



# MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – City Council Chambers  
12:00 p.m.**

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**WITH** Mayor D. Canfield in the Chair, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor D. Reynard  
Councillor L. Roussin, Councillor S. Smith, Councillor C. Wasacase, Councillor M. Goss

**Staff:** Karen Brown, CAO, Lauren D’Argis, Corporate Services Manager, Rick Perchuk,  
Operations Manager, Todd Skene, Emergency Services Manager, Andrew Glassco,  
Manager of Community & Development Services, Colleen Neil, Recreation Services  
Leader, Heather Lajeunesse, Deputy Clerk

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Canfield called the meeting to order and Councillor Wasacase delivered a blessing.

### **Public Information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007**

#### **Mayor Canfield 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 include \$22,333.34 (plus HST) under the 2016 Water and Sewer 2016 Capital Budget

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

Mayor Canfield 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

- Councillor R. McMillan declared an indirect pecuniary interest related to Resolution number 14 regarding Various Committee Minutes as his spouse is a member of the Kenora Police Services Board and receives remuneration.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-

- Regular Meeting held February 16, 2016
- Special Meeting of Council held February 19, 2016

## **Deputations**

N/A

## **Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **Kenora Baseball League Community Foundation Application**

### **2. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes the use of the City of Kenora's Charitable Status by the Kenora Baseball League (KBL) to apply for a grant from the Moffat Family Foundation via the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation to be used specifically towards the improvements to the Jaffray Melick Ball Fields.

## **Pre Budget Submission Support**

### **3. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

Whereas municipalities continue to face significant financial strains on annual operating and capital budgets with the demands placed solely on municipalities; and

Whereas the infrastructure deficit is perhaps the most significant fiscal pressure facing municipalities; and

Whereas roads and bridges that were built by the Province are a significant contributor to the infrastructure deficit that Kenora is facing with immediate necessary repairs required with no funding for these repairs, leaving the sole cost burdened to the municipality; and

Whereas many small and rural municipalities have a limited assessment base and programs such as the OMPF fund is a major source of revenue for rural municipalities which continues to decrease annually leaving the municipality with a further burden which they must find savings to offset the lost revenue; and

Whereas emergency services costs broadly have been increasing at three times the rate of inflation annually since 2002, primarily due to salary costs; and

Whereas social services costs are continuing to rise with additional service cost responsibilities being passed onto municipalities with no revenues to offset those costs; and

Whereas high energy costs are impacting the viability and attraction of business to rural areas and also impacts the ability for rural families to stay in their homes;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the City of Kenora supports, in principle, the recommendations outlined in the following documents as presented to the Minister of Finance / Standing Committee of Finance and Economic Affairs developed through its Legislative & Policy Advisory Committee which outlines and provides important feedback to the challenges municipalities face:

1. Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario's (AMCTO's) pre-budget submission "Seeing the Big Picture Local Government Priorities for the 2016 Budget"
2. Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO's) pre-budget submission
3. Rural Ontario Municipal Association's (ROMA's) pre-budget submission

; and further

That notice of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, Ontario's Budget Secretariat, Ontario's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Local MPP's, the Kenora District Services Board, as well as AMCTO, AMO and ROMA.

### **Sewage Pump Emergency Replacement**

#### **4. Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a sewage pump in the amount of \$22,333.34 (HST extra); and further

That Council hereby approves this purchase prior to approval of the 2016 Water and Sewer Capital Budget to be funded through the appropriation of \$22,333.34 (HST extra), from the Water and Sewer Reserve Fund; and further

That in accordance with Public Notices bylaw 144-2007 public notice is hereby given that Council will include these funds under the 2016 Water and Sewer Capital Budget; and further

That the only quotation for the supply and delivery of a 6W JFS Heavy Duty Grease Lube Vertical Pump from Industrial Fluid Consultants in the amount of \$22,333.34 (HST extra) be hereby accepted.

### **Traffic Amendment – Valley Drive Parking**

#### **5. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-**

That Council authorizes an amendment to the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015 to include changes to Schedule "B" No Parking Tow Away Zone and to Schedule "F" No Parking – Seasonal Basis, for Valley Drive; and further

That three readings be given to an amending by-law for this purpose.

### **Traffic Amendment – Beach Road Rate of Speed**

#### **6. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council authorizes an amendment to the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015 to include changes to Schedule "T" – Rate of Speed – 25 Kilometres Per Hour Zone and additions to 40 Kilometres Per Hour Zone for Beach Road, St. Clair Street and Fourteenth Street; and further

That three readings be given to an amending by-law for this purpose.

### **Request to Purchase Municipal Property - Watson**

#### **7. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That the Council of the City of Kenora directs Staff to contact a party interested in purchasing a portion of municipal road allowance to indicate that the subject lands will not be declared surplus and sold because it may be required for future development.

### **2015 Kenora Drinking Water System Summary Report**

#### **8. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the 2015 Kenora Drinking Water System Summary Report, for the period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, as prepared by Biman Paudel, Water and Sewer Supervisor.

### **2015 Contracts & Expenditures**

#### **9. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives this information report of Lauren D'Argis, Corporate Services Manager with respect to contracts awarded within the Manager's approved limits for January to December 2015.

### **Investment Report including Citizen's Prosperity Trust Fund**

#### **10. Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the 2015 Fourth Quarter investment report that includes details of the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund and other City of Kenora Investments.

### **2015 Council Remuneration**

#### **11. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-**

That Council receive the reports prepared by Charlotte Edie, Treasurer dated February 16, 2016 as required under Section 284 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, setting out the Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenditures for Members of Council in accordance with Remuneration By-law #48-2013.

### **Natural Gas Service Expansion**

#### **12. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

Whereas there are 14 rural and remote municipalities in Northwestern Ontario and a number of First Nation communities who do not have direct access to piped natural gas; and

Whereas the residents and businesses in those communities without natural gas service must pay significantly more to heat their buildings and homes than communities with natural gas service; and

Whereas we believe there is a public interest and benefit in extending natural gas services to rural and remote communities; and

Whereas we often hear from the residents and businesses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas and the limitations and barriers they face in not having access to natural gas causes; and

Whereas current economic tests and ratemaking mechanisms associated with new connections to the existing natural gas distribution system do not encourage utilities to expand in Northwestern Ontario; and

Whereas currently natural gas expansion in Northwest Ontario requires the new customers to pay. In contrast the vast majority of the existing system was paid for by the rate payers as a whole; and

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board has initiated a hearing on its own motion to consider what mechanisms may be used to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities that do not currently have access to natural gas; and

Whereas NOMA, NOACC and CVNW (the Coalition) have requested intervenor status on behalf of their member ratepayers (current and future) in Northwestern Ontario; and  
Whereas the position of the Coalition is that the cost of expanding natural gas service to communities without it should be shared by all gas rate payers in the Province of Ontario and the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests; to expand natural gas distribution on such basis;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the City of Kenora advises the Ontario Energy Board that it supports the position adopted by NOMA, NOACC and CVNW that the expansion of the natural gas distribution system should be paid for by all current and future gas rate payers and the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to expand natural gas distribution on such basis.

### **Health & Safety Policy Statement Endorsement**

#### **13. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the City of Kenora Occupational Health and Safety Policy, the City of Kenora Workplace Harassment Policy and the City of Kenora Workplace Violence Prevention Policy; and further

And that the signatures of the Mayor and CAO are affixed to said policies along with the date of endorsement and are posted in all workplaces.

### **Various Committee Minutes**

#### **14. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

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

- January 13 & February 10 – Harbourtown BIZ
- February 2 – Event Centre Committee
- February 3 – Kenora Urban Trails Committee
- February 10 – Environmental Advisory Committee; and

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

- November 27 – Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health
- December 2 – Kenora Police Services Board
- December 17 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Board of Management
- January 14 – Kenora District Services Board
- January 19 – Planning Advisory Committee; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

**Councillor McMillan abstained.**

### **January 2016 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary**

**15. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the January 2016 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Weed Inspector Appointment**

**16. Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to appoint Carson Milko as the Weed Inspector for the City of Kenora; and further

That bylaw number 35-2009 be hereby repealed.

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

**17. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by D. Reynard & 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:~

**#21-2016** – Confirm the proceedings of Council

**#22-2016** – Traffic Amendment – No Parking Valley Drive

**#23-2016** – Traffic Amendment – Rate of Speed Beach Road

**#24-2016** – Weed Inspector Appointment

### **Notices of Motion**

None

### **Proclamations**

- Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2016
- Be A Donor Month – April

### **Announcements**

**The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Mayor and Council expressed their continued acknowledgment of the excellent volunteers in our community and of City staff efforts put into special events. Reference was made to the events of the past couple weeks, including the Winter

Carnival events and fireworks show, as well as the OFSAA girls' volleyball tournament.

2. Mayor and Council acknowledged the community and volunteer efforts put into the ongoing search for the missing teen from our community. Every inch of the community has been covered and it is hopeful there will be some leads as the search continues for Delaine Copenace.
3. Mayor Canfield reminded Council of the upcoming NOMA conference taking place in Thunder Bay April 27-29 and asked those interested in attending to confirm their attendance.

**Close of Meeting**

**18. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**Of.....2016**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**