



MINUTES

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

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

**Staff:** Karen Brown, CAO, Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Canfield called the meeting to order and Councillor Goss 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 intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to increase water and wastewater rates by 8%

## **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 McMillan declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates resolution number 5 regarding financial statements as it relates to his spouse who is a member of the Police Services Board and this resolution relates to the Police Services Board.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

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

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

- Regular Meeting held October 18, 2016

## **Deputations**

### **Mr. Martin Midgard – Traffic Speed on James Road**

Mr. Midgard has come to this meeting today to request a reduction in the speed limit on the James Road from the existing 60 KMH to 50 KMH.(we all know that people exceed

the limit by 10 KMH or more). Traffic on the James Road has increased considerably over the last decade and at least triples during the summer months – day and night. There are a lot of seasonal and non-seasonal residents that walk along the road throughout the entire year. Some walk with their dogs, some walk with their grandchildren, and some have little ones in strollers. With the road being as narrow as it is, some people don't even slow down. They swerve to the other side of the road and hope no one is coming from the opposite direction. There are no sidewalks on the James Road as it is a country road, so pedestrians must walk along the roadway. The Midgard house is within close proximity to the roadway and because it is adjacent to a hill there have been numerous near collisions, especially in the winter. Mr. Midgard would also like to request that a community safety zone be established from the hill before blue road sign 503 (also a hill exists at this property as well) to the start of the sub division as this is a built up area with homes located near the road. There are a number of other country roads within the City limits that have had their speed limits reduced over the years.

Mayor Canfield thanked Mr. Midgard for his deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **Appointment to the Kenora Urban Trails Committee**

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

That Council hereby accepts the resignation of James Williams from the Kenora Urban Trails Committee effective immediately; and further

That Council hereby appoints Logan Wright to the Kenora Urban Trails Committee for a term at the pleasure of Council.

### **Q3 Investments**

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

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the 2016 third quarter investment report that includes details of the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund and other City of Kenora investments.

### **AMO "What's Next Ontario"**

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

Whereas recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities; and

Whereas infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government; and

Whereas a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs; and

Whereas the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years; and

Whereas this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled; and

Whereas if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years; and

Whereas Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country; and

Whereas each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the City of Kenora supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

### **September 2016 Monthly Financial Statements**

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

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at September 30, 2016.

### **2017 Water and Wastewater Rate Increase**

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

That as recommended by BMA Management Consulting Inc. in the Water and Wastewater Long Range Financial Plan Forecast approved by Council resolution on November 17, 2015, the 2017 water and sewer rates be increased by 8% over the 2016 rates; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to increase water and sewer rates by 8% at its November 15, 2016 meeting; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law for this purpose; and further

That these rates shall take effect and come into force on January 1, 2017.

### **District of Kenora Home for the Aged Reappointment**

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

That Council hereby re-appoints James Blight to the Board of Management for the District of Kenora Home for the Aged for a term at the pleasure of Council.

## **NCIR Funding Date Amendment**

### **8. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council authorizes the CAO to amend the funding agreement with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to reflect a project end date from December 15, 2016 to March 15, 2017; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

## **Various Committee Minutes**

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

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

- June 22 – Kenora Public Library Board; and

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

- June 22 & September 30 – Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health
- August 30 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Board of Management
- September 8 – Kenora District Services Board; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

## **September 2016 Water & Wastewater Monthly Summary Report**

### **10. Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

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

## **Ski Hill Community Foundation Grant Application**

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

That Council hereby supports Mount Evergreen Ski Club's request to name the City of Kenora as a sponsor in their application for funds through the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation for tiller repairs.

## **Approval of By-laws**

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

- #127-2016** – Confirm the proceedings of Council
- #128-2016** – Water & Wastewater Rate Increase
- #129-2016** – NCIR Funding Date Agreement Amendment

## **Notices of Motion**

None

**Proclamations**

None

**Announcements**

**The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Councillor McMillan thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the Energy Symposium held by AMO. He encouraged another member of Council to attend which had speakers outside government and it was a valuable conference.
2. Councillor Goss announced the Christmas tree going up and the tree lighting ceremony on Friday.
3. Mayor Canfield referenced the Energy Summit and highlighted the low carbon world and the changes that are coming. This was a strong message throughout the presentations. Council will see a report in December from Adam on a Municipal Energy plan.
4. Mayor Canfield referenced the Mining Summit in Sudbury and the various discussions during the conference.
5. Mayor Canfield announced the Holiday Train coming through on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Miracle Marathon November 25 and 26.
6. Mayor Canfield referenced Minister Mauro’s visit and he did tour the Minister to all our bridges.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**13. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & 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 12:43 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

**Educating & Training Members of Council (1 item)**

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 3:52 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

**22. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 3:52 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**