



MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, May 18, 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 view the public meeting via the Public Live Stream Event at:

<https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2021-05-18-SC.mp4.html>

Present:	Mayor D. Reynard Councillor M. Goss Councillor R. McMillan Councillor A. Poirier Councillor S. Smith Councillor C. Van Wallegghem
Regrets:	Councillor K. Ralko
Staff:	Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Manager of Administration/City Clerk
Guests:	Dan Penner, Angie Mojica & Therese Zulnick, Urban Systems

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Blessing & Land Acknowledgement

Delivered by Councillor Goss

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.

Public Notices

Take Notice that as required under Notice By-law #144-2007, Council intends to adopt the following items at this Special Meeting of Council:

N/A

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature thereof

i) On Today's Agenda

ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

There were none declared.

Deputations

None

1. Strategic Plan Mayor and Council Workshop #1

The intent of the workshop is to have discussion with Council on the strategic planning process. It is looking at the existing plan and develop framework for our new process moving forward.

Dan Penner, Community and Land Use Planner with Urban Systems based in Winnipeg. Have been heavily involved with municipalities and First Nations in previous projects.

Therese Zulnick located in British Columbia and have been with Urban Systems for 20 years and her focus is municipalities and First Nations. Chairman of Urban Systems Board of Directors.

The workshop intent is to understand where Kenora has come from since 2016 and where it needs to go for 2026.

There will be two workshops for Council which today reviews the existing plan, discusses Kenora today and in 2026 and identify initial strategic directions with relevancy of past goals and actions and emerging and evolving community needs/priorities.

Consensus Building includes finding common places with common needs and priorities. Housing for all, communication, climate change, environmental stewardship, partnerships, addressing infrastructure, community safety, indigenous relations.

Strategic Plan contents includes a vision, where we are as a community and hope to become over the next five years. The values will be sharing beliefs that will guide the City's future actions and establish goals and objectives. This will result in actions that are specific, measurable, achievable and relevant steps the City can take to move our collective vision forward. The implementation portion can then result in monitoring and recording progress made on achieving strategic priorities.

It can be challenging with the expectations on our strategic plan and partnerships. It is important to focus on our core responsibilities and it requires partnerships to do the other things that the public expects of the City.

There are more steps to come and great feedback from Council in this initial process.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.