



# MINUTES

Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora

Friday, October 7, 2022

12:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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**With** Mayor D. Reynard in the Chair, Councillor M. Goss, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor S. Smith, Councillor C. Van Walleghem

**Regrets:** Councillor G. Chaze, Councillor R. McMillan

**Staff:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Charlotte Edie, Director of Finance, Ryan Marsh, Incoming Director of Finance

## Call to Order

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon

## 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:-

- Council will amend their December meeting schedule to reflect the December Committee of the Whole date being December 5 at 9 a.m.

## 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 A. Poirier, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – September 20, 2022

## **Deputations**

None

## **Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **August 2022 Financial Statements**

### **2. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at August 31, 2022.

## **2021 Budget Shifts by Director of Finance/Deputy Treasurer**

### **3. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council approve the 2021 budget changes by the Director of Finance or Deputy Treasurer from January 1 to December 31, 2021.

## **December Meeting Series Date Change**

### **4. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby amends the 2022 Council meeting calendar to reflect the December Committee of the Whole meeting date be rescheduled to Monday, December 5, 2022.

## **Agreement–J. Schott-Operation & Maintenance of Coney Island Park**

### **5. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora gives three readings to a bylaw authorizing an agreement between the City of Kenora and Jennifer Schott for the purpose of providing operations and maintenance of Coney Island Park for a three year term including 2023, 2024 and 2025.

## **Adoption of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

### **6. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the new City of Kenora Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## **Application to NOHFC & FedNor – McLeod Park Phase II**

### **7. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council approves an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) in the amount of \$558,123 for the second phase rehabilitation and renovation of McLeod Park; and further

That Council approves an application to FedNor in the amount of \$558,123 for the second phase rehabilitation and renovation of McLeod Park; and further

That Council confirms its financial commitment of up to \$124,026 for the project to be funded through Municipal Accommodation Tax revenues and the Future Land Development Reserve; and further

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

### **Advocacy for Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot**

#### **8. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

Whereas the Government of Canada announced the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot in 2019 to assist in attracting and retaining skilled immigrants in Canada's rural and northern communities in response to labour market challenges; and

Whereas the City of Kenora had supported an application to be a host community under the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot in partnership with the Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corporation; and

Whereas the City of Kenora was not selected as a host community; and

Whereas the City of Kenora, local businesses and other community partners have, since that time, advocated for the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot to be expanded to include additional communities; and

Whereas the recent geographic expansion of the Thunder Bay catchment area for the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot announced in August 2022 did not include the City of Kenora;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council hereby petitions the Government of Canada and the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission to include the City of Kenora in the Thunder Bay catchment area for the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot or as a standalone community; and further

That a copy of this advocacy and support be provided to Eric Melillo, MP, Greg Rickford, MPP, the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission requesting that the City of Kenora be included in the Thunder Bay catchment area for the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot, or alternatively, as a standalone community.

### **Various Committee Minutes**

#### **9. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby adopts the following Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- September 28, 2022 - Kenora Public Library Board Minutes

That Council hereby receives the following Minutes from other various Committees:

- June 30, 2022 – Police Services Board; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

### **Water & Wastewater Monthly Summary – August 2022**

**10. Moved by C. Van Walleggem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the August 2022 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Various Agreements**

**11. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute the following agreements on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Kenora:

Services Agreement – Moncrief Construction – Pinecone Drive works  
Agreement – Canada, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – Active  
Transportation Master Plan  
Agreement – Canada, Minister of Infrastructure of Communities – Micro-Transit  
Feasibility Study

That three readings be given to bylaws for this purpose.

### **Approval of By-laws**

**12. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & 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:~

- #138-2022 – Confirmatory
- #139-2022 - Agreement -Jennifer Schott - Operation & Maintenance of Coney Island Park
- #140-2022 - Services Agreement – Moncrief Construction – Pinecone Drive works
- #141-2022 - Agreement–Canada, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – Active  
Transportation Master Plan
- #142-2022 - Agreement–Canada, Minister of Infrastructure of Communities–Micro-  
Transit Feasibility Study

### **Notices of Motion**

None

### **Proclamations**

- Purple Thursday – October 20
- World Polio Day – October 24

**Announcements**

**The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Kyle Attanasio, CAO provided Council with information regarding the capital works projects and the timelines associated with completion of those works.
2. Councillor Smith expressed her closing remarks as this is the last regular meeting of this council. She thanked the community for being so kind to her during her time on Council and expressed her gratitude to her her colleagues around the table.
3. Councillor Van Walleghem is pleased to see the Central Park project moving along and is progressing quickly. He appreciated everyone he worked with on Council and staff.
4. Councillor Goss expressed how hard the last four years has been on Council and staff but proud of all the work that has been accomplished regardless of the extensive challenges they faced.
5. Councillor Poirier thanked the public for the privilege to serve the public again after an absence of two terms. He extended his appreciation to each member of Council for the relationships they all built together as a team.
6. Mayor Reynard spoke to the success of this term of Council and all the activity that is taking place. He offered sincere appreciation to staff and fellow Council members for all the success the team had during this term. He will miss the collaboration and relationships he has built during his term as Mayor.
7. Kyle Attanasio expressed his appreciation to all of the staff, administration and this term of Council.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**13. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & 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 12:57 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (2 matters-CAO & Mayor update)

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 2:45 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

**14. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 2:45 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**