



MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
10:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Due to COVID-19 and the requirement for physical distancing, the public can access the meeting on the NEW Livestream at:

<https://kenora.civicweb.net/Portal/>

Present: Mayor D. Reynard
Councillor G. Chaze
Councillor M. Goss
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor A. Poirier
Councillor S. Smith
Councillor C. Van Wallegghem

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Megan Dokuchie, Economic Development Officer, Adam Smith, Director of Development Services, Charlotte Edie, Director of Finance, Kevin Gannon, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing & Land Acknowledgement

Delivered by Councillor McMillan

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. Harbourfront Redevelopment Plan Project Review – Presented by HTFC Planning & Design

- Overview of the 2019 plan
- Initial Detailed Design Review for McLeod Park (Stage 1 works for 2022)
- Initial Detailed Design Review for next stages of project

Megan Dokuchie, Economic Development Officer and Adam Smith, Development Services Director provided opening remarks regarding the project and the next stage of detailed design with HTFC.

Constantina Douvris from HTFC in Winnipeg was present to review the 2019 Harbourfront Redevelopment Master Plan and provide highlights of that initial plan. The plan is a high level vision for the redevelopment of the Harbourfront and a guiding document to the initial draft plans for the detailed design.

It was questioned if we have considered the additional parking that will be required for new proposed docking spaces. At our CIT meeting with staff this topic was addressed and currently we are just considering the options for that area and what mix we could look at.

We are trying to visualize what this is going to look like and the plan demonstrates areas where we have heard feedback of things the visitors are looking for.

Appreciate the different areas of safety we are looking at and wondered about the potential for the change to the Water Street intersection. There are challenges with the T-intersection but can be done with changes to the design development.

The McLeod park project is the first stage of the project and will be outlined in the capital budget over the next several years. There are ways to maximize the funding opportunities and there will be more in-depth conversation pertaining to this project during the December 3rd capital budget meeting.

Council reviewed the draft design plans with the consultant to review the drafts and discuss the overview of the detailed design to date.

There will be several further public opportunities for the public to provide feedback into the development of the detailed drawings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.