



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Virtual Attendance

Council met electronically as permitted by the City of Kenora Procedural bylaw. Citizens and our Media Partners are encouraged to watch the virtual meeting via the Public Live Stream Event at: <https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2021-01-12.html>

Present: Mayor Daniel Reynard
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Andrew Poirier
Councillor Kirsi Ralko
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Chris Van Walleggem

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Manager of Administration/City Clerk, Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations & Infrastructure, Charlotte Edie, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Stace Gander, Manager of Community Services, Adam Smith, Manager of Development Services

Blessing & Land Acknowledgment – Councillor Poirier

As we gather, we recognize that we are on Treaty Three Lands which are steeped in rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations and Metis people today. We continue to be thankful for the partnerships with our Indigenous people.

We give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in the City of Kenora. We seek wisdom in our minds, clearness in our thinking, truth in our speaking and always love in our hearts, so that we may try always to unite the Citizens of Kenora. Let these principles guide us in our decision making.

A. Public Information Notices

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, the public is advised of Council's intention to adopt the following at its January 19, 2021 meeting:-

- Adopt the 2021 Municipal Operating Budget, Water & Wastewater Operating & Capital Budget and Solid Waste Operating & Capital Budget

B. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

- 1) On Today's Agenda
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance.
There were none declared.

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes

Resolution #1 - Moved by Councillor K. Ralko, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 8, 2020 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

Jake Boutwell & Erin Beulah – Harvest Kenora

Presented to Council 2019 when requested to create a micro farm in Keewatin ballpark. Our mission is to collectively grow food, relationships and lifelong skills for more resilient communities through ecosystems. Main method for teaching this to this point is through the garden at the old Keewatin ballpark where people can come and learn how to garden and encourage people to do their own backyard garden.

Erin presented the activities of the urban micro-farm over the past two years. The group is a local food-security group who is non-profit, established in January 2019. There is an active group of approximately 20 active members to the group and excited about the growth of the group. Core membership has grown from a group of 3 to 20 with over 1,000 follows through social media.

In 2019 the garden dimensions were 40'x60' and with the active volunteers in 2020 were able to grow the garden dimensions to 60'x130' with 15 rows of raised beds added. They feel they are now a collective micro garden now with this growth and are proud of their growth in the community.

They started selling produce from the garden and happy to see the number of supporters. People appreciated the ability to purchase locally grown organic produce. Added a composting toilet to the area. 550 kg of produce harvested and shared, compared to 324 kg in 2019. The produce was distributed first and foremost to the volunteers who help grow it, then shared through donation through the market stand as well as the Hungry Pug.

The group is seeking permission to plant perennial crops which have tenancy to the land for a term of 5-10 years. They wish to start growing perennial crops, which establish root systems in the ground over many years. These crops boast many benefits for the garden ecosystem; require an investment of time and money.

Council thanked Erin and Jake and the group of volunteers for the work they are doing with the garden. A report will come forward from administration to a future Council for consideration.

E. Reports:

1. Administration & Finance

1.1 November 2020 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at November 30, 2020.

Discussion: We are eleven months into the reporting so we should be getting close to our final budget impacts. COVID expense is up to \$83,000 in actual expenses that relate to COVID and nothing else at the end of November. Getting close to hitting \$100,000 in just those kind of

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expenses. The winter control maintenance 2020 is a better year for that expenditure than 2019 with a good balance remaining at 29% at the end of November. We had 35.9% remaining at end of October and compared to the previous year there was only 2.34% remaining at end of year. The OPP revenue is showing at under budget and that is from operating grants we received from Ministry Solicitor General. We accrue a lot of what is in that revenue account so we will see that change. Actuals are still behind budget that will shift. In building inspection we are over budget. Most of the variances occurred during the COVID period and not a lot has shifted since re-openings.

Councillor Goss requested that we look at a different format for the reports. The headers are not carried forward and makes it challenging to read. Charlotte will look into a reformatting for the reports.

1.2 Ontario Regulation 284/09:2021 Budget Matters

Recommendation:

That Council hereby adopts the report dated December 30, 2020 related to 2021 budget matters by Resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

1.3 2021 Operating Budget Approval

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the City of Kenora's 2021 Municipal Operating Budget, as reviewed and amended; and further

That Council give three readings to a By-law to approve the 2021 Municipal Operating Budget; and further

That Council authorize City administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget related decisions in accordance with those reflected within the amended budgets; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2021 Municipal Operating Budget by-law at its January 19th Council Meeting.

Discussion: Looking for 2.93% more than last year. The tax rates will be set in February or March, whenever the education rates are received. The tax rates depend on the assessments that come down.

1.4 2021 Water & Wastewater Budget Approval

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the 2021 Water and Sewer Utility Budget; and further

That Council hereby authorizes City administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget related decisions including operating and capital works in accordance with those reflected within the Water & Sewer Budgets; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2021 Water and Sewer Utility Budget by bylaw at its January 19th Council Meeting; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

Discussion: Councillor Smith expressed her concerns about rate increases and the long range financial plan that was prepared for the utility. She requested BMA to return and present the long range financial plan again for Council.

1.5 2021 Solid Waste Budget Approval

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the 2021 Solid Waste Utility Budget; and further

That Council hereby authorizes City administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget related decisions which includes operating and capital works in accordance with those reflected within the Solid Waste Budgets; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2021 Solid Waste Utility Budget by bylaw at its January 19th Council Meeting; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

Discussion: It includes a tipping fee increase of \$10.00/ton and an increase of \$5.00 to the minimum. The rate increases for 2022 will be brought forward to Council at a future date and supported at that time.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

No Reports

3. Operations & Infrastructure

No Reports

4. Community Services

4.1 Hings Lease Renewal

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes a one year lease extension to an existing lease agreement with 446562 Ontario Ltd. (Hing) for use of the Chipman Street parking lot adjacent to the Hing's Restaurant at 101 Matheson Street South; and further

That the said renewal will increase the annual rent by three (3%) percent (plus applicable taxes) for a period from 1 January, 2021 to 31 December 2021; and further

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

4.2 Kenora Rotary Club Peace Park MOU

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Kenora Rotary Club authorizing the conversion and maintenance of a Peace Park to be located on First Avenue South; and further

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

4.3 2021 Pines Service Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a by-law authorizing a contract between the Pines/Kenora Harbourfront Services (Pines/KHS) and the City of Kenora for provision of services at the Harbourfront and related areas for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and further

That by-law Number 054-2020 be hereby repealed.

5. Development Services

5.1 Funding Application to the RED Program-Husky the Muskie Restoration

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an application to the Rural Economic Development (RED) program for the restoration of Husky the Muskie in the amount of \$50,000; and further

That the City of Kenora confirms its financial commitment of up to \$35,000; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns associated with the project.

5.2 Deeming Bylaw-Lots 47&48 Plan M639 & Repeal of Deeming Bylaw 76-2014

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P.13, as amended, the Council of a local municipality may by by-law designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, which shall be deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the said Act; and further

That Lots 47,48 and 55, Plan M639 on Registered Plan of Subdivision M-1, in the City of Kenora, are within a plan of subdivision registered for more than eight years; and further

That Council repeals the deeming By-law No. 76-2014, which currently deems lots 47, 48, and 55, Plan M639 not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Subsection 50 (3) of the Act; and further

That Council gives three readings to a new bylaw to deem Lots 47 and 48 not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the Planning Act.

5.3 Submission to Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN) Intake #4

Recommendation:

That Council supports a submission to Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN) Northern Ontario Residential Broadband Program Intake #4.

F. Proclamations

Mayor Reynard then read the following proclamations:

- National Alzheimer Awareness Month

G. Other

12:00 p.m. - Public Zoning Amendment Meeting – D14-20-04 – 63 Nash Street

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 9, 2021

I. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor R. McMillan, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:

That Council now adjourn to a closed session at 9:46 a.m.; and further

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Closed Session will discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Educating & Training Members of Council (1 matter – Team Kenora update)
- ii) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (1 matter-Sustainability Committee Appointments)

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 11:00 a.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.