



**City of Kenora**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor Dan Reynard  
Councillor Mort Goss  
Councillor Rory McMillan  
Councillor Louis Roussin  
Councillor Sharon Smith  
Councillor Colin Wasacase

**Regrets:** Mayor David Canfield

**Staff:** Karen Brown, CAO, Heather Kasprick, City Clerk, Marco Vogrig, Municipal Engineer, Jeff Hawley, Operations & Infrastructure Manager, Todd Skene, Fire & Emergency Services Manager, Adam Smith, Special Projects & Research Officer, Charlotte Edie, Municipal Treasurer

**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.**

Councillor McMillan declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to agenda item number 1.4 regarding Policing Services as it relates to his spouse who is a member of the Police Services Board and this report reflects items attributed to Police Services.

**C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes**

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

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

Mr. Graham Chase thanked Josh Nelson as the interim Tourism Development Officer and Megan Dokuchie as the new Economic Development Officer and their busy summer season. He presented the Lake of the Woods Development Commission Q3 2016 Report. Q3 highlights include:

- Continued orientation of Economic Development Officer including transition of business files;
- Engagement of new Tourism Development Officer for a period of one year and new Tourism Services Officer;
- September blitz of New Business Welcome program - delivery to 24 businesses with Kenora Business Partners as well as promotion of 3 ribbon cutting ceremonies;
- Licensing of ten new businesses;
- Hosted the LOWDC 2015 Annual General Meeting – August 31, 2016 at Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre;
- The Matiowski Farmers market season wrapped up with its customer appreciation day on October 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful season with a lot of positive feedback from vendors and customers. Also we created a video to help promote the Market.
- The Kenora Harbourfront & Whitecap Pavilion was nominated as one of the Great Spaces in Canada.
- Successful Take a Hike campaign into Manitoba.
- Working with the Kenora rowing club and other city departments on the redevelopment of rowing center with the common goal to it into the Mid Canada Rowing Center of Excellence.
- Working with Scott Green & Anicinabe park on granting opportunities to raise the stage
- Hosted 25 events under the Whitecap Pavilion over the summer including some new events like National Aboriginal Day, Triple B BBQ Festival and the Musky Challenge.

Mr. Chase encouraged Council to review the report presented as there is further detailed information contained within the report.

Deputy Mayor Reynard thanked Mr. Chase for the presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

## E. Reports:

### 1. Corporate Services & Strategic Initiatives

#### 1.1 Q3 Investments

##### **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.

##### **Recommendation Supported.**

**Discussion:** Council requested a comparator for year to year on the investment to be able to clearly see how the investments have done over the years. Karen indicated that once a manager is in place in the department, that is something that could be produced.

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

##### **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.

## **Recommendation Supported.**

### **1.3 ROMA-OGRA Delegation Requests**

Adam Smith explained the two conferences now being split and the plan for attendance at the two conferences by Ministers.

Councillor Smith suggested that we look at how we are presenting the information to the Minister on OPP costing. It is the number one highest cost to taxpayers and we have no control over those costs which are over \$ 6 million. The number one contributing factor to those costs is alcohol and alcohol related issues. The formula needs to be different as this is not a fair burden to the taxpayer. The policing in Northwestern Ontario are different and we have different issues here in the north. The NWHU Board has been looking at the social challenges in the north and the high statistics related to addictions which all demonstrate that northern Ontario demonstrates higher rates than anywhere else in Ontario. She feels our presentation to the ministers need to be based on factual evidence based data to demonstrate what is driving our costs, the impact on northwestern Ontario, and drive collaboration to start changing the story as it is not fair to our taxpayers.

Councillor McMillan referenced the Health Care information and he can update that portion and send to Adam.

Councillor Roussin agrees that we need to change our approach with our deputations to the Ministers. We have failed to identify the issue in each deputation in the past. He felt there were many areas that we need to expand on our issues as there are underlying things that are driving our challenges in the various areas. These include things like the housing challenge, the industry/labour shortage, as these are driving our social issues and our health care system. Councillor Roussin will provide Adam some examples that the KDSB uses for their presentations and have great success.

#### **1.4 September 2016 Financial Statements**

##### **Recommendation:**

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

##### **Recommendation Supported.**

**Discussion:** Councillor Goss requested clarification on the parking revenue being down almost \$92,000 and the boat docking increase of \$20,000. Deputy Mayor Reynard was seeking clarification on the Roads budget as it appears to be lower than expected as well as the Street lighting account. Councillor Roussin referenced bridges and seeking clarification on the funds displayed on the statements.

#### **1.5 Thunder Bay Symphony Support**

##### **Discussion:**

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. 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.

Council supports the symphony in various ways through the Lake of the Woods Development Commission, and Tourism Department through the Lake of the Woods Concert group who support the Thunder Bay Symphony.

#### **1.6 Water & 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 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.

##### **Recommendation Supported.**

## 2. Operations & Infrastructure

**No Reports**

## 3. Community & Development Services

**No Reports**

### F. Proclamations

Deputy Mayor Reynard then read the following proclamations:

- **Veterans Week (November 5-11, 2016)**

### G. Other

- Councillor Smith commended Seven Generations on the opening of their Events Centre. She referenced the two year space for the Emergency Centre which is located in the basement of the Northwestern Health Unit and they are looking at programs for the visitors to the shelter. The announcement of the Managed Alcohol Program is also a good news announcement.
- Councillor McMillan announced that it is Carbon Monoxide Awareness week and encouraged everyone to check appliances in their homes. He congratulated Seven Generations as well and their next step will be working on improvements to their sound system.
- Councillor Wasacase thanked the volunteers who put on many events on the Harbourfront this summer.

### H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 6, 2016

### I. Adjourn to Closed

**Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 10:16 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)**

### J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 12:20 p.m. with the following report from its closed session:-

#### **Kenora Urban Trails Committee Appointment Recommendation:**

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

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

**Recommendation Supported.**

### **K. Close Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.