



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers – Council Only

***Due to COVID-19 and the requirement for physical distancing, public access to the meeting NEW Livestream is:**

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

Present:

Mayor Daniel Reynard
Councillor Graham Chaze
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Andrew Poirier
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Chris Van Wallegghem

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Jon Ranger, Deputy Treasurer, Kevin Gannon, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Stace Gander, Director of Community Services, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources, Kevan Sumner, City Planner, Kylie Hissa, Special Projects Officer

Blessing & Land Acknowledgment

Councillor Van Wallegghem

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 September 21, 2021 meeting:-

- Declare Road Allowances identified as PIN 42169-0243, PIN 42169-0244, and PIN 42169-0245, and the property described as PIN 42169-0162 surplus to the requirements of the Municipality
- Close the Road Allowances identified as PIN 42169-043, PIN 42169-244, and PIN 42169-0245

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 A. Poirier, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held August 10, 2021 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

- None

E. Reports:

1. Administration & Finance

1.1 July 2021 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at July 31, 2021.

Discussion: Looking at user fees and expenses most are consistent. Transportation metered parking expenses are behind budget with a vacant bylaw position as well as free parking in July. The first water bill for Norman Park was just posted for \$41,000 for the splash park which is for two months. It was questioned if the changes made to the timing at the splash park and if the expenses were better than last year. Jon will send out to Council following the meeting.

1.2 IT Services Contract Renewal

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes a service contract for City IT related managed services through Boreal Datacom Inc. for a three year period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and further

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

Discussion: It was questioned if there is enough in the agreement to cover off everything we need for IT services. There was a discussion with the owner of Boreal Datacom and he is confident that the contract is satisfactory and covers the requirements.

1.3 Noise Bylaw

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to adopt a new Noise bylaw for the City of Kenora; and further

That Council hereby authorizes the application of new set fines for a bylaw to regulate noise and the application to the Attorney General's office for the approval of such set fines; and further

That bylaw number 27-2007 be hereby repealed.

Discussion: The noise bylaw has not been amended since 2007. The revisions will address areas where previously were not covered. The new set fines will be forwarded to the Attorney General's office for approval.

1.4 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – September 30th

Recommendation:

Whereas in the spirit of reconciliation, the City of Kenora acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Metis of Treaty #3; and

Whereas the City recognizes the importance of a strong relationship with our Treaty #3 partners; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation; and

Whereas the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action; and

Whereas all Canadians and all levels of government have a role to play in reconciliation; and

Whereas Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

Whereas the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday; and

Whereas Council authorizes City facilities closed for half of the day on September 30th to provide staff the period of time to attend a pathway of educational sessions pertaining to Residential School Survivors and commit as an entire organization to reconciliation through these educational activities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the City of Kenora does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and encourages all citizens to sharing the stories of residential school survivors with their families and communities which will aid in moving forward together in reconciliation.

Discussion: The report is a joint effort from the senior leadership team. We have put a great deal of effort into developing a day of education for our staff and close municipal facilities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for staff to participate in education about residential schools and the history of Indigenous people in our country. It is a great educational day which will include the displays at the Lake of the Museum and Art Centre which will provide a great deal of history and education for the staff. All staff are being provided a custom orange shirt and will be worn on that day. This is mandatory training for all staff and all employees will be expected to

participate. The Lake of the Woods Museum exhibit "We were taught differently" is a very powerful display and will provide a great deal of history and education for everyone.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

No Reports

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 Engineering & Infrastructure Q3 Report

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives the Engineering and Infrastructure Services third quarter update as presented.

Discussion: Council is very pleased to see a report of this type. It provides a great deal of information that is helpful to Council to know and understand. It was a team effort in the Engineering & Infrastructure Department to put together the information and the team was excited to provide this information to Council to highlight the works of their teams. Kevin Gannon, Director of the Division highlighted the various areas and the contents of the report.

4. Community Services

4.1 Kenora Recreation Centre Concession Contract

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an extension to the contract agreement between the City of Kenora and Chad Gropp as established in the original Agreement authorized by By-law number 137-2018 for operation of the Kenora Recreation Centre Concession for one additional season ending July 31st, 2022.

4.2 Recreation Q3 Reports

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives the Community Services Department quarterly update ending August 2021.

Discussion: Community Services Division developed the content of the report and it was highlighted how well the departments work together. Various projects were highlighted which also outlined the departments working together to make these projects come together. Council appreciated the report and having this type of information available to them on all the various projects in the Division.

5. Development Services

5.1 Application to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an application to the Rural Economic Development (RED) program for the design, development and installation of new streetscaping elements in the Harbourn Centre in the amount of \$45,000; and further

That the City of Kenora confirms its financial commitment of up to \$10,000 to be funded through the Municipal Accommodation Tax; and further

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

5.2 Application to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an application to the Government of Canada Rural Transit Solutions Fund for the development of a micro-transit feasibility study.

Discussion: Would this funding also include water transit. We have great assets on the water that many cannot access. It is currently not in the project scope, but we can look at it under a different project stream.

5.3 Request for Closure of Roads and Declaration of Surplus Land – Property Described as “Evergreen” site

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora close the Road Allowances identified as PIN 42169-043, PIN 42169-244, and PIN 42169-0245; and further

That the Road Allowances identified as PIN 42169-0243, PIN 42169-0244, and PIN 42169-0245, and the property described as PIN 42169-0162, be declared surplus to the requirements of the Municipality; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to declare these described lands as surplus to the needs of the municipality at its September 21, 2021 meeting; and further

That Council hereby authorizes a purchase and sale agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and 5901058 Manitoba Ltd. for the sale of the identified lands in the amount of \$42,000.00; and further

That three readings be given to three by-laws for these purposes.

F. Proclamations

Mayor Reynard then read the following proclamations:

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 20-24, 2021
- Franco-Ontarian Day - September 25, 2021

G. Other – Statutory Planning meeting held at 12:00 p.m.

Public Zoning Bylaw Amendment D14-21-07 - 661 Ninth Street North

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. D14-21-07, to change the zoning of a portion of the subject property from “ML” Light Industrial Zone to “GC” General Commercial Zone; and further

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

Other:

- Councillor Chaze expressed it is nice to be in person in the Chambers for meetings.
- Councillor Goss took a drive around the community to look and see what is going on and there are signs of progress in this community post COVID. There is quality and quantity of

work and despite all the negativity, our community is starting to feel more excitement and good things on the horizon.

- Councillor Van Wallegem was at the Lake of the Woods Speedway for their final event and had over 200 people in the bleachers. There were activities for the kids, food trucks and it was a great event. Anthony Leek has received tremendous support from the local community through contractors' equipment and supplies.
- Mayor Reynard attended the St. Andrews Memorial Garden event on Sunday and they did an amazing job with that project. It is an example when people put their energies together people support them and a great project comes together.

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 12, 2021

I. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor G. Chaze, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:

That Council now adjourn to a closed session at 9:58 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) Labour Relations (2 matters-Pines contract, new position)
- ii) Educating & Training Members of Council (1 matter-Support Agencies information session)

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 4:40 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.