



City of Kenora

Committee of the Whole Agenda

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

9:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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 November 15, 2016 meeting:-

- Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to increase water and sewer rates by 8%

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.

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes

Motion:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 4, 2016 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

- Lake of the Woods Development Commission – Q3 Activities

E. Reports:

1. Corporate Services & Strategic Initiatives

Item Subject

Pages

- 1.1. Q3 Investments
- 1.2. AMO "What's Next Ontario"
- 1.3. ROMA-OGRA Delegation Requests
- 1.4. September 2016 Financial Statements
- 1.5. Thunder Bay Symphony Support
- 1.6. Water & Sewer Rate increase

2. Fire & Emergency Services

Item Subject

Pages

None

3. Operations & Infrastructure

Item Subject

Pages

None

4. Community & Development Services

Item Subject

Pages

None

Other:

Proclamations:

- Veterans Week

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Motion - Adjourn to Closed Meeting:

That this meeting be now declared closed at _____ 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: -

- Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land (2 matters)
- Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (2 matter)

Adjournment



October 23, 2016

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Charlotte Edie, Treasurer

**RE: Investment Report including Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund –
Quarter 3**

Recommendation:

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.

Background Information:

Kenora Citizen's Prosperity Trust Fund (KCPTF):

In 2008, City Council approved the establishment of the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund. The proceeds of disposition from the sale of the KMTS entities of \$40,896,446 were transferred to this Fund.

In order to offset lost net revenues as a result of the sale of the KMTS entities, the City requires an annual return of \$1,100,000 in income from the Trust, in addition to the elimination of long term debt payments which occurred in 2007. This transfer has not been deducted from the investment values below. Any erosion of the balance of the Trust will result in an additional burden on City taxpayers.

The first KCPTF portfolio is with the ONE Public Sector Group of Funds and accounts for almost one quarter of the Trust Fund. The market value of this investment at September 30, 2016 is \$11,931,566. (This is an increase of \$364,406 in market value from June 30, 2016.) This portfolio is held in bond, universal corporate bond and equity funds that are all monitored to ensure that they remain within the Ontario Provincial legislation for municipal investments. The year to date actual return on these ONE fund investments for 2016 is 8.46%. This rate reflects the total return including market impact. The return on book value for year to date 2016 is 1.51%. Currently the universal bond fund is generating 6.74% and the equity fund is generating 13.71% on a cumulative basis (including market impact).

The second and largest KCPTF portfolio is managed by Manulife Asset Management with RBC Dexia Investor Services as custodians. The City receives quarterly reports and information. The September 30, 2016 report is attached. The market value of these investments is \$25,369,550 (\$100,633 higher than the value at the end of June 2016). Securities held in this portfolio are largely bank and federal and provincial government issues. The year to date return on these funds is 1.57%. The rate of return since inception is 3.02%. These returns also take the market impact into account.

In addition, the KCPTF holds \$6,859,776 in debt from the City of Kenora. The rate of return on this debt is 3%.

Other Investments:

The City of Kenora maintains investment portfolios separate from the Kenora Citizen's Prosperity Trust Fund. These investments are entirely held in the ONE Public Sector Group of Funds and the market value at September 30, 2016 is \$12,542,680. (This is an increase of \$340,932 in market value from March 31, 2016.) This portfolio is held in bond, universal corporate bond and equity funds that are all monitored to ensure that they remain within the Ontario Provincial legislation for municipal investments. The year to date return for this portfolio is 7.6%. The year to date return on book value is 1.58%.

Budget:

There is no expected budget impact as a result of this report.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

For information only

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

Report is required per policy CS 4-2.



October 25, 2016

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

Re: AMO What's Next Ontario? Project

Recommendation:

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.

Background:

A letter was received by AMO requesting every council to be involved in the "What's Next Ontario?" project. There is a looming fiscal gap facing Ontario's municipalities. What's Next Ontario? is about recognizing the gap and seeking sector support for closing it. AMO is requesting every council in Ontario to adopt a sample resolution, and return to AMO by December 1, 2016.

Ontarians see infrastructure as the number one challenge facing their community. Even if we raise property taxes and user fees by inflation (1.8%), we will still be \$3.6 billion short to fix the infrastructure gap, every year for ten years.

We could finance this gap by increasing property taxes. It would require property tax revenue increases of 4.6% annually for 10 years, sector-wide. And, what happens if the federal or provincial governments pull back on future commitments? That could mean property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% annually for 10 years, sector-wide. How might these numbers translate locally as an annual rate increase?

The proposed resolution is a starting point for AMO to keep pushing as a unified body of municipalities across Ontario for change.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Resolution to AMO and copied to all municipalities

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

2-1 The City will ensure that our municipal infrastructure is maintained using available resources with the intent of moving towards all City infrastructure being in a good state of repair to ensure certainty, security and long-term stability of our systems

2-2 The City will keep in the forefront that there is a significant infrastructure deficit, and current and future Councils will need to continue to work towards allocating sufficient resources to be able to adequately address this issue

2-4 The City will act as the catalyst for continuous improvements to the public realm

2-14 The City will be an active and vocal champion for fair funding from provincial and federal governments, including gas tax and other transfer allocations. Priority will be given to initiatives that directly address the infrastructure and community development challenges of the city

October 6, 2016

Dear Clerks:

AMO Seeks Council Resolution

On behalf of the AMO Board, I would ask you to place the attached resolution on council's next agenda along with this letter.

AMO wants every council to be involved in the *What's Next Ontario?* project. There is a looming fiscal gap facing Ontario's municipalities. *What's Next Ontario?* is about recognizing the gap and seeking sector support for closing it. The response has been impressive, but there's more to be done! We've boiled down the essence of the challenge we face in the next ten years to a one-page resolution. We urge every council in Ontario to adopt the resolution, and reply to AMO by December 1, 2016.

What does it say? We know Ontarians see infrastructure as the number one challenge facing their community. We know that even if we raise property taxes and user fees by inflation (1.8%), we will still be \$3.6 billion short to fix the infrastructure gap, every year for ten years. This is what we need to address. As elected officials, how do we deal with this challenge? What is the best approach? Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country. How high is too high?

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The attached resolution is a starting point. Thank you for bringing this to your council's attention. My e-mail address is on the resolution and I look forward to receiving council's support.

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 Ext. 323.

Yours sincerely,



Lynn Dollin
AMO President

WHAT'S NEXT ONTARIO? RESOLUTION

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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 this Council 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.

Please forward your resolution by December 1, 2016 to:
AMO President Lynn Dollin amopresident@amo.on.ca.



October 25, 2016

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Adam Smith, Special Projects and Research Officer

**Re: Delegation Requests for Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conferences**

Recommendation:

No recommendation. The intent of this report is to provide background information and proposed delegation requests for Council consideration to enable staff to submit the delegation requests for the upcoming ROMA and OGRA conferences.

Background:

Notification has recently been received that the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) will not be hosting a Combined Conference in 2017, as has been their practice for the past 16 years. ROMA hosted its first rural municipal conference in 1934 and continued to host it independently for 65 years. By reviving this tradition, ROMA "believes rural priorities can be better aligned, better understood, and better addressed."

The ROMA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto from Sunday, January 29th to Tuesday, January 31st, 2017. The OGRA Conference will be held at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto from Sunday, February 26th to Wednesday, February 28th, 2017.

At this time there has not been any communication from the Province regarding which Ministers will be attending the conferences. Both conferences have confirmed that there will be the opportunity for delegations with the Province. Staff are recommending that the delegation requests be divided between the two conferences.

Based on a review of the last AMO issues package, combined with a review of the updates to the City's strategic plan, the following delegation requests are being proposed for the conferences as indicated.

ROMA

Policing Costs: Hon. David Oraziotti, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

In 2013, the City's policing costs were close to \$900 per household. We thank you for your recent change with the police costing model which has lowered our costs somewhat, however, the new formula charges on calls for service over and above the base rate. Given that Kenora is surrounded by First Nations communities, our calls for service are significantly higher placing us in one of 6 communities in the province with policing costs

still over \$600 per household. We would like to discuss this impact and how we can work to change this based on our situation. We encourage the province to consider PLT reform and using dollars levied through PLT reform to offset the high OPP costs in these municipalities. We will also be looking at a strategy intended to help reduce the calls for service in Kenora, one of the main drivers for allocating policing costs to municipalities. We need the Province's commitment to help the City address the many social issues that result in the high number of calls for service, which we believe will ultimately not only provide a better quality of life for many of our residents, but in the long term result in savings for both the Province and the City of Kenora.

Community Health Care: Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Access to health care services and physician recruitment remain major hurdles to Kenora area citizens, First Nations and seasonal residents. Too often, we do not have access to specialist and other medical support in our own community, but also in Manitoba, which is our closest referral centre. When limits are in place, Kenora area patients are transferred to Thunder Bay for services available there or to Toronto, London, Hamilton and Ottawa. This is not acceptable. A health services agreement is needed between Ontario and Manitoba. In addition, we need specialists sufficient to carry out more treatment in Kenora. Another important issue is a walk-in clinic in Kenora. The current patient rostering system, used to pay general practitioners, makes creation of such a clinic difficult. Solutions are being sought by the Kenora Area Health Care Working Group (KAHCWG) with the Northwest LHIN. Finally, the KAHCWG is helping to pursue a fully equipped All Nations Hospital in Kenora that will attract general practitioners and specialists. Communities must take charge of their health care regimes to ensure quality care. The City supports the KAHCWG and they will not stop until there is a system that is as good as any in Ontario. The partnership of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is required in order to move this forward and address patient needs as outlined within the Patients First Document.

Labour Development: Hon. Michael Gravelle, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

The forestry and wood manufacturing sector in Northwestern Ontario requires approximately 18,000 new workers by 2020 due to a rebound in the industry. Other sectors in the regional economy including mining, tourism, construction and health-care are also increasingly predominant. However, there is a lack of skilled workers that hampers growth in these sectors and employers are finding it hard to staff their operations. Kenora requires the support of the Province in creating linkages between local educational institutions and employers and in promoting both emerging and resurgent sectors of the regional economy.

OGRA

Connecting Links Program: Hon. Steven Del Luca, Ministry of Transportation

Kenora's bridges have gained Province-wide recognition in relation to the significant infrastructure burden that they represent to our municipality and residents. The Premier herself has publicly recognized this significant burden to Kenora. These are not box culverts. Kenora bridges are multi-million dollar structures, some worth tens of millions of dollars, which used to receive between 80% - 100% capital funding from the Province. We have 18 bridges that are in need of repair that cannot be ignored. Kenora's bridge infrastructure is aging and represents a potentially significant cost to the City that cannot feasibly be maintained only through municipal tax dollars and without significant assistance from the Province. A significant share of this infrastructure is on Highway 17

which is the primary route of the Trans-Canada Highway in Ontario. Although Highway 17A serves as an alternate route and by-pass around Kenora, when there is an accident, all traffic is diverted into the City. Unfortunately, Kenora is not eligible for funding under the Connecting Links program despite fitting within the policy of the program. Highway 17 is a critical roadway that serves provincial and municipal interests, carries long distance provincial highway traffic moving through communities, as well as local traffic within the community. We are in an extremely unique situation when compared to any other municipality in Ontario and desperately need the Province's assistance in addressing the burden related to our bridges.

Funding Formulas: Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Ministry of Infrastructure

Both the top-up portion and the formula based portion of OCIF are not distributing funds fairly. The top-up portion of OCIF does not consider the magnitude of the infrastructure in the municipality. Municipalities may score the same on the top-up formula but may have very different needs. In addition, formulas for the allocation of OCIF formula-based funding are flawed. The formula-based portion of the OCIF uses book value as one of the measures in the formula. Given that newer assets will almost always have higher historical costs and therefore book value, this means that the municipalities with recently-replaced infrastructure will qualify for more funding. Further, historical costs were not consistently recorded by municipalities for PSAB. Auditors allowed municipalities to enter assets with zero historical cost if they were fully amortized. Therefore, while the numbers are correct for PSAB because the assets are fully amortized, municipalities are missing historical costs.

Housing: Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing

Through collaboration between services providers and the Province, the immediate need for a temporary emergency shelter has been resolved for the next two years. The KDSB in conjunction with the City and other partners are now moving forward in determining a long-term solution that can improve outcomes for clients. However, there still exists a serious need for affordable housing in Kenora and across the district. Between 2011 and 2015, the housing waiting list has increased 90 percent. Major gaps exist across the housing spectrum affecting all age demographics from seniors to youth. Funding allocations to the KDSB under the Investment in Affordable Housing Program is not adequate to compensate for demographic trends and out-migration from communities in the north.

Budget:

There are no budgetary implications associated with this report.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: N/A

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

Strategic Plan:

1-6 The City will lobby senior government for additional supports for local industry and business in relation to ongoing workforce development

2-15 The City will be an active and vocal champion for fair funding from provincial and federal governments, including gas tax and other transfer allocations. Priority will be given to initiatives that directly address the infrastructure and community development challenges of the city



October 24, 2016

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Charlotte Edie, Treasurer

Re: September 2016 Monthly Financial Statements

Recommendation:

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

Background:

Attached for your information, please find the September 2016 summary expense and user fee statements for the City of Kenora and the Council department. At the end of September, the year is 9/12 complete, so not including any seasonality or timing, there should be 25% of the budget remaining.

Overall:

- Expenses at the end of September 2016 were slightly better than budget with 27% remaining to be spent.
- User fee revenues to the end of September 2016 are under budget with 30% left to collect. They are, however, \$450k above this time last year. Also as a comparison, at this time last year, we also had 27% to collect.

Expenditures:

- **General Government** - The General Government expenses to date are slightly under budget.

Council travel is over budget with only 18% remaining for the year.

The **City Clerk** department has legal fees at 3.5 times the annual budget due to unforeseen legal issues and Freedom of Information requests.

Administrator's Office contracted services have over spent the annual budget. This is due to recruitment costs, spent in accordance with the City recruitment policy. These costs will be offset from the City's contingency reserve. Recruitment costs are still being incurred.

Finance bank charges are over budget as a result of increased credit card service charges and US exchange costs. Otherwise costs are within or under budget.

IT is on budget despite the purchase of a 3-year license for cameras when the budget only anticipated a 1-year license. The 3-year license was more economical in the long run. Also, there is an unanticipated surveillance camera at the request of the OPP.

Rental Building expenses are slightly over budget. As a rule recovery billings are usually one month behind. Repairs to the Medical Centre are over budget by over \$1K to date.

- **Protection** – The Protection Department expenses to date are on budget.

Fire Department wages are over budget due to the pay out of retro pay in September. There is 10% remaining in the wage budget for the year. Repairs are over the annual budget due to door, A/C and exhaust fan repairs.

Facility Vehicles show a net recovery. Recoveries were either not budgeted or had small budgets.

- **Transportation** – The Transportation Department expenses to date are under budget with 37% remaining to be spent.

Loosetop Road expenditures are over budget for the year. Rental of own equipment is over budget for ditching, patching & washouts and resurfacing. Materials are over budget for patching & washouts.

Winter control expenses are under budget with 34% remaining to be spent.

Safety devices are 10% over budget due to the line painting spending. Line painting is over budget by almost \$13,000. Other areas in this department are under budget.

Parking rentals are over budget only because utilities were not budgeted in 2016. To date utilities are over \$2,600. These will be budgeted in 2017.

Streetlighting utilities expense is under budget.

Wharfs expenses are approaching budget due to taxes exceeding budget by \$2k.

Barsky Facility expenses are over budget due to internal charges for wages as employees completed projects on the building. Benefits now follow allocated pay and were not budgeted for in 2016. Also rental of own equipment is over budget.

Operations Administration expenses are over budget due the overlap of the manager position.

- **Environmental** – The Environmental Department expenditures are overall better than budget with 32% of the budget available to spend in 2016.

Sewer Lift Station expenses are over budget due to an emergency pump purchase for the 8th Ave S and Laurenson Creek station. This will be offset by a release from reserves at year end. Also there were extensive repairs at the Sultana and Gov't Road locations. An additional submersible pump was purchased in September. Building lift at Preston St. location was also over budget in September.

Storm Sewer expenditures are over budget to the end of September with only 9% of the budget remaining. The budget for the entire year has not yet been exceeded. Benefits now follow allocated pay and were not budgeted for in 2016. Rental of own equipment used in repairs is also over budget.

- **Recreation & Cultural** – Overall Recreation & Cultural expenses are slightly better than budget with 29% remaining to be spent. The departments that involve outdoor recreation (such as all the parks) are over budget however these expenses should now be slowing down. None have gone over the annual budget.

Keewatin Arena expense are over budget due to benefits now following allocated pay. As a result KRC benefits are under budget. Also R&M are over budget due to the purchase of a white puckboard for \$8.5k.

Recreation Programs expenses reflect the recording of the summer day camp wages.

- **Planning & Development** – Planning & Development expenses are on budget with 25% remaining to be spent.

A portion of the overage is in **planning operations** and is due to a retirement.

User Fees:

- Overall, user fees are below budget projections with 37% of the budget still to be collected.

- **Protection to Persons and Property**
Provincial Offences is now being recorded. Received information from last participating municipality last Thursday.
OPP are under budget due to a lag in reporting from the OPP.
- **Transportation**
Metered Parking revenue is under budget however the budget was increased by \$60K from 2015. Actual revenue is comparable to 2015.
Barsky Facility budget is overstated because it includes work order billings that are going through Garage & Shop. This is a new line item in 2016.
Garage & Shop revenues are under budget due to a lag in billings.
- **Environmental Services**
Jones Road Landfill user fees are better than budget. The budget has already been surpassed. This increase is due to additional demolition material and the change in charging for hog fuel.
- **Recreation & Cultural**
Anicinabe Park a final rental charge of \$13,000 will be billed in October.
Thistle Arena and KMA revenue is earned seasonally therefore difference will decrease.

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

Fiscal Responsibility: We manage the municipal finances in a responsible, prudent and transparent manner.



October 25, 2016

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

Re: NOMA Request to Support Symphonies

For Discussion & Direction:

Background:

There are 10 full symphonies left in Canada. The Thunder Bay Symphony is the only one between Winnipeg and Toronto. The fact that we possess such a significant artistic benefit is a true community differentiator to those seeking to live in the Northwest.

This November the Thunder Bay Symphony will tour to Nipigon, Red Rock, Marathon and Terrace Bay. They are planning a tour to the west the last week of March. Mayor Ken Boshcoff is encouraging friends to the west to contact them to book a night.

It is recognized that resources in this day of tight budgets sometimes poses a challenge but the Thunder Bay Symphony contributes to a true economic multiplier. They are asking municipalities to consider supporting the symphony through a donation or booking an event in our community.

Further to the presentation at the NOMA Fall conference on September 22, 2016 and with the full understanding that the symphony is indeed a Northwestern Ontario asset they are asking for Council to make a contribution to support the Thunder Bay Symphony in its drive to sustainability.

Budget: At Council's discretion from discretionary Council spending budget.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: none

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

1-10 The City will promote and leverage its recreation and leisure amenities as a means to support local economic activity, tourism and to strengthen community ties with our regional neighbours



October 20, 2016

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Charlotte Edie, Treasurer

RE: 2017 Water and Sewer rate increase

Recommendation:

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 give 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.

Background:

In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (2002) Council approved the Water and Wastewater Long Range Financial Plan Forecast. One of the recommendations of the Financial Plan was to implement a 8% increase to water and sewer rates for 2017. The increase would support the ongoing replacement of existing assets, begin to address the infrastructure deficit, and improve revenue stability. The firm of BMA Management Consultants Inc. prepared the Financial Plan.

Budget:

The 8% increase is to be reflected in the 2017 sewer and water operating budget.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Public Notice

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:

Goal #2 Strengthen Our Foundations

2-1 The City will ensure that our municipal infrastructure is maintained using available resources with the intent of moving towards all City infrastructure being in a good state of repair to ensure certainty, security and long-term stability of our systems.

2-13 The City will continue to advance our leadership position as "Stewards of the Lake" and "Stewards of the Land" by safeguarding water quality on our lakes and optimizing waste diversion practices that reduce future landfill requirements.

SCHEDULE 'D' - WATER & SEWER RATE CHARGES

TABLE (i)

Meter Size	Ratio	Fixed Cost per Month	Water Cost	Sewer Cost	
5/8"	15	1.0	\$39.04	\$1.32	100% water cost
3/4"	18	1.1	\$42.95	\$1.32	100% water cost
1"	25	1.4	\$54.65	\$1.32	100% water cost
1 1/2"	40	1.8	\$70.25	\$1.32	100% water cost
2"	50	2.9	\$113.21	\$1.32	100% water cost
3"	75	11.0	\$429.33	\$1.32	100% water cost
4"	100	14.0	\$546.45	\$1.32	100% water cost
6"	150	21.0	\$819.64	\$1.32	100% water cost
8"	200	40.0	\$1,561.25	\$1.32	100% water cost

**** Customers with approved bleeders shall receive a discount of 50% on their volumetric water consumption for the approved bleeding period as directed by the water and sewer supervisor each year. This period will be no earlier than November 1st and ending no later than April 30th of the following year.**



PROCLAMATION

By Virtue of Authority

Vested in me

I hereby proclaim

November 5-11, 2016

As Veteran's Week in and for the City of Kenora and
request its observance as such by our citizens.

Proclaimed at the City of Kenora

this 1st day of November, 2016



His Worship Mayor David S. Canfield

