



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
9:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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Present: Mayor Daniel Reynard (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)
Councillor Mort Goss (Chair)
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Andrew Poirier
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Chris Van Walleghem

Regrets: Councillor Graham Chaze

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Stace Gander, Director of Community Services, Charlotte Edie, Director of Finance, Josh Nelson, Recreation & Tourism Manager, Megan Dokuchie, Economic Development Officer

Blessing & Land Acknowledgment
Councillor Smith

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 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 August 9, 2022 meeting:-

- Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 from the Insurance Deductible Reserves to cover the deductible for the a flood damage claims

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 R. McMillan & Carried:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 12, 2022 and the Special Committee of the Whole July 12 and 19, 2022 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

Cathy Bilyk, Protesting the Proposed Zoning Bylaw

The residents of Black Sturgeon Lake have concerns about proposed changes to the draft Official Plan. They did not receive notice of the proposed changes and are bringing forward their concerns regarding the draft plan.

The group was encouraged to email their concerns into planning@kenora.ca as this process is still in consultation phase. This Council will not be considering the new Official Plan/Zoning bylaw and will be considered by the new Council.

E. Reports:

1. Corporate Services / Finance / Human Resources

1.1 June 2022 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at June 30, 2022.

Discussion: There are two large invoices outstanding for the flooding claims which are pushing closer to \$700,000 in expenses. There is a spike in sales for bag tags prior to the pricing increase.

1.2 Section 357's

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves Section 357 tax adjustments with potential refunds totaling \$10,994.29.

1.3 Budget Amendment – Insurance Deductible Reserve

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an allocation of \$100,000 from the Insurance Deductible Reserve to cover the deductible for the a flood damage claim; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2022 Operating Budget at its August 9, 2022 meeting to withdraw funds from the Insurance Deductible Reserve for this purpose; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2022 operating budget for this purpose.

Discussion: We are initiating an insurance claim, as part of the eligibility criteria for the disaster relief funding.

1.4 Committee Review

Recommendation:

That the 2018-2022 term of Council reviewed the existing Boards and Committees that form part of this term of Council and hereby support the Kenora Urban Recreational Trails Committee be excluded from the renewal process at end of term November 14, 2022; and further

That the terms of reference for this committee be repealed effective November 14, 2022.

Discussion: The Trails committee has been fairly inactive over the past few years and having a full time committee at this point is not necessary. Figuring out a mechanism to keep the initiatives active through administration. Goal #3 in the strategic plan is the recreation goals and two objectives are providing alternate modes of transportation and expanding our trails. The trails are important to our community and it sits in our strategic plan and we need to continue to look at it. The trails committee does have a master plan to connect all our trails and some things have not been completed but it is still important to find a mechanism to work with the community.

Stace Gander advised that we are going through the final stages of the parks and recreation master plan. After completing the strat plan, is developing the work plans and that is how we will not lose sight of those work plans.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

No Reports

3. Engineering & Infrastructure

3.1 E & I Second Quarter Report

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives the Engineering & Infrastructure Departments quarterly & operational updates ending June 2022.

Discussion: Marco Vogrig, Acting Director of Engineering & Infrastructure reviewed all the works that have taken place up to the end of June. The potholes continue to be a concern for the community, however, the water challenges in 2022 have caused significant issues for the roads division.

4. Community Services

4.1 Community Services Second Quarter Report

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives the Community Services Division second quarter report for 2022 as presented.

Discussion: Stace Gander provided an overview of all the projects that have taken place this year.

5. Development Services

5.1 Tourism & Economic Development Strategy Year One Update

Recommendation:

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That Council receives the Five Year Tourism and Economic Development Strategy plan update, as presented by staff.

Discussion: It was suggested that communications develop a Facebook post on what the MAT is and what projects are taking place are funded through this accommodation tax, not tax dollars.

F. Proclamations

None

G. Other

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 13, 2022

I. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:

That this meeting now be adjourned to a closed session at 10:11 a.m.; and further

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Committee to move into a Closed Session to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Disposition of Land (3 matters-Creighton Youth Centre lease, McLeod Park project, Pocket Park project)
- ii) Educating & Training Members of Council (1 matter-CAO update)

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 12:35 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.