



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
9:00 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

Staff: Karen Brown, CAO, Heather Kasprick, City Clerk, Matt Boscariol, Manager of Community & Development Services, Todd Skene, Manager of Fire & Emergency Services, Charlotte Edie, Treasurer, Adam Smith, Special Projects & Research Officer

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 21, 2017 meeting:-

- Amend the 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of \$105,000 with \$21,000 coming from contingency reserves and the balance coming from FCM funding to integrate climate risks into the City's 2016 Asset Management Plan

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 September 2017 Financial Statements. Portions of this item reflects expenditures of the Kenora Police Services Board as it relates to his spouse who is a member of the Police Services Board and receives remuneration.

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 10, 2017 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

Larry Patrick, Kenora Sports Hall of Fame

Mark Duggan and Larry Patrick were before Council to present on behalf of the 2017/18 Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Committee. Other Committee members include Dan Reynard, Sarah Minor and Heather Kasprick.

Mr. Patrick is a new resident to Kenora and an avid sports enthusiast who has experience with the recent 2017 Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Mr. Patrick decided to share his experience as a Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame committee member with a few Kenora residents hoping to capture enough interest to plan a Kenora Sports Hall of Fame. The concept of a Kenora Sports Hall of Fame was quickly and enthusiastically embraced and a meeting ensued with the vision to plan for Kenora. The Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Event will only further enhance the progressive and vibrant profile of Kenora. The Kenora Sports Hall of Fame established in 2017/2018 will serve to "preserve the record of Kenora athletes' sports achievements and to promote a greater awareness of Kenora's rich heritage of sports."

Mark Duggan expressed the love of sports in Kenora. Kenora is rich in the history of sports. Kenora is proud to have won the 1907 Stanley Cup, a feat accomplished by the smallest town ever. For over 100 years we have had athletes from numerous sports excel in their craft. Individuals have dedicated countless hours and years to build our sports profile. Kenora is also proud to have teams that have participated successfully in numerous championships. Today we are pleased to announce that a committee has been formed to create our own Kenora Sports Hall of Fame. In Thunder Bay there is the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame of which several athletes from Kenora have been inducted into. All of the athletes inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame are inducted into the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame. Living inductees get framed certificates to keep and all inductees have plaques placed in the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame cabinet at the KRC. Plaques placed in the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame cabinet can be replicas of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame plaques. The categories will include: Athletes, Builder, Teams.

The mandate of the committee is to plan/organize Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies and all related matters as they pertain to the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Event. Friday, September 14, 2-18 will be the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony which will include a formal dinner at Seven Generations Education Institute. At this time, we are not sure if the event will be annual or every two years.

The 2017/18 Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Committee is asking Mayor and Council to embrace and declare the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Event a "Significant Event". They are seeking permission to secure and mount two Hall of Fame Cabinets on a wall at the Kenora Recreation Centre. The Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Committee is asking that the above two requests be passed as resolutions at the next Council Meeting.

The committee is also asking Council to consider committing to some level of financial support as a one-time request, not to exceed \$5,000 to help with start-up costs for the Kenora Sports Hall of Fame Event.

Council thanked Mr. Patrick and Mr. Duggan for their presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

John Seamchuk & Joe Neniska, Property Taxes & City Services

Mr. Seamchuk is curious why Storm Bay Road and McKenzie Road have not become part of Kenora and pay Kenora taxes. Mr. Seamchuk lives on Haney Road and his taxes are \$8,300 per year. He expressed these homes on both of these outlying roads are million dollar homes and their taxes are one fifth of his taxes. He is all for taxes, but fair taxation. He feels we need everyone to share the brunt of the tax dollars and there should be a tier system. The only services he feels he has on Haney Road is garbage pickup and grading and plowing his road. He is constantly calling the municipality for service to his road. He doesn't have natural gas, sidewalks, cable, or reliable internet. He expressed concerns with the cost of things such as hydro and huge internet costs when there is fibre optics running down the Reddit Road that aren't getting done. He advises he is not paying for water & sewer but has his own water issues. He is concerned with what he is hearing, which is that taxes will double in Kenora by 2025. If that did happen, just to pay for hydro and taxes he would have to come up with \$2,000 per month for that alone. What is additionally concerning, is when he wants to sell his house it is going to be insane and who is going to be able to afford \$2,000 per month plus a mortgage, vehicle payments and everything else. It is going to make houses unsellable in Kenora. Mr. Seamchuk is asking Council to try to bring in the reins and make some kind of smart decisions to stop this from happening.

Mr. Neniska advised Council that he feels that the City is going the wrong way. Employees are putting in 3 hours per day and it is not the employees only as he feels the foreman isn't doing their jobs either to keep the guys working. If you ask for them to do something on the road, they ignore you. He feels it should be up to the city to fix road, and we shouldn't have to do it ourselves. He feels we were much better off when we were JM/Keewatin. The City is going downhill and Council should look into these concerns and see if they can make improvements.

Mayor Canfield expressed that he agrees that the taxes are high and provided some explanation to other aspects of the delegations comments. In order to annex the identified areas, it is a 50/50 relationship. If they vote no, the annex doesn't happen which makes it near impossible to take them over. If the process changed, it would need a different government. They have been pushing at the NOMA level for a PLT reform but it hasn't moved. With area rating, there are different systems, they also have fees and there are different scenarios out there. In Ontario, you pay the assessed value of what your house is and that's what your taxes are based on. If you go to area rating, you have to be careful, you may feel you don't get a lot of services, but many don't understand that everyone pays their share for services of policing, fire, ambulance, homes for the aged, NWHU, KDSB, etc. With reference to garbage and water services, those are both user pay services, and are not subsidized by your taxes. As far as the fibre for upgraded internet services, yes it is certainly there, and the City has been working with Bell to improve services. Mayor Canfield agrees there is no reason it shouldn't be there. Mayor Canfield expressed that amalgamation forced us to into one community and at the same time downloaded a bunch of roads and bridges that we can't afford. JM had to start paying for policing that they never had to do before. He explained that at the AMO table, municipalities have requested a 1% portion of HST that would come to each municipality and for the City of Kenora, that would mean a \$4M annual influx of dollars to help the infrastructure deficit right across the country. Every party has turned them down, but if u put 1% more onto HST it would be a tremendous help.

Councillor Smith is concerned about the lack of interest in the budgeting process and lack of interest in the overall spending of the City. She expressed how much she has learned about our taxation system and how much it costs to run our municipality by being on Council.

E. Reports:

1. Finance & Administration

1.1 Changes to Public Health System Support

Recommendation:

That Council hereby supports the position of the Northwestern Health Unit and resolution by the Town of Atikokan that expresses opposition towards the recommendations of the Expert Panel Report "Public Health within an Integrated Health System"; and further

That Council approves the submission of a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care expressing the City of Kenora's opposition towards the proposed changes.

Discussion: We know that the Ministry of Health is looking to change health care across the province and one change is with public health. Councillor Smith expressed concerns over these changes and as a representative on the NWHU, want to support AMO with advocating concerns to the proposed changes. They want to reduce the 36 health units across the province down to 14. In Northwestern Ontario, we would be one health unit combined with Thunder Bay to cover that vast area and they are worried that the relationship with the municipalities will be diluted. We need to add another statement, specifically in Northwestern Ontario that identifies that we are in a health crisis with higher rates of mental health, illness and addiction along with cancer and are already dealing with a crisis. The NWHU asks that we support AMO's position and the other health units.

1.2 Budget Amendment – Climate Asset Management Network

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves participation in FCM's Climate Asset Management Network to integrate climate risks into the City's 2016 Asset Management Plan with a total project cost of \$105,00.00 and further;

That Council hereby approves \$21,000.00 to be allocated funding from contingency reserve with FCM funding the remaining 80 percent of total project costs and further;

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2017 Capital Budget at its November 21, 2017 meeting for this purpose; and further

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

Discussion: This application is for participation in the FCM Climate Asset Management Program and we are one of 19 municipalities across the province to receive funding for this program. Anticipated achievements under this program is the integration of a comprehensive risk framework across each asset class and be able to leverage various funding programs throughout various levels of government. We are one of the smaller municipalities to receive the funding. Only 20% of asset management plans have climate change incorporated into their plan. This demonstrates effective planning on our part.

1.3 2017 Capital & Unusual Spending

Recommendation:

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

Discussion: Councillor Reynard questioned that in the notes or in a separate column, if there could be a progress category so Council knows the status of the project if it is under budget if more expenses are to come, or if it simply isn't complete. Now that Council will be going into the capital projects discussion, the more information they have the better decisions Council can make. Charlotte indicated she will pass this along to Jon to include for future reporting.

1.4 September 2017 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

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

Discussion: It is noticed that we are significantly underspent on storm sewers, and the concern is that the work is not getting done. Jon made statement and Council would like clarification on staff time not being properly allocated. The maintenance of storm sewers are very important and we need to ensure that kind of infrastructure funding is getting used.

Council questioned why the ridership on conventional transit is decreasing even with the efforts of promotion of conventional transit.

1.5 2017 Q3 Investments

Recommendation:

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

Discussion: Charlotte Edie, referenced changes that are coming to investments that municipalities are permitted to make. The Municipality would need to establish an investment board, and the MFOA is saying that they are not that supportive about that idea and the investment board would not contain Council or municipal staff, only the treasurer. Charlotte advised that we will see what eventual change is, but the main thing is that they are expanding what municipalities can invest in. With interest rates going up, the value of our bonds are decreasing.

1.6 Q3 Contracts Awarded

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives this information report of Jon Ranger, Budget/Special Projects Officer with respect to contracts awarded within the Manager's approved limits for July to September 2017.

Discussion: It was suggested that with year end, the final report could show what projects are completed and what are coming forward. With a Q4 report, the year is over. Q3 is important as they can identify what items are outstanding, or their status.

1.7 Priority Capital Projects

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the Priority Capital Projects List as attached to the CAO's report dated November 3, 2017; and further

That Council hereby directs administration to aggressively pursue funding opportunities for these priority capital works; and further

That a separate discussion takes place with regards to twinning of the Kenora Recreation Centre once City staff have brought forward additional information in relation to this project.

Discussion: Karen has developed a priority projects list as established by the senior leadership team as this was a request Council had made. Some new projects have come forward and will be included in the capital budget. We want to be ready for a variety of projects should any type of program become available that we could apply for funding for. If we know that there are projects ready to go, we can apply for funding.

It was clarified that further information/detail on the twinning will be coming to Council in January or February as the Manager of Community & Development Services is working with the consultant on a full comprehensive report.

1.8 Succession Planning Policy – HR-1-6

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the amended City of Kenora Succession Planning Policy #HR-1-6; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to amend the Comprehensive Policy Manual for this purpose; and further

That bylaw number 174-2008 be hereby repealed.

1.9 We Own It Campaign

Recommendation:

Whereas Kenora City Council was approached by the 'We Own It' campaign and requested Kenora City Council to pass a resolution related to contracting out City services; and

Whereas the City, under the Direction of this Council, has worked diligently to review its services, and has sought to bring services in house where the City can provide the same or an improved service level for the same or lesser cost; and

Whereas one of the City's overarching strategic goals is to Focus on our People, which includes ensuring customer service excellence and empowering City staff to make decisions that demonstrate the City's commitment to customer service;

Now therefore, let it be resolved that the City of Kenora continues to look at its existing services and identify opportunities where those services can be brought in house, while ensuring improved service levels without negative impacts to service costs.

1.10 December Committee of the Whole Meeting Date

Recommendation:

That Council hereby amends the 2017 Council meeting calendar to reflect the December Committee of the Whole meeting date change to December 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. from December 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion: Due to several conflicts for Council, the December COW Meeting date will change by two days to accommodate vacancies.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

2.1 Emergency Management Program

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw for the development, implementation, maintenance, testing and review of an Emergency Management Program in accordance with the standards published by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management for the City of Kenora; and further

That Council authorizes the Community Emergency Management Coordinator, or his or her alternate, to make administrative changes to the Emergency Response Plan including personnel changes, organizational changes, contact information, phone numbers and other administrative matters as required; and further

That bylaw number 100-2009 be hereby repealed.

2.2 Support for Exemption to Bill 148

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora supports and endorses the Township of Montague resolution #104-2017 dated September 19, 2017 regarding the on-call provisions of Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Wynne, MPP Sarah Campbell (Kenora-Rainy River) and all Ontario municipalities.

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 Panorama Ridge Condo Number 3 & 5 Water Meter Services

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes that the current individual water metering system, utilized by the Kenora Condominium Corporation No. 3 and Kenora Condominium Corporation No. 5 buildings, be upheld.

Discussion: Karen explained the report and reasons behind the report. Upon review, staff determined that individual meters is not in the spirit of the water and wastewater metering system and would be a significant loss in revenue to the department. Any new condominium development will be required to have the same individual metering. Councillor Reynard was concerned with fairness for everyone within the system and on a go forward basis. The Manager of Operations & Infrastructure will be bringing back a future report for changes to the rates.

4. Community & Development Services

4.1 Funding Applications – DTR IV

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) in the amount of \$1 million for the delivery of the Chipman Street and First Street capital project; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora approves an application to the Federal Economic

Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) in the amount of \$1 million for the delivery of the Chipman Street and First Street capital project; and further

That Council confirms its financial commitment of up to \$3.5 million for the project; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns associated with the project.

4.2 Funding Applications – Harbourfront Redevelopment

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) in the amount of \$33,333 for the delivery of a Harbourfront Business Development Plan; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora approves an application to the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) in the amount of \$33,333 for the delivery of a Harbourfront Business Development Plan; and further

That Council confirms its financial commitment of up to \$33,334 for the project; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns associated with the project.

4.3 Garden & Shrub Beds Contract

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the tender submission from Debbie's Greenhouse in the amount of \$170,800.00 + HST for 2018, \$173,380.00 + HST for 2019 and \$175,815.00 + HST for 2020 for the 2018-2020 Garden & Shrub Bed Maintenance Contract; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Debbie's Greenhouse, in which the quote will form the basis of the agreement; and further

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

4.4 NWBC Funding Agreements

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to execute the agreement between the City of Kenora and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for the purposes of the Northwest Business Centre's operating components for funding up to March 31, 2019; and further

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to execute the agreement between the City of Kenora and the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth for the purposes of the Northwest Business Centre Starter Company Plus Program specific to operating funding up to March 31, 2019 and expenses submitted up until May 31, 2019; and further

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to execute the agreement between the City of Kenora and the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth for the purposes of the Northwest Business Centre's Summer Company Program specific to operating funding up to September 30, 2017.

F. Proclamations

Mayor Canfield then read the following proclamations:

- Louis Riel Day – November 16, 2017
- National Nurse Practitioner Week – November 12-18, 2017

G. Other

- Councillor Roussin – The AMO meeting, the response from AMO was on October 12 and deals specifically with health units. They are prepared to look at the full impacts. The Alpha outline was sent in October 17 and there has been no response from AMO or Ministry on this and now that AMO has all of these submissions they will be looking at the full impact of these.
- Councillor Smith referenced her attendance at the Lake of the Woods Museum and they put on in recognition of Reconciliation Week a presentation on Treaty 3 and they had a presentation on the Treaty. Many people attended including indigenous youth and it was very well done.
- Lighting of Christmas tree event @ 5:30 p.m. Last year, there was a tremendous response from holding it on a Friday and after the event the Museum is open for hot chocolate, cookies and treats. This is a great event and hundreds of people attend and look forward to the tree being on Main Street annually.
- The Remembrance Day ceremonies on the weekend were very well attended.

H. Next Meeting

- Thursday, December 7, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.

I. Adjourn to Closed

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

That Council now adjourn to a closed session at 11:21 a.m.; and further

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Closed Session will discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Disposition of Land (1 matter)**
- ii) Receiving of Advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege (1 matter)**

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 1:41 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.