



MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
12:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual**

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**With** Acting Deputy Mayor Poirier in the Chair, Councillor G. Chaze, Councillor M. Goss, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor C. Van Wallegghem (virtual attendance)

**Regrets:** Mayor D. Reynard, Councillor S. Smith

**Staff:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Charlotte Edie, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Adam Smith, Director of Development Services, Kevin Gannon, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Stace Gander, Director of Community Services, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources, Kent Readman, Fire Chief

### **Call to Order**

Acting Deputy Mayor Poirier called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **Blessing & Land Acknowledgment 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 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 Information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007**

Mayor Reynard then read the following notices:-

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following at today's meeting:-

Authorize budget amendments for the following:

- \$260,000 to be funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to install an accessible playground at Norman Park
- \$789,437 to be funded through Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) revenues for the delivery of the 2022 MAT Program
- Authorize an emergency purchase of a 2020 Western Star mounted with a 2021

Vactor 2100i PD body truck in the amount of \$234,000.00+HST to be funded through the Water & Wastewater reserve

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

Mayor Reynard then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof pertaining to any items as follows:-

- i) On Today's Agenda or from a previous Meeting
  - ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance
- There were none declared.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – January 18, 2022

### **Deputations**

None

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **December 2021 Financial Statements**

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

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

### **Emergency Vehicle Purchase – Water Wastewater Division**

#### **3. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an allocation of \$234,000.00 + HST to be funded through the Water & Wastewater Reserve for the emergency purchase of a 2020 Western Star mounted with a 2021 Vactor 2100i PD body for the Water and Wastewater Division in advance of the 2022 budget approval.

### **Central Community Club Project Contract Execution-Solid Construction**

#### **4. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract agreement between The Corporation of the City of Kenora and Solid Construction in the amount of \$1,302,915 for the purpose of constructing the new club house, outdoor rink and green space to be located at Central Park; and further

That Council accept the modified scope of work for this project, which excludes a slab design, in favour of the piles and grade beam design for the rink; and further

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

## **Vending Truck Program**

### **5. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council approves the continuation of the City of Kenora Vending Truck program; and further

That Council directs staff to undertake a competitive Request for Proposals process to engage vending trucks for the 2022 season; and further

That Council hereby delegates authority to the City Clerk to enter into vending truck agreements with selected proponents for the Harbourfront and Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre locations.

## **Budget Amendment-Norman Park Accessible Playground**

### **6. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves a budget amendment in the amount of \$260,000 to be funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to install an accessible playground at Norman Park; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2022 Capital Budget at its February 15, 2022 meeting for this purpose; and further

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

## **Application to FedNor-Feasibility Study for By-Pass Corridor Development**

### **7. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves an application to FedNor in the amount of \$200,000 to undertake a feasibility study to examine opportunities for commercial development along the Highway 17 by-pass corridor; and further

That the City of Kenora confirms its financial contribution of up to \$20,000 to be funded through Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) revenues; and further

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

## **Budget Amendment-2022 Municipal Accommodation Tax Program**

### **8. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an allocation of \$789,437 to be funded through Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) revenues for the delivery of the 2022 MAT Program; and

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2022 Capital Budget at its February 15, 2022 meeting to withdraw funds from MAT revenues in the amount of \$789,437; and further

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

### **Contract Agreement-WSP-16<sup>th</sup> Ave N Railroad Crossing Improvements**

#### **9. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and WSP for consulting services for the Railway Street Phase 3 project related to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave North Railroad Crossing Improvements.

### **Funding Agreement-Dedicated Gas Tax**

#### **10. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a by-law to authorize the execution of a letter of agreement between the City of Kenora and the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program for future years; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement.

### **Funding Agreement-MMAH-Modernization Funding Intake 3**

#### **11. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Government of Ontario for the provision of Municipal Modernization Program Funding in the amount of \$66,144; and further

That the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement.

### **NOHFC Phase 2 Funding Applications**

#### **12. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council hereby authorizes the City of Kenora's total contribution in the amount of \$551,666.67 for the Dock upgrade project (\$160,000), Baseball diamond enhancement project (\$166,666.67) and Keewatin Memorial Arena – repair and upgrade project (\$225,000); and further

That three applications to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under its Rural Enhancement Funding Stream have been completed with the requested contributions Dock upgrade project (\$480,000), Baseball diamond enhancement project (\$500,000) and Keewatin Memorial Arena – repair and upgrade project (\$500,00); for a combined amount of \$1,480,000; and further

That the City be responsible for any cost overruns or any costs deemed ineligible for these projects.

**Discussion:** Stace Gander, Community Services Director advised Council of the capital project outlines: Keewatin Arena includes \$100,000 to repair the roof, dehumidifier for \$50,000 and tile replacement for \$65,000 and dock replacement. Baseball there is three projects including lighting, infill and overall baseball enhancements.

## **Funding Agreement-Ontario Trillium Foundation-Norman Park Project**

### **13. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Ontario Trillium Foundation to proceed with the Norman Park accessible playground; and further

That the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to execute this agreement.

## **Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary-December 2021**

### **14. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the December 2021 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

## **Approval of By-laws**

### **15. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That the following By-laws be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

# 7-2022 – Confirmatory

# 8-2022 – Contract Execution with Solid Construction-Central Community Club

# 9-2022 – Budget Amendment-Norman Park Accessible Playground

#10-2022 – Budget Amendment-2022 Municipal Accommodation Tax Program

#11-2022 – Contract Agreement-WSP-16<sup>th</sup> Ave N Railroad Crossing Improvements

#12-2022 – Funding Agreement-Dedicated Gas Tax

#13-2022 – Funding Agreement with MMAH-Modernized Funding Intake 3

#14-2022 – Funding Agreement- Ontario Trillium Foundation-Norman Park Project

## **Notices of Motion**

None

## **Proclamations**

- February 20-26, 2022 Rotary Week

## **Announcements**

### **The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Councillor Goss extended thanks to the staff for pursuing various grant opportunities and the quality of grant receipts has been significant and that enhances our community.
2. Councillor McMillan acknowledged the local mental health association and the advocacy and promotion of anti-bullying both in schools but in workplaces and a lot of work being done to address those issues. Rotary is celebrating Peace and Reconciliation month for the month of February.
3. Acting Deputy Mayor Poirier noted it is nice to be back in Council Chambers and hope that we can continue.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**16. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 12:22 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (1 matter – CAO update)
- ii) Labour Relations (1 matter–new position)

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 1:37 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

**17. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 1:37 p.m.

**The Corporation of the City of Kenora:**

**Confirmed As Written This .....Day**

**Of.....2022**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**