to an Aggregate Pit Extension on Ritchie Road project
- Amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw, Schedule D, to increase water and sewer rates by 5.5% in 2020 and give effect to new sewer and water service fees for multiplex units and properties serviced by one meter with multiple individual living units on a parcel of land(s)
- Amend the 2019 Operating & Capital Budget to withdraw funds from the Art Centre Capital Funds in the amount of \$779,842 to offset the cost of this construction and related capital expenses
- Amend the 2019 Operating & Capital Budget to withdraw additional funds from Roads Reserve in the amount of \$10,000.00 for additional CCTV works and LDS flushing
- Rename a portion of what is locally known as First Street South (from Chipman Street to Park Street) to Thistle Drive
- Reconfirm the January 2010 resolution declaring Town Island as surplus to the needs of the municipality and direct administration to proceed with a competitive RFP process for the sale of Town Island

## **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

Deputy Mayor McMillan then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof pertaining to any items as follows:-

- i) On Today's Agenda or from a previous Meeting
- ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

There were none declared.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

### **1. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-

Regular Council – August 13, 2019  
Special Council – September 10, 2019

## **Deputations / Presentations**

### **Darby Spicer, Lifeguard – Rescue Award of Merit**

Darby Spicer was teaching a Standard First Aid course at the Kenora Recreation Centre on May 25, 2019, when he was called to another area of the facility where a woman had collapsed while playing pickle ball in a tournament. Bystanders had already called 911 and two other pickle ball players had begun CPR, so Darby, a Lifesaving Society Examiner, found the AED and quickly set it up. The AED analyzed and advised a shock, which Darby administered. CPR continued for three more cycles before the victim regained consciousness. For his ability to act in a lifesaving emergency, the Lifesaving Society presented its Rescue Award of Merit to Darby Spicer.

Deputy Mayor McMillan presented Darby with a certificate and token of appreciation on behalf of Mayor and Council and the Lifesaving Society.

### **Carolyn Hudson - Kenora Senior Coalition/Age Friendly Steering Committee (Affordable Rental Accommodations for Seniors)**

Ms. Carolyn Hudson is the President of the Kenora Seniors Coalition and a member of Kenora's Age Friendly Steering Committee. She is making the presentation on behalf of the almost 20% of Kenora's population that is 65 and over.

Kenora seniors have one over-arching question for our Mayor and Council: What Is Your Plan for expediting the construction of affordable rental accommodation for middle-income seniors? What does Council see as the most viable development structure based on the needs of our community? One large development that houses varying levels of assistance and accommodation such as Benidickson Court? Or more of a campus style development with specific buildings for varying levels of assistance? What area of our community is seen as most desirable for such a development? Would that area be within walking distance to downtown and shopping/events? Or would that area be close to Pinecrest, which is a more secluded and private area when thinking of outdoor greenspace and its potential desirability to the residents of the development. On what do Councillors intend to base the number of units required 1) to immediately meet the needs of the

community 2) to meet the needs of the community at 5 years from present, 10 years etc. This is an important consideration for members of the Board when determining if a large capacity development is most ideal, or if smaller phased builds would be the most economical way to move forward. What is the Kenora District Services Board's involvement in the work of the new KMNPHC Board, and what level of investment or rental/lease capacity would the KDSB be interested in? What does the new KMNPHC Board consider "affordable" rent for the two levels of independent living and assisted living? Is the new KMNPHC Board planning to pursue government or private funding for its affordable housing projects?

In his 2018 State of Housing Report for the City, Adam Smith identified these three problems: The failure of housing production to keep up with existing demand, particularly in regards to affordable rental units; A risk of homelessness for low income households due to the combination of high rental rates and housing prices in private developments and a long waiting list for subsidized housing; The issue of affordability based on the aging of Kenora's existing housing stock, resulting in higher energy costs and repairs. Adam's State of Housing report also indicated that, "there is sufficient land to accommodate the projected housing unit demand to the year 2031, while leaving some additional supply if demand increases as a result of new economic development. There are a number of viable properties that could be made available for either affordable housing or housing project development."

Because we are not getting any younger, and have advocated for affordable housing in our community for many years, the Kenora Seniors Coalition would like to see the new members of the KMNPHC Board move forward as quickly as possible with new construction. Please, no more "consultation"; we want to see action on affordable housing. In addition, the Kenora Seniors Coalition and the Age Friendly Steering Committee would like the members of the Board to keep the public fully informed of their plans, as much as appropriately possible.

Deputy Mayor McMillan thanked Ms. Hudson for her presentation and a copy was left with the clerk.

### **Wes Siemens – Rabbit Lake Trailer Park (Park Water Billing)**

Mr. Siemens has concerns in regards to how he was contacted regarding the Trailer Park change in water billing. Mr. Siemens requested for the matter to be deferred and is willing to meet with City staff to discuss.

Deputy Mayor McMillan thanked Mr. Siemens for his deputation and a copy of his deputation was not left with the Clerk.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **Appointment to the Planning Advisory Committee**

**2. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the resignation of Graham Chaze from the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee effective immediately; and further

That Council hereby appoints Peter Fox to the Planning Advisory Committee for a term at the pleasure of Council.

### **July 2019 Financial Statements**

#### **3. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at July 31, 2019.

### **Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments**

#### **4. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby directs administration to work with ONE Investment to bring information back to Council related to a new Investment Policy Statement (IPS) and agreements associated with establishing a new Joint Investment Board (JIB) and implementing the Prudent Investor (PI) regime.

### **Section 357 Adjustments**

#### **5. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves Section 357 tax adjustments with potential refunds totaling \$3,905.51.

### **Water & Sewer 2020 Rate Increase**

#### **6. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That as recommended by BMA Management Consulting Inc. in the Water and Wastewater Long Range Financial Plan Forecast approved by Council resolution on November 17, 2015, the 2020 water and sewer rates be increased by 5.5% over the 2019 rates; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to increase water and sewer rates by 5.5% in 2020; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose; and further

That these rates shall take effect and come into force on January 1, 2020; and further

That bylaw number 118-2019 be hereby repealed.

**Discussion:** Council would like to see an accounting of where we sit in relation to our reserves for water and sewer and anticipate a review of the system in 2021.

### **Integrity Commissioner Request for Inquiry**

#### **7. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the request for inquiry report from Lisa Wheatley, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Kenora.

### **Health & Safety Policy Amendments**

#### **8. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an amended Health and Safety Policy #HS-07 Health and Safety Responsibilities – Program Coordinator, Health & Safety Policy #HS-08 Posted Health and Safety Materials, Health & Safety Policy #HS-12 Emergency Preparedness, #HS-19 Non Routine Work, Health & Safety Policy #HS-30 Health and Safety Representatives or Committees and Health & Safety Policy #HS-38 Health and Safety Inspections; and further

That bylaw number 27-2012 be hereby repealed; and further

That three readings be given to the applicable bylaws for the Health & Safety Policies to form part of the City’s Comprehensive Policy Manual under the new category Health and Safety.

### **Budget Amendment – CCTV Works**

#### **9. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an additional allocation of \$10,000.00 to be funded through the Roads Reserves for additional CCTV works and LDS Flushing; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2019 Operating & Capital Budget at its September 17, 2019 meeting to withdraw additional funds from Roads Reserve in the amount of \$10,000.00 to offset the cost of this work; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2019 budget for this purpose.

### **Kenora Drinking Water Quality Management Standards**

#### **10. Moved by C. Van Wallegem, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the Kenora Drinking Water Quality Management Standards (DQWMS) re-accreditation audit results, conducted on May 29 & 30, 2019 by SAI Global.

### **DTR Project – Renaming of First Street**

#### **11. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That as part of the Downtown Revitalization, Phase 4, the Council of the City of Kenora hereby re-names a portion of a road, locally known as First Street South (from Chipman Street to Park Street), as shown on the attached imagery, to Thistle Drive; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to adopt a by-law at its September 17 Council Meeting, re-naming the above-described portion of road to Thistle Drive.

## **Budget Amendment – Ritchie Road Aggregate Pitt Project**

### **12. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves a reallocation of \$16,200.00 (plus applicable taxes) to be funded through the 2019 Roads Reserve for the remaining balance of a 2018 unusual spend project that is now nearing completion; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2019 Capital Budget at its September 17, 2019 meeting to withdraw funds from the Roads Reserve in the amount of \$16,200.00 (plus applicable taxes) to offset the cost of this project; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2019 budget for this purpose.

## **Tariff of Fees & Charges – Schedule D – Multi Unit Water Rates**

### **13. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an amendment to Schedule “D” of the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-law to include various amended water and wastewater rate charges, along with routine rate changes for 2020; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law at its September 17, 2019, meeting to give effect to these rates outlined in the revised Schedule “D”; and further

That By-law Number 118-2019 be hereby repealed.

Councillor Poirier requested a recorded vote on the matter in which the Clerk recorded the following and announced the Motion as carried:

| <b>Recorded Vote</b>     | <b>AYE</b> | <b>NAY</b> | <b>Dec. of Interest</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Councillor Goss          | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor McMillan      | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Poirier       |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor Ralko         |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor Smith         | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Van Walleggem | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Mayor Reynard            |            |            |                         | <b>X</b>      |

## **Budget Amendment – Douglas Art Centre**

### **14. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an additional allocation of \$779,842 to be funded through the Art Centre capital project funds which have come solely from senior levels of government and private donations for the construction of the Douglas Family Art Centre; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2019 Operating & Capital Budget at its September 17, 2019 meeting to withdraw funds from the Art Centre Capital Funds in the amount of \$779,842 to offset the cost of this construction and related capital expenses; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2019 budget for this purpose.

### **Extension to Douglas Art Centre Loan Agreement**

#### **15. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an extension to the loan agreement between Bryce Douglas and the Lake of the Woods Museum as established in the original Agreement authorized by By-law number 38-2019 in anticipation of adding further objects which are to be included in the Original Agreement; and further

That the Mayor & Clerk be hereby authorized to execute the extension to the loan agreement; and further

That three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

### **Ice Allocation Policy #CS-1-1**

#### **16. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an amended Ice Allocation Policy #CS-1-1 to the City's Comprehensive Policy Manual to assist and guide administration in ensuring there is a fair, transparent and equitable process for access to prime ice time; and further

That bylaw number 95-2019 be hereby repealed; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose.

### **City Trails Use by Horses**

#### **17. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

Whereas Kenora Bed and Bale submitted an application to the City of Kenora for an Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment related to 66 Cambrian Drive; and

Whereas through the submission process the City became aware of the use of City property in the area of Rabbit Lake and the Rabbit Lake Trails by Kenora Bed and Bale operation which includes horses on the City lands and trails; and

Whereas in a July 30<sup>th</sup> report to Council the City Planner conveyed that the Community Services Department would provide a separate report to Council on the Bed and Bale's use of City property; and

Whereas the City Parks By-law #34-2015 prohibits certain animals including horses in and on City Parks and Trails unless authorized in writing by the Parks Supervisor;



Therefore Let it be Resolved that Council directs administration to communicate with the proprietors of the Bed and Bale operation that horses are not permitted on City parks and trails; and further

That the Trails Committee review the requirement for additional signage pertaining to the permitted use on the City trails.

### **Town Island Sale**

#### **18. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby reconfirms the January 2010 resolution declaring Town Island as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and further

That Council hereby directs administration to proceed with a competitive RFP process for the sale of Town Island following the receipt of an appraisal on this property.

### **Tree Canopy Policy**

#### **19. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves a new Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy #DS-7-1 which outlines the benefits of protecting and enhancing the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

### **Q2 Report for Kenora Fire & Emergency Services**

#### **20. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the 2019 Second Quarter Report from the Kenora Fire and Emergency Services Department for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2019.

### **Various Committee Minutes**

#### **21. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby adopts the following Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- July 25, 2019 & August 22, 2019 – The Muse
- June 5, 2019 – Environmental Advisory Committee
- June 20, 2019 - Tourism Committee
- May 7, 2019 - Kenora Police Services Board
- July 23, 2019 – Lake of the Woods Development Commission

That Council hereby receives the following Minutes from other various Committees:

- May 30, 2019 & June 21, 2019 - District of Kenora Home for the Aged Board of Management
- June 20, 2019 – Kenora District Services Board; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.



## **Water Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary – July 2019**

### **22. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the July 2019 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Screened Winter Sand Tender**

#### **23. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That the tender from Joe Neniska & Sons for the supply, delivery and stockpile of up to 9,000 tonnes of screened winter sand be hereby received; and further

That the tender received from Joe Neniska & Sons in the amount of \$20.00 per tonne (HST extra) for the year 2019, \$20.00 per tonne (HST extra) for the year 2020 and \$21.00 per tonne (HST extra) for the year 2021 be hereby accepted.

### **Approval of By-laws**

#### **24. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That the following By-laws be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

- #134-2019 – Confirm the proceedings of Council
- #135-2019 – Health & Safety Program Coordinator Responsibilities Policy
- #136-2019 – Posted Health & Safety Materials Policy
- #137-2019 – Emergency Preparedness Policy
- #138-2019 – Non Routine Work Policy
- #139-2019 – Health & Safety Representatives or Committees Policy
- #140-2019 – Health & Safety Inspections Policy
- #141-2019 – Budget Amendment – CCTV Works
- #142-2019 – Renaming a Portion of First Street to Thistle Drive
- #143-2019 – Budget Amendment – Ritchie Road Aggregate Pitt Project
- #144-2019 – Budget Amendment – Douglas Art Centre
- #145-2019 – Extension to Douglas Art Centre Loan Agreement
- #146-2019 – Ice Allocation Policy #CS-1-1
- #147-2019 – Tree Canopy Policy #DS-7-1

### **Approval of By-laws**

#### **25. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That the following By-laws be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

- #119-2019 – Tariff of Fees & Charges – Schedule D – 2020 Water Rates

### **Approval of By-laws**

#### **26. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That the following By-laws be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

#119-2019 – Tariff of Fees & Charges – Schedule D – Multi Unit Water Rates

**Deputy Mayor McMillan then stepped down from the Chair to move the following Motion. Councillor (Deputy Mayor) Goss took the Chair.**

**Climate Emergency (Notice of Motion from August 13, 2019 Council)  
27. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko**

Whereas climate change is currently contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local and international economies; and

Whereas climate change is currently jeopardizing the health and survival of many species and other natural environments worldwide, stressing local and international ecosystems; and

Whereas climate change is currently harming human populations worldwide and within the Northwest by exacerbating health impacts related to heat stress, air pollution, food and water security and quality, proliferation of insect-borne disease vectors, and through rising sea levels and other extraordinary phenomena like intense wildfires locally, nationally and among international communities; Whereas recent international research has indicated a need for massive reduction in carbon emissions in the next 11 years to avoid lock-in of warming surpassing 2°C this century which would guarantee further and devastating economic, ecological, and societal loss; and

Whereas the climate in Canada is warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world, as per Canada’s Changing Climate report; and

Whereas there is and will be significant impact on Economic Development within our immediate area upon the forestry, mining and tourism sectors due to climate change impacts; and

Whereas due to the destabilization of historic climate norms and a rise in the intensity and severity of extreme weather and precipitation events, Kenora and the Lake of the Woods area *including the traditional lands of Grand Council Treaty#3 and the Kenora Metis Council* can expect a high likelihood of flooding and shoreline erosion with negative consequences for ecosystem health and resilience and the sustainability of future waterfront developments; and

*Whereas Kenora is located within the traditional lands of the Anicinabe of Treaty #3 and the Kenora Metis Council Climate Change does have a significant impact on First Nations and Metis people, their lands and waters, resources, and their way of life; and*

Whereas millions of dollars of infrastructure damages by extreme storm events and increases in freeze cycles are destroying our roads and sub-structure infrastructure; and

Whereas increases in the incidents of extreme weather can severely impact power lines which will lead to infrastructure failures including water/sewage treatment facilities and pumping stations; and

Whereas an emergency can be defined as "an often dangerous situation requiring immediate action"; and

Whereas municipalities such as London, Kingston, Vancouver, Hamilton, Wolfville Nova Scotia, Selkirk Manitoba and many other communities throughout Quebec and across Canada have already declared and are considering declarations addressing climate emergencies; and

Whereas the City of Kenora has a Community Energy Plan and a Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Plan as part of its climate mitigation effort;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Kenora declare a climate emergency that threatens our City, Region, Province, Nation, Civilization, Humanity and the Natural world; and further
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) of Council work in partnership with City staff who are engaged in addressing the impacts of climate change and establish a Climate Change Task Force comprised of and led by City staff and broader community stakeholder participation *that includes Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Kenora Metis Council*; and further
3. That this Task Force be directed to investigate and identify:
  - i) Additional actions be taken to incorporate into existing plans and policies to achieve net zero carbon emissions prior to 2050 or earlier;
  - ii) Best processes/practices to centralize reporting on Climate Change for the Corporation of the City of Kenora;
  - iii) Gaps in current programs and projects and strategies to address those gaps within the strategic planning process; and
  - iv) The establishment of a public education and communication strategy for the purpose of raising awareness , educating about climate change and the history of climate policy and action;
  - v) *Work in concert with community partners and both the Provincial and Federal Governments to address mitigation strategies, i.e. in the event of increased frequency and intensity of forest fires as a consequence of climate change in our area*
  - vi) The development of a Strategic Plan to guide the City in addressing the mid-century decarbonization goal(s);and
  - vii) Development of a critical path and Terms of Reference to initiate a community awareness and public education strategy to encompass the history of global warming, climate change and the United Nation's Declaration on a Climate Emergency, which is to include the impacts of

not taking such action, and the investment vs. the expense of taking such action;

4. That the Task Force report back to Council within a to be defined period of time; and further
5. That Council supports City of Kenora staff participation on the Task Force to accelerate climate action across the immediate municipal boundaries; and further
6. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to NOMA requesting that it be circulated to member Municipalities to consider a similar action; and further
7. That this resolution be forwarded to Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Kenora Metis Council seeking their support and partnership in addressing climate change.

**Councillor McMillan then introduced a motion to amend Motion #27 as follows:**

**Amendment to Motion #27**

**27a. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That Motion #27 with respect to a Notice of Motion by Councillor Rory McMillan regarding a Climate Emergency be hereby amended to remove various aspects of the original Notice of Motion provided at the August 13, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Motion #27, as amended (Climate Emergency)**

**27. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

Whereas climate change is currently contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local and international economies; and

Whereas climate change is currently (harming human populations worldwide) as well as jeopardizing the health and survival of many species and other natural environments worldwide, stressing local and international ecosystems; and

Whereas climate change is currently harming human populations worldwide and within the Northwest by exacerbating health impacts related to heat stress, air pollution, food and water security and quality, proliferation of insect-borne disease vectors, and through rising sea levels and other extraordinary phenomena like intense wildfires locally, nationally and among international communities; and

Whereas recent international research has indicated a need for massive reduction in carbon emissions in the next 11 years to avoid lock-in of warming surpassing 2°C this century which would guarantee further and devastating economic, ecological, and societal loss; and

Whereas the climate in Canada is warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world, as per Canada's Changing Climate report; and

Whereas there is and will be significant impact on Economic Development within our immediate area upon the forestry, mining and tourism sectors due to climate change impacts; and

Whereas due to the destabilization of historic climate norms and a rise in the intensity and severity of extreme weather and precipitation events, Kenora and the Lake of the Woods area *including the traditional lands of Grand Council Treaty#3 and the Kenora Metis Council* may expect a likelihood of flooding and shoreline erosion with negative consequences for ecosystem health and resilience and the sustainability of future waterfront developments; and

*Whereas Kenora is located within the traditional lands of the Anshinaabe of Treaty #3 and the Kenora Metis Council, Climate Change does have a significant impact on First Nations and Metis people, their lands and waters, resources, and their way of life; and*

Whereas millions of dollars of infrastructure damages by extreme storm events and increases in freeze cycles are destroying our roads and sub-structure infrastructure; and

Whereas increases in the incidents of extreme weather can severely impact power lines which will lead to infrastructure failures including water/sewage treatment facilities and pumping stations; and

Whereas an emergency can be defined as "an often dangerous situation requiring immediate action"; and

Whereas municipalities such as London, Kingston, Vancouver, Hamilton, Wolfville Nova Scotia, Selkirk Manitoba and many other communities throughout Quebec and across Canada have already declared and are considering declarations addressing climate emergencies; and

Whereas the City of Kenora has a Community Energy Plan and a Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Plan as part of its climate mitigation effort;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Kenora declare a climate emergency that threatens our City, Region, Province, Nation, Civilization, Humanity and the Natural world; and further
2. That in order to address the drafting of a Climate Action Plan, Council hereby directs City Administration to develop a plan for moving forward, including identification of work done and strategies implemented to date by the City, key partnerships and required resources, financial and human, for consideration by Council to a future Council meeting (to coincide with the 2020 budget cycle); and further
3. *That Council hereby directs that the declaration of a climate emergency be a guiding principle for the City for future decision-making and that any consideration of this guiding principle be included in all future reports to Council in order to assist Council in their decision-making; and further*
4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to NOMA requesting that it be circulated to member Municipalities to consider a similar action; and further

5. That this resolution be forwarded to Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Kenora Metis Council seeking their support and partnership in addressing climate change.

**Discussion:** It was questioned if Treaty 3 be contacted in advance of receiving the resolution. Deputy Mayor McMillan will reach out to Treaty 3 in advance of them receiving the resolution.

**Deputy Mayor/Councillor McMillan returned to the Chair and Councillor Goss returned to his Councillor seat.**

### **Notice of Motion - Site Plan Control Policy Review**

**28. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

Whereas the previous Council at its May, 2018, meeting passed a Resolution to repeal By-law number 79-2016 and amendments to the City of Kenora Site Plan Control Policy PP-5-1;

Whereas the reasons cited for the repeal was feedback from the Investment Readiness Assessment for a less burdensome application process;

Whereas Section 8.4 of the Official Plan provides clear intent for the city to utilize SPC to ensure that development in the City is attractive and compatible with adjacent uses;

Whereas the Consultant and staff noted the requirement is over and above the prescribed process required by the Planning Act. Scheduling City staff, Developer staff, reserving space, and holding a Public Meeting, does place an increased burden on an applicant;

Whereas scheduling city staff is a function of employment and expected, and reserving (City) space is a minor logistical issue;

Whereas land use planning helps a municipality set goals about how it will grow and develop, and to work out ways of reaching those goals while keeping important social, economic and environmental concerns in mind;

Whereas land use planning balances the interests of individual property owners with the wider interests and objectives of the whole community;

Whereas interest has been expressed by Councillors and the public for a public consultation process on several files that have recently come before Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Kenora reinstate site plan control public consultations to ensure that development in the City is attractive and compatible with adjacent uses, and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment through a public process.

**Discussion:** This matter will come back to October Committee of the Whole for discussion/review of the Policy.

## Notices of Motion

None

## Proclamations

**Deputy Mayor then read the following Proclamations:**

- Rail Safety Week – September 23-29, 2019
- Commemorating the 150th Year Since the Arrival of the First British Home Children

## Announcements

**The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Councillor Goss referenced the British Home Children proclamation and recalls childhood memories of stories of children taken from their home when they were very small. These people have helped to build our country as well.
2. Councillor Poirier participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk and noticed the amount of young people participating. The organizers did a great job and acknowledged the hard work for the organizing group.
3. Councillor Ralko referenced the Kenora Climate Action Network is organizing a rally for climate change outside City Hall this Friday from 3-6.
4. Councillor Van Wallegghem attended the Community Safety Night last week which was a great event. Fire Station 1 is hosting an open house for the recruitment of volunteer fire fighters. As a reminder, all firefighters are paid as they do put in a lot of time in training and participation. There will be stations set up at the open house to try on PPA and look at trucks and see if it is of interest to them.

## Adjourn to Closed Session

**29. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 1:29 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (2 matters – CAO & Mayor Update)

## Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 2:50 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

## Close of Meeting

**30. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 2:50 p.m.



**The Corporation of the City of Kenora:**

**Confirmed As Written This .....Day**

**Of.....2019**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**