



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
9:02 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor David Canfield
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Dan Reynard
Councillor Louis Roussin
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Colin Wasacase (left meeting @ 9:30 a.m.)

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

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 June 20, 2017 meeting:-
N/A

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 1.3 regarding June 2017 Financial Statements as it relates to his spouse who is a member of the Police Services Board and this report reflects costs attributed to Police Services.

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes

Resolution #1 - Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:

That the Minutes from the last Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 7, 2017 and regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 11, 2017 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

Suzanne Penner & Marilyn Strain – Kenora Pickleball Club

Suzanne Penner & Marilyn Strain made a deputation to Council on behalf of the Kenora Pickleball Club. They were following up to the September 2016 deputation made by Rick and

Marilyn Strain on behalf of the club and to provide an update to their progress and to thank Council for their overwhelming support of the Permanent Pickleball Facility at Garrow Park.

They have had several successful meetings with the Recreation Staff following council's direction. During their first meeting last fall we were so pleased to hear the staff indicate that this project would move forward and that it would be when and not if, but with the impending construction for the Canada Games at Garrow Park during the summer of 2017 that this would be deferred to the following budget year. At the June 28th meeting to clarify their partnership with the City and determine the expectations of the Kenora Pickleball Club as they move forward. The Club indicated to the staff at this meeting that they will be pursuing a number of avenues to come up with a portion of the funds. These include- The Ontario Trillium Foundation; The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Community Foundation, their membership and the Kenora Pickleball club.

Their original estimate was for approximately \$65,000. This included 6 playing courts and they have since determined that the space can accommodate 8 playing courts which would require two additional nets at a cost of \$600 each. They have since learned that the asphalt resurfacing will be an additional \$42,000. The Trillium Fund would enable us to cover some of these added costs. It was indicated to us that once they were able to raise a portion of the funds – that this project could move forward as early as spring of 2018 or fall of 2018. The Kenora Pickleball Club's commitment to this project will be approximately \$40,000. They have set into motion their fundraising project by establishing a committee within the club and we have a number of ideas to reach their fundraising goal.

They began by holding a membership meeting on July 24th and presented the ideas to the membership. At this time they asked for the club's support and indicated that it was important that their membership support this project. Members understand that this is an investment in the local club and in our community, by enhancing the City of Kenora facility.

In subsequent meetings with Community Program Liaison and Special Projects staff, to discuss the Ontario Trillium Foundation application, it was indicated that there may be other groups vying for the city's support for this grant and it was suggested that the group come to the committee of the whole with their request for Council's support of the Kenora Pickleball club's Court Enhancement project. They are in the process of establishing an account with City of Kenora so that our donations of over \$75 may receive a tax receipt. Their goal for the membership drive is \$10,000 and as of today, in only two weeks, they have raised \$6,500. The Kenora Pickleball Club would formally request that the City of Kenora grant them partnership to apply for the Ontario Trillium Foundation Investment Stream: Capital Grants/Active People grant. If they are successful with their bid for the Ontario Trillium Foundation Investment Stream: Capital Grants/Active People grant there is the possibility that it could provide a greater amount of funds to the project and therefore decrease the cost to the City. Their project is a perfect fit for the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant/Active People stream, because of their age friendly, multi-generational aspect providing enhancement to community spaces, activities and full participation in the life of the community. It is truly a benefit for the entire community from school aged children to senior citizens. This project will allow the entire community full time access and promotes a healthy lifestyle. They have a dedicated group of volunteers who contribute many hours on an ongoing basis to support Pickleball in our community as it is the fastest growing sport in North America. Just recently, they have started to track this in-kind membership support. This volunteer support will continue in partnership with the City to ensure that Pickleball continues to grow and provide physical activity opportunities for people of all ages in our community

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and allow us to connect at a provincial level through participation in the Senior 1 A games. Funding and completion of this project builds upon the work completed to date at Garrow Park as part of the infrastructure work already completed for the rowing portion of the Canada Summer Games.

Mayor Canfield thanked Ms. Penner for her presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

Jill Van Toen – Kenora Women’s Hockey League

Jill Van Toen made a deputation to Council on behalf of the Kenora Women’s Hockey League (KWHL). KWHL believes that we all need to work together to foster and support opportunities for women and girls to “get off the bleachers and onto the ice”. The main issue for the league is inequitable “preferred ice time” (Monday to Thursday) allocation for male and female user groups (and new vs. old user groups). KWHL is at risk of folding due to ongoing lack of equitable access to “preferred ice times” (Monday to Thursday).

KWHL is requesting one hour of ice time per week that is “mother-friendly”, “travel friendly” and “league friendly” (earliest start time available for adults from Monday to Thursday) – KWHL is looking for better ice time, not more ice time. KWHL is requesting an earlier, preferred ice time, as it is necessary for mothers to manage their other responsibilities including working, household chores, childcare, etc. before they are able to fit in time for themselves to exercise. Studies show that women continue to take on more household and childcare responsibilities.

This ice time would benefit all women who are 18+ years of age or older of any ability and/or skill; all players graduating from LOW Girls Minor Hockey/local female high school programs; and all women new to the community of Kenora. KWHL is a PUBLIC hockey league open to any women wishing to play – including women who travel from our surrounding First Nation communities. The provincial governments ACTIVE 2010 strategy pledges to “focus attention where the greatest needs exists and seek to improve opportunities for women and girls” amongst other groups at great health risk in the future.

Ms. Van Toen questioned what the City of Kenora is doing to support women in sport and improve opportunities for women and girls? Gender equality in sport and physical activity requires that everyone has access to a full range of opportunities to achieve the social, psychological and physical benefits that come from participating and leading in sport and physical activity. When looking specifically at the current ice allocation policies and procedures that means both females and males must have access to “preferred ice times”.

The life expectancy for a Northwestern Ontario resident is 4 years shorter compared to the rest of Ontario. Additionally, compared to the province, we have significantly higher rates of death due to circulatory diseases and higher rates of obesity and hospitalizations due to heart attack and stroke. It is important that steps be taken, whenever possible, to create supportive environments that reduce barriers to physical activity and get NWO residents moving to decrease chronic diseases and improve health. (NWHU 2014)

Complementary programming a solid women’s recreational hockey league will provide opportunities for young women graduating from LOW Girls Minor hockey/local school hockey programs to remain part of a hockey community. If these young women choose to stay in Kenora their hockey careers should not be forced to a close.

KWHL provides opportunities for mothers and daughters to get involved in a sport together which can enhance both the chosen sport or activity, and family relationships. As women in our community we are in a position to influence the lifestyle decisions of young women in our lives however, systemic barriers are preventing many potential role models from coming out to play.

Municipal leaders are in a position to model support for gender equality in sport and taking an active lead in promoting female involvement in sport. Additionally, increasing avenues for engagement in sport and community involvement is likely to increase social inclusion for young female professionals, especially those new to the area, and hopefully increase the number of working professionals who choose to make Kenora their home.

For many years there was only one ice time allocated for women within the City of Kenora; a private group of "old-timer" ladies in Keewatin. Approximately 10 years ago KWHL started a league for ALL women 18+ that was available to the public, no one was turned away. In the beginning they had 50-60 women playing and a three team league as, at that time, they also had JM Arena available which afforded them some "preferred ice times". Once JM Arena was no longer available they were told they were a new group and not to expect "preferred ice time" at KMA/KRC as they were new users. They continued to play on less preferred times, holding out hope for a different/earlier time as our numbers dwindled. KWHL was then told that current years allotment was based on historical use or past seasons precedence and they continued to play on less preferred times, holding out hope and numbers continued to dwindle.

By 2013/2014 KWHL numbers dropped to 40 players; in 2014/2015 to 36 players; and in 2015/2016 to 12 players (with some semi-regulars who played on a "drop in" basis so were not counted as registered players). In November 2015 KWHL made a deputation to the City of Kenora in an effort to encourage policy changes that would address the severe inequality of preferred ice time for women. KWHL expected that changes would be made and that efforts would be made to work with KWHL towards a "preferred ice time" for KWHL. They continued to play on the less preferred time but players are giving up hope they will ever see change and numbers have now dwindled so low that KWHL will be forced to fold if changes are not made.

KWHL is on the cusp of the 2017/2018 season, almost two years has passed since their last deputation and nothing has improved, in fact it the ice allocation policy is now more of a barrier as a result of the changes that were made this summer. KWHL takes issue with the fact that there was no public consultation regarding the recent changes to the City of Kenora ice allocation policy – specifically the statement which reads: "Ice requests will be reviewed and allocated as per number of participants per group".

KWHL was offered a "preferred time" for this season, and then the offer was taken back and given to the user group that has had the time for numerous previous seasons. KWHL was told there was a conflict of ice time requests and because KWHL did not have enough numbers KWHL did not receive the preferred time.

KWHL is being set up for failure their numbers have steadily decreased since being allotted "less preferred" ice times and they are now being denied "preferred times" due to their low registration numbers, which has become a vicious cycle.

There are men in this community who are able to play multiple nights per week with various different user groups should they choose. KWHL is the ONLY public league for women in our community and the league is requesting equal consideration between men's / women's groups when allocating "preferred ice times" within the City of Kenora facilities. For example, if there are 16 adult ice times between Monday to Thursday currently there are 15 opportunities for men to play hockey and only one for women (which is the private group of "old-timer" ladies).

In Northwestern Ontario, women's hockey is strong in communities like Sioux Lookout and Dryden which both has a 2-3 team league, Red Lake has a 5-6 team league and Kenora is at risk of folding. It is questioned how this is even possible with double/triple the overall population? KWHL recognizes these other communities do not have the same pressure on their ice time that Kenora does; however, as a result their women's leagues are afforded more "preferred times" and their women's leagues have thrived, in contrast the KWHL is limited to non-preferred ice times and our league continues to shrink.

Non-preferred ice time is a barrier for female involvement in sport. KWHL challenges you to find women you know who "used to play" hockey and ask them why they don't still play. The answer is almost always "due to the late/weekend ice time". It is interesting to note there is a thriving women's baseball league, golf league, soccer league, bowling leagues, etc. where there is equitable access to preferred times/facilities.

In 2015 a quick survey of the KWHL current/former players was completed and 50+ respondents indicated that they would participate in KWHL if there was a more convenient ice time. There are members of KWHL who have resorted to driving to Vermillion Bay on Sunday afternoons in order to play at a more "preferred time".

KWHL is not asking for an equal division of ice time between male and female user groups, they are not asking for more ice time, they are asking for a "preferred time" so that women would have access to two preferred times out of a possible 16 that are available (one for the "older timer" ladies and one for KWHL).

If KWHL was allocated a "preferred ice time" consistently it would decrease barriers to involvement and allow the league to engage new participants and re-energize past league participants.

KWHL is requesting that the City of Kenora make changes to the current ice allocation policy to remove existing barriers and provided equitable access to "preferred ice times" for all adult user groups this season.

Councillor Smith feels the distribution of ice time needs to be fairer and staff should look at the ice allocation policy and it should be reviewed again as this is inequitable and unfair.

Mayor Canfield thanked Ms. Van Toen for her deputation and copy was left with the Clerk.

Debra LeMaistre – Kenora Rotary Club

Debra LeMaistre made a deputation to Council on behalf of the Kenora Rotary Club regarding the application for the Trillium grant. They are asking that the City of Kenora representatives support the application of a Trillium grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing a splash park at Norman Park. This would require the City of Kenora to submit

the Trillium Grant Capital Stream Application using their business number for this purpose. The deadline for the application is October 25, 2017.

The Rotary Club is partnering with the Community Foundation and the Northwestern Health Unit, who have volunteered to provide personnel to write the grant in collaboration with City staff. The Rotary Club of Kenora does not have a charitable number so is not able to submit the grant. Trillium does not allow for flow-thru funding, so no one else can submit the grant application on our behalf. The intention of the club is to celebrate Rotary's Centennial in Kenora by giving back to the community that supports us in so many ways, and has partnered with the City of Kenora to accomplish this. Since July 2015, the Kenora Rotary Club has raised \$150,000 thanks to the generous and strong support of our business community, local citizens, service clubs, and grants from the Community Foundation and Youth in Philanthropy.

Rotarians have volunteered over 1,000 hours of time to this project. Rotary has partnered with the Northwestern Health Unit and Kenora Association for Community Living to work towards our goal. They have had many offers for in-kind donations, and have had several people request to purchase a fixture when we're ready for that phase. The Trillium Grant money would give them the funding boost we need to inspire them and their prospective donors to reach the goal. The Rotary Club of Kenora, in addition to raising funds for the splash park, has continued to support charities and projects in the city at the same time. Just last month they presented cheques to Special Olympics, the Fellowship Centre, and Harbourfest for KidZone. They have also approved funding the start-up of a chess club at SMB and will purchase all the required games and timing devices for that. In the past year the Rotary Club of Kenora has donated more than \$80,000 to various programs and projects in our city, and has hosted several major events which have brought tourist dollars to the city, such as our district conference, Lobsterfest and Lucky Duck Race.

If the City of Kenora is successful in obtaining the Trillium Grant on the club's behalf, they are confident that construction could take place in the summer of 2018. Once the Rotary Club has received approval for the use of the city's business number, the grant writing team from NWHU, Community Foundation and City of Kenora will write and submit the Trillium Grant Application.

Councillor Reynard questioned how many applications can they City support and apply for under the Trillium Foundation. CAO Karen Brown indicated that there are multiple groups outside of the two presenting today who also are also seeking the City's support for applications, however, we can only apply for one.

Mayor Canfield thanked the group for their deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

*Councillor Wasacase left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

E. Reports:

1. Corporate Services & Strategic Initiatives

1.1 2017 January-June Capital and Unusual Spending

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2017 January to June Capital and Unusual Spending report.

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Discussion: Councillor Smith questioned the project on the Keewatin Beach retaining wall project. CAO Karen Brown will discuss with staff and provide an update to Council.

1.2 2017 Q2 Investments

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the 2017 second quarter investment report that includes details of the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund and other City of Kenora investments.

Discussion: Council questioned that with higher interest rates will we see a better return on the investments. It was expressed that likely we will see the return decline, rather than get better. Council felt that it is frustrating that we have so much money sitting in investments and we are losing money regularly on this investment and we may need to look at this. Council discussed the Citizen Prosperity Trust Fund and investments.

1.3 June 2017 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at June 30, 2017.

Discussion: Councillor Reynard questioned the 747 (Hockey Day in Canada) budget line and the appearance of a loss rather than profit. Jon will look at this and clarify.

1.4 FCM Municipal Asset Management Program Funding Application

Recommendation:

Whereas Council has approved the 2016 Asset Management Plan (AMP) for the City of Kenora as prepared by Public Sector Digest (PSD); and

Whereas Council has directed administration to continue to improve the data underlying the plan and strategies with which to manage the City's infrastructure;

Therefore be it resolved that Council of the City of Kenora direct staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for a Road Needs Assessment.

1.5 Pickleball Club Tax Receipt Request

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes the issuance of tax receipts for any donation of \$75.00 or greater made to the City of Kenora until December 31, 2018, unless otherwise specified due to early project completion, to be used specifically towards improvements to the pickleball/tennis courts at Garrow Park.

1.6 Strategic Plan Update

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the updated City of Kenora Strategic Plan – Our Vision is 20/20 (updated August 2017).

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Discussion: Karen will make a few minor changes suggested by Council and include in the final copy prior to distribution.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

No Reports

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 School Crossing Guard Tender – 2017-2019

Recommendation:

That the tender submitted by Neptune Security Services, Mississauga, Ontario, in the amount of \$35,530.00, HST extra, for the 2017 -2018 school year, and \$39,083.00, HST extra, for the 2018 – 2019 school year, be hereby accepted.

Discussion: The Operations staff has had some discussions with the proponent and they have identified that they want to use existing staff if they are interested.

4. Community & Development Services

4.1 Keewatin Memorial Arena Concession Contract

Recommendation:

That the tender submitted by Jennifer Schott, in the amount of \$200 per month, HST extra, for Keewatin Memorial Arena concession services over a three (3) year period, be hereby accepted.

Discussion: It was questioned if there were conversations with the other proponents to explain the criteria and if they had the opportunity to answer to that. Staff need to have a more robust explanation on the determination of the award. If there is not a significant difference in the pricing, and we have been happy with the services in the past, it should be explained why we would go with a different tender. Karen will have an update prior to the Council meeting.

4.2 Alteration to Heritage Designated Museum Annex

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to amend the designation of the structure located at 224 Main Street South, under section 33.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

4.3 Museum Interest Free Loan – Art Centre

Recommendation:

That Council approves an interest-free five-year loan to the Lake of the Woods Museum for the capital project of the new art centre to a maximum amount of \$600,000, effective September 1, 2017.

Discussion: Councillor Reynard has concerns why the Museum would receive an interest free loan when other departments have to pay the funds back with the agreed interest rates. It was questioned who would use this facility and what the intern use would be. Lori Nelson advised that the City will hugely benefit from this program and providing an interest free loan is a way for Council to demonstrate that they support this development and the capital investment. It is a community project and asset. Karen advised that further details of the report will be provided to Council in advance of the Council meeting.

4.4 Museum NOHFC Strategic Economic Infrastructure Funding Application

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation Corporation's Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program to receive capital funding for the Lake of the Woods Museum's art centre; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns for the project.

4.5 Request to Repeal Heritage Designation – Kenricia Hotel

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora uphold By-law 84-2007, being a by-law to designate 155 Main Street South, Kenora, under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Discussion : Council questioned if the former report on the designation of this property would be helpful for Council to make a decision. The designation was done on the owners request. Only a portion of the building is identified in the bylaw as heritage attributes. There may be repairs that can be done that may not be impacted on the heritage designation. The designation may be impeding development of the building due to the high costs of repair to the building with heritage designations.

F. Proclamations

None

G. Other

- Councillor Roussin discussed the energy route that is proposed and he does not support that new route as outlined in a letter from Pickle Lake. Mayor Canfield suggested at this point in time we remain removed from this matter.
- Councillor McMillan commented on the summer in Kenora and the commitment of the citizens in Kenora with volunteerism and staff certainly strengthens our community.
- Councillor Smith commented on the Kenora Rowing Club event with the Canada Summer Games in the community and it was a large bonus to our community.
- Councillor Goss received comments regarding the quality of our docks and needs for repair. We need to look at how we are going to make repairs to these docks. There is a new show starting mid-August at the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre with Science North and this is a great program to add to the Discovery Centre.
- Councillor Reynard attended all four days of the Canada Summer Games Rowing competition and heard many of the accolades of the quality work that went into it. The accolades towards our staff for Melissa and Josh it was a tremendous effort all the way

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across and the facility comments on how spectacular it was. What was accomplished to host this event, and what is left for infrastructure, it is a spectacular venue. We should all be very proud of this. The three athletes that were part of this made it even more special. It is leaving a tremendous legacy for our community.

- Mayor Canfield referenced presenting medals at the Canada Summer Games and confirmed what a spectacular event it was. The staff compliments were unbelievable and what they contributed to make the event such a success.
- Mayor Canfield reminded Council of the fall conference for NOMA in Thunder Bay and whoever can attend to let Heather L know so she can book attendance.

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 5, 2017

I. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by, Seconded by & Carried:

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 11:24 a.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i. **Educating & Training Members of Council (1 item)**
- ii. **Disposition of Land (1 item)**
- iii. **Labour Relations (2 items)**

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 1:01 p.m. with one report from its closed session.

Memorandum of Agreement IBEW Local 559

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the Memorandum Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 559 for the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019; and further

That Council hereby approves an amendment to the 2017 Water & Sewer operating budget from the City's Water & Sewer Reserve to fund the incremental wage and benefit costs for 2016 and 2017 negotiated settlement with IBEW Local 559; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2017 Municipal Operating Budget by by-law at its August 15th, 2017 meeting; and further

That Council hereby gives three readings to a by-law to amend the 2017 budget for this purpose.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.