



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
9:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Deputy Mayor Sharon Smith
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Dan Reynard
Councillor Louis Roussin
Councillor Colin Wasacase (left meeting at 10:02 a.m.)

Regrets: Mayor David Canfield

Staff: Karen Brown, CAO, Heather Kasprick, City Clerk, Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations & Infrastructure, Matt Boscarol, Manager of Community & Development Services (Finance staff Charlotte Edie, Treasurer, Jon Ranger, Budget/Special Projects, Michelle Saunders, Tax Collector, present for Finance matters only)

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 February 20, 2017 meeting:-

- Adopt the 2018 Municipal Capital and Unusual Spending Budget
 - Adopt an amended Procurement Policy #CS 1-1

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.**

There were none declared.

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 January 9, 2018 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

Jan Richardson, Environmental Advisory Committee - Annual Report

Jan Richardson is a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee. She is before Council to highlight what the Environmental Advisory Committee has done over the past year and to share a few recommendations from the committee.

Each month, the EAC receives reports from the Solid Waste Division so they are able to track the amount of waste going to landfill and its composition. As the Waste-Free Ontario Act rolls out through 2020, communities across the province must comply by maximizing opportunities to divert solid waste from landfill. Kenora, as a smaller community, does not have to comply with the same regulations that apply to large cities, but it is nevertheless offering recycling options to residents that are aligned with what big city residents enjoy.

Construction and demolition waste continues to be a major source of material entering the landfill but the solid waste division staff does work with contractors to try to divert as much contracting waste as possible from landfill. The EAC will continue to follow this issue, providing updates and recommendations for improved action to Council as necessary.

The household hazardous waste and electronics waste recycling programs have been exceptionally successful. Kenora offers an impressive range of recycling options, even though it can be challenging to find purchasers for some products. The solid waste division continues to proactively look for recycling solutions.

Composting of yard waste and brush has been underway at the Kenora landfill site over the past year. The EAC is eager to see this program eventually expand to include all household green and organic waste but they understand the logistical limitations our small city faces here. The EAC will continue to track this program and look for ways to offer greater services over time.

In 2017, the EAC proposed running two City-wide 'Freecycle Days' over weekends in May and September. These events helped to keep used items in good condition out of landfill by allowing them to be repurposed and reused by community members. This event was simple, free to the City, and effective and the EAC recommends to Council that they permit the event to run again in 2018. The EAC recommends Council consider supporting two annual community 'clean-up' events: the Big Green Clean, re-instated for the spring, and a similar event in the fall during Ontario Waste Reduction Week. They would also like to see the continuation of the very valuable Adopt-a-Block program.

The EAC has been keenly interested in the current Community Energy Planning project underway. This is a critically important project that will support the City's capacity to do robust long-term infrastructure, economic and social planning.

With regard to the next review of the Official Plan, they would hope that this would be amended to include greenhouse gas emissions among the potentially impacted features that are assessed.

The EAC is concerned that the City of Kenora does not have a source water protection plan in place to safeguard the municipal drinking water supply. Source protection plans require many years of hard work and public consultation at the local level. The process is costly and

time-consuming and Kenora has, to date, lacked the resources to be able to undertake a source water protection plan.

Over the coming year, the EAC has mapped out a work plan that includes new measures to reduce solid waste, ensuring protection of songbirds from domestic cats, better understanding potential risks to source water, and enhancing interagency communications. They are eager to continue the committee's service to Council.

A summary of consideration of the recommendations of the Environmental Advisory Committee include:

- Permit city-wide 2018 Freecycle Days over May 12-13 and September 8-9.
- Consider reinstating the Big Green Clean, in partnership with other community agencies, in May and establishing an equivalent fall clean-up event during October's Waste Reduction Week.
- During the next review of the Official Plan, amend section PL 8.9 to include greenhouse gas emissions among the potentially impacted features that are assessed for Environmental Impact Statements.
- During the next review of the Official Plan, amend section PL 8.9 to include source water protection among the potentially impacted features that are assessed for Environmental Impact Statements.
- Establish a source water protection committee that can determine feasibility and options to develop a source water protection plan for Kenora's drinking water

Council thanked Ms. Richardson for her presentation and congratulated the Committee on the work that they do. Council was provided with a copy of the EAC's 2017 Year-End Report.

Jennifer McKibbon, Making Kenora Home - update on activities

Ms. McKibbon thanked Council for declaring this week The Week of Action Against Poverty and supporting the efforts of Making Kenora Home and many others in Kenora to bring attention and action to the issue of poverty in our community.

2018 marks the 11th year of Week of Action Against Poverty and it is good to see that Council have chosen to wear a red ribbon to show support for the most vulnerable in our community. Wearing the ribbon this week and wearing red tomorrow on Wear Red Day is an easy and tangible way to say we stand with those who are struggling.

This week others are going beyond that simple step. There are eight community members who have accepted the Poverty Challenge, agreeing to walk in another's shoes for a week to experience life on Ontario Works benefits and to blog about their experience. Over the years we have had 47 community volunteers go through this Annual Poverty Challenge and each blog has deepened our understanding of the issues associated with poverty locally.

Our keynote this year is on Thursday when Making Kenora Home and the Kenora Association for Community Living are presenting a powerful and thought-provoking documentary about homelessness called 'US & THEM'. There are two showings at 2:30 pm and 7 pm at the Seven Generations Educational Institute. The City of Kenora along with Kenora District Services Board, Q-104 and 7 Generations Educational Institute sponsored the cost of bringing this film to Kenora so that it can be offered for free admission and we encourage Council and staff with friends and family to attend one of the two showings.

In addition, there are community groups and school classrooms planning actions like a pancake breakfast for the community and decorating cupcakes of joy for the clients at the Fellowship Centre – all to bring awareness or raise money for the organizations who serve the homeless and vulnerable.

Others are taking the hot meal challenge and stepping up to provide a hot meal to those that are hungry and at the same time provide a week off for the volunteers in this community who provide those meals week after week.

There were Prayers from the Pulpit at many of the churches in town this past Sunday and on Wednesday there are Homeless in Kenora stories, in the voice of citizens who are living it, at a public reading at our library and a lunch with elders at the Fellowship Centre where the topic will be "What is Poverty".

And the actions continue beyond this week with St Thomas Aquinas music students and Community Arts Hub holding a jam night next week featuring local musicians at a local restaurant to raise money for the cause. These are the actions that we are aware of. Each year when we gather all the reports from community about the actions taken by groups and individuals there is always more than we initially knew about.

MyKenora Community Portal had an online poll question last week asking people whether they "support community campaigns such as the Week of Action as a way to reduce poverty and homelessness in Kenora?" When checked yesterday evening there had been 151 votes cast and the vote was 61% in support of the week of action campaign. However, it is not determined if the results are a good measure of support because the poll question is worded in such a way that it could be taken to mean support or non-support of a campaign itself or support or non-support of a campaign as a tool to reduce poverty. There is no way to know how those who voted interpreted the question but campaigns alone cannot reduce poverty or homelessness. What they can do is raise awareness, educate citizens and encourage involvement and thus spur policy makers and governments into action because when it comes right down to it, poverty and homelessness are wicked and intractable problems that require comprehensive and long-term government action to address the system and policy changes needed to really make a difference.

Making Kenora Home recognizes this and in addition to their annual campaigns they look for projects that have the potential for tangible long-term solutions that can be done with local resources and support. The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is a good example of this and one that began as an idea around the Making Kenora Home table before spinning off to become their own determined group of volunteers who build homes in Kenora for families who need them.

Currently Making Kenora Home is working on a social enterprise idea that seeks to lift people out of poverty. Ms. McKibbin spoke to Mayor Canfield about the concept late last year which was when it was just the beginning of an idea. A Social Enterprise applies business solutions to social problems. That is, they are a revenue-generating business whose surpluses are reinvested for their social mission and their social mission is as core to their success as any potential profit. The social enterprise idea has become a movement across Canada in response to the failures of the market economy and governments to bring about the social change and the solutions to poverty so badly needed in our communities. There are many examples of social enterprise but the one that caught the imagination of the Making Kenora Home board is that of BUILD Inc. in Winnipeg. We can thank Grand Council Treaty #3 for that because it was a speaker at their climate change and water conference this past

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November that first got me thinking about the possibilities. Since then we have made the connection with BUILD and the Social Enterprise Centre in Winnipeg and that connection has grown into a mentoring relationship with both the founder of BUILD (who was that speaker at the Grand Council Treaty #3 conference) and the current executive director of BUILD who is guiding us in developing a plan for Kenora BUILD.

The BUILD model they are working to translate to a Kenora context is a business that provides renovation and construction services and trains and supports people who have significant barriers to employment to do the work of the business. The BUILD model has been successful in Winnipeg for over 10 years training well over 500 people who would otherwise be unable to get jobs in the construction and trades and their model has been successfully replicated in Newfoundland, Toronto, Brandon and most recently Saskatoon and Canmore. In each case the trainees are people who face barriers to employment such as a criminal record, no high school, no driver's license and sometimes mental health challenges or addictions. These are significant barriers but the BUILD model has shown that with appropriate support, guidance and paid training and work experience a significant percentage of their trainees can go on to jobs in the construction field or on to college for the trades. BUILD does this by providing case worker support to address personal challenges and 2 full months of paid training followed by 4 months of work in the field while they continue to be supported to overcome the barriers that are in their way to gaining and keeping good jobs, the kind of jobs that have the potential to lift them and their families out of poverty.

The experience of BUILD in Winnipeg is that a significant number of their trainees end up coming from the justice system and are overwhelmingly Indigenous. They advertise for new trainees every two months and this past week they had over 100 people line up for a chance at the 22 spots. They have long term contracts with the federal government for training and with Manitoba Housing for renovation and retrofit of social housing. With willing local partners and support from decision makers we believe this is an idea that could be replicated in Kenora.

As one of those decision-makers and the elected representative of the citizens of Kenora, the support of this Council for a social enterprise like what has been briefly described, is coveted. Making Kenora Home is working hard to facilitate and incubate the idea of the Kenora BUILD social enterprise and the many necessary partners that we are already talking to would like to hear that the City Council is behind it. This is not a request for funding, but rather a commitment to do what Council and administration can do to help them bring the partners together and to launch a social enterprise.

There is plenty of evidence from the other BUILD projects in Canada that this works to provide access to the economy for citizens who have been shut out. In this regard a social enterprise like Kenora BUILD can be an act of reconciliation to deliberately provide a strong hand-up with no strings attached to those who have not had a fair shot at it. Making Kenora Home is asking this Council and others through them to not miss this opportunity to lift people out of poverty and provide the opportunity for jobs that pay enough to live here.

An all day workshop has been organized for March 5th in which and trying to put together the necessary people around the table to move this forward.

Council thanked Ms. McGibbon for her presentation and the work that Making Kenora Home is doing in the community.

Nicole Kurtz, Kenora Borealis Multisport – concerns over repurposing Garrow Park tennis courts

Nicole Kurtz is a Member of Kenora Borealis Multisport Club and is currently serving a 2 year term on the Board of Directors. Kenora Borealis formed nearly 17 years ago, when a group of like-minded, active adults decided to start meeting regularly to run and cycle. In 17 years the club has thrived, and has been a great attraction for active adults, young and old, who have made Kenora home. Their club helped found and support many of the great community events that you will likely recognize, such as the Mother's Day Charity Road Race; Father's Day Community Bike Ride; the Kenora Borealis Triathlon/Duathlon/AquaBike/TryaTri; the Tracy Moorwood Memorial Run; the Triathlon Training Series and Kids of Steel.

Their members set their sights on some lofty international competitions and lifetime achievement goals, and with the support of each other have represented Kenora and Borealis proudly.

Their annual triathlon series is their signature event, and the sole fundraiser for their club, providing them with approximately \$68,000 in funds, to date, to reinvest in the health and wellness of their active adult population. The event is going into its 14th year at Garrow Park, a venue loved by all those who participate. Their club is a member of triathlon Manitoba, and the Kenora Triathlon is considered to be one of the top races of the series. The participants in their race are not only for hobby athletes, they host some of Canada's top semiprofessional and professional triathletes/duathletes. They come to Kenora because they love our challenging course. The event happens in mid-July, on a Sunday, hosting 250 athletes annually; notably 90% of participants are from outside Kenora. Due to the early start, most athletes and their families will arrive a minimum of one day early. However, a significant number stay for the entire weekend because Kenora is such a beautiful place to visit.

The event is remarkably one of the safest on record for Triathlon Manitoba. They have delivered an accident free event since 2003. They had an incident that was attributed to the gravel roadway at Garrow Park, and they worked with the City to have that portion of the course paved prior to the next race year. Kenora Borealis contributed \$3,000 for upgrade of the road. The safety of the course can be attributed to how the course is setup. The tennis court area is vital to the safety aspect. The bike transition zone is where every athlete must convene to make the transition from swimming to biking and biking to running / for duathlon it's from run to bike and back to run. The contained area provides the optimal place for this transition, giving us the adequate turnaround space in the remainder of the parking lot for the cyclists who must enter the park and u-turn before heading back out for their second bike lap. These cyclist are travelling in excess of 40km/hr and therefore reduction in the size of the turnaround zone is not a viable consideration.

Without this signature event, the club cannot continue to operate. They have been actively working on new projects within the past two years and have grown a masters swim club to a team of 37 in just 18 months, and have adopted the Kenora Mountain Biking Club into their membership in order to become members of the International Mountain Biking Association. With this IMBA distinction, they are able to begin the work of developing a marked trail system for mountain biking with the help of the City Planning Staff and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Mountain Biking Trail System needs Borealis in order

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to advance, as they are an incorporated entity and willing to put the man hours into developing this feature in our region. The club provided the City with a letter of support in 2017 when we were making application for funding through the Ministry of Sport for the purchase of the boga fitness mats at the Kenora Recreation Centre. The masters swimming program pays approximately \$6,000 in pool rental fees per year; group fitness passes at the Recreation Centre and provide each one of our members with 52 free passes per year, to encourage the membership to participate in City Fitness Programs which is a potential \$19,000 in group fitness revenue for the City, per year.

The club has always had a healthy relationship with the City and the Kenora Rowing Club to produce the triathlon. They have been supported in their requests for road closures, traffic delays, street sweeping, park maintenance and use of the waterfront. They recently learned, through previous City Council meeting minutes that the Kenora Pickleball club is being given serious consideration for transforming the tennis court area into a full time, permanent Pickleball court. This request includes asking the City for help with the cost of resurfacing the court, and the permission to install permanent fencing for the pickleball courts, with funds raised by their club and grants.

As a user group who has actively used the area for 13 years, it was upsetting to see that a new club could have gone so far in soliciting support of the City without anyone taking the Borealis club and event into consideration. They have reached out to the Pickleball club to relay their concerns, they have been respectful, but understandably they are still adamant in their quest for a permanent pickleball court. The club wholeheartedly supports any and all adult wellness programs, and wish the Pickleball Club well in growing their club. They have a lot of the same membership. They are asking the City (Council and Staff) to consider all viable options for this project. Options that allow us all to continue to promote health and wellness in our active aging community; options that allow us all to bring viable sporting events to the community; options that boost our tourism and hospitality sectors as well.

The club understands that there is one other alternative tennis court for the pickleball courts to go, and would ask that Council take the Keewatin tennis court into consideration as the one they choose to resurface and repurpose.

It was questioned why it has taken so long for this matter to come forward, and clarified the amount of events that are held by the club.

Council thanked Ms. Kurtz for her deputation.

E. Reports:

1. Finance & Administration

1.1 Taxi Rate Increase

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes a taxi rate increase effective May 1, 2018 to \$6.00 from the current \$4.55 as a start rate, and increase the km rate to \$2.75 from the current \$2.65; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose.

Discussion: Council questioned if they should be setting the rates for taxis at all. Deputy Mayor Smith permitted Mr. Eric Lovas to speak from the galley. Mr. Lovas indicated that winter/summer tires make no difference in the calibration of meters and the reason was simply nice weather that we chose May. He noted that there was a time when they got together in December/January when the roads were not good. That's why they decided it would be in May. The process takes about 15 minutes for each meter.

It was noted that 60% of ridership is low income people and a lot of people using the cab system do live in poverty and increasing rate will impact people that are already marginalized in our community. Council questioned that if insurance costs are one of the concerns, do you have a risk management program that would address insurance costs. Insurance companies don't like to insure cabs and fall under the facility insurance which with a facility policy you are classed with the worst driver. Mr. Lovas confirmed that the drivers don't make minimum wage, they are commissioned employees, however, they want to make sure they can offer them a proper wage so they can retain drivers.

1.2 Civil Marriage Ceremony Contracts

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and Jan M.M. Fletcher and Jane Van Toen for the services of civil marriage commissioners for the City of Kenora on an as appointed basis effective January 1, 2018 ending December 31, 2019; and further

That bylaw number 165-2015 be hereby repealed.

Councillor Wasacase left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

1.3 Nordic Biathlon Club Support for Community Foundation Application

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora pass a resolution supporting the Kenora Nordic Biathlon Club's (KNBC) request to name the City of Kenora as a sponsor in their application for funds through the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation to further expand their trail system to include a ski playground at Mount Evergreen.

1.4 December 2017 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at December 31, 2017.

Discussion: Finance confirmed that most of the revenues are in for 2017. Under garage and shop expenditures, we need to reallocate internal charges. Planning and Development, Starter Company has not spent all budget and it will be placed in deferred revenue. The statements now reflect our year to date wages, equipment rentals and stores allocation. The wages there is still an accrual, and the accounts payable cutoff is this Friday. Council noted that Keewatin Memorial Arena ice rentals revenue is down and this is a concern when we are considering a twinning.

1.5 2017 Capital and Unusual Spending

Recommendation:

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

1.6 Q4 Investment Report

Recommendation:

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

Discussion: Treasurer Charlotte Edie, confirmed there is fluctuation again and it all goes back to the volatility of the U.S. She is looking at transferring more funds into the One Fund once the debt is set. It was questioned if we will make the 1.1% and Karen noted that we have been including slightly less than that in the budgets as we have not been meeting that target.

1.7 2018 Capital Budget Approval

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the 2018 Municipal Capital Budget, including Unusual Spending, as amended; and further

That Council hereby directs staff to actively proceed with the projects included in that budget in accordance with the provisions of the City procurement bylaw; and further

That in accordance with Notice Bylaw 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to adopt its 2018 Municipal Capital and Unusual Spending Budget at its February 20, 2018 Council meeting; and further

That Council hereby gives three readings to a bylaw for this purpose.

Discussion: It was questioned if it is time to look at the Railway Street project. The items on the long term debt list are not go ahead projects, just items for discussion before moving forward. Karen suggested the Railway Street project be a corporate issue for the new Council to discuss.

Under the asset management plan and under the BMA water and wastewater summary, Council approved for the 2018 increase, and we are working with the budget to have appropriate spending. The percentage increase that we had to spend to start reducing the deficit was supposed to be above and beyond by a certain date and we didn't increase yet because we are going to have that discussion with the operating budget deliberations.

1.8 Q4 Contracts Awarded

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2017 October – December Contracts & Expenditures Approved report.

Deputy Mayor Smith left the room at 10:28 a.m. and Councillor Roussin assumed the Chair.

1.9 Procurement Policy Update

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a bylaw to adopt an amended Procurement Policy #CS-1-1; and further

That bylaw number 26-2013 be hereby repealed.

Deputy Mayor Smith returned to the Chair at 10:32 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

Discussion: It was questioned who the Senior Leadership Team members consist of and CAO Karen Brown explained members are: Manager of Operations & Infrastructure, Manager of Fire & Emergency Services, Manager of Community & Development Services, City Clerk, Treasurer and Human Resources Strategist.

1.10 Section 357 Tax Appeals

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves Section 357 tax adjustments with potential refunds totaling \$408.75.

1.11 Vacant & Excess Land & Vacant Unit Rebate Program Changes

Recommendation:

That Council hereby review the Vacancy Rebate program and the Vacant and Excess Land Sub-Classes to determine a "first pass wish list" of potential changes and improvements; and further

That Council hereby directs staff to eliminate the Vacancy Rebate Program and the Vacant and Excess Land Sub-Classes in 2019.

Discussion: Staff explained that they are seeking Council's direction on these two options. The Province now allows us to change both of these programs to be whatever we would like them to be. Finance staff feel strongly about the vacancy rebate change. Since this report, they are getting the feeling that municipalities are dealing with the vacancy rebate programs and are scrapping it, and the very next month which demonstrates a trend for this change. We have about 25 properties and about 2/3 of them are chronic. There really is no incentive for them to fill their buildings by providing a tax rebate. With the land subclasses the City does not gain, but we do not lose. Vacancy rebates are a direct hit to the City. Council noted that something has to be done with MPAC regarding this as well.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

2.1 Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a bylaw authorizing the City of Kenora to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Forestry to 31st of March 2023; and further

That By-Law Number 66-2015 be hereby repealed.

Discussion: This agreement gives us the opportunity to access the resources of the MNR. It was questioned what the recourse is if a fire is started by a land owner (within municipal boundaries) would it be the MNR or the municipality that would go after them and what the recourse is to that landowner for causing the fire.

2.2 Renewal of 9-1-1 CERB Agreement

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a bylaw to authorize a new 9-1-1 Central Emergency

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Reporting Bureau (CERB) Service contract with the Ontario Provincial Police for the City of Kenora's residential population of 15,348 (Stats Canada Census 2011) at a cost of \$8,610.23 for a five year term commencing on February 17, 2018 and expiring on February 16, 2023; and further

That this costing remain constant for the 5-year term of this CERB agreement.

Discussion: Council questioned why they are using the 2011 census instead of 2016 census information to establish our costs. Karen will look into this prior to Council.

2.3 Strengthening Quality & Accountability for Patients Act

Recommendation:

Whereas Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act amended the Ambulance Act to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medical model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

Whereas the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

Whereas in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medical model as a result of interest arbitration; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 and the Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and

Whereas there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the Police Services Act which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medical pilot or program imposed upon them;

Now Therefore be it Resolved That the City of Kenora calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medical pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn,

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Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Hon. Bob Nault, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Discussion: Karen explained that everyone is familiar with the Fire/Medic program that has been brought out. While they are welcome to bring the program out we want to ensure that we aren't once again forced into it with an arbitration award. Looking to get a commitment from the Province by legislating it to not force it onto the municipalities.

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 7th Avenue Bridge Replacement Tender Award

Recommendation:

That the tender submitted by MD Steele Construction Ltd, in the amount of \$1,162,026.39., HST extra, related to selecting "Alternative A – Demolition with Temporary Pedestrian Access Provided in Advance of Replacement", for the replacement of the 7th Avenue Bridge, be hereby accepted.

Discussion: Alternative A has the project be performed over two separate periods of time with the demolishing of the existing bridge and temporary pedestrian bridge being completed during the March school spring break. The new construction and bridge installation would commence at the end of school in June with completion prior to the start of school in the fall. The tender had two alternatives with the intent to provide one option that better minimizes impacts for children walking to King George School, snowmobiles travelling under the bridge during winter and boat traffic using Laurenson Creek during the summer as the main criteria to consider. The additional alternative also minimizes environmental impacts by demolishing the existing bridge with ice-in conditions which is more favourable than over open water.

Jeff and Marco will be going to the company with a letter of intent today to commit to the works that is signed by Karen.

3.2 Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Repair Works Tender

Recommendation:

That the proposal submitted by Tri-Core Projects Ltd. in the amount \$517,200 (plus HST) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Repair Works be hereby accepted.

Discussion: It was questioned if this work was a priority identified in the asset management plan and Karen will confirm. Jeff noted that there are other materials out there that could be considered but they come with a significant cost. This is a separate capital budget and in the draft 2018 capital budget for the water and wastewater division.

4. Community & Development Services

4.1 Wayfinding Program Update

The City of Kenora has been working with HTFC Planning + Design, and Sierra Construction to implement a wayfinding program in the Harbourtown Centre. Work completed to date has included the development of program which highlights districts, nodes and landmarks; message scheduling, final shop drawings the creation of Harbourtown Centre maps and lake maps, which have included as an attachment for your information. The City of Kenora requested, and received approval from the Canadian Hydrographic Service for use of Chat

6201- Lake of the Woods for this municipal wayfinding program.

Over the past few months, members of the community may have noticed orange fencing within the Harbourtown Centre, more recently orange wooden construction markers. These are location of parking signs and concrete piles which will be capped with granite collars which the wayfinding signs and kiosks will be anchored to. The attached shop drawings have been approved by the Engineers working alongside HTFC, and production of the signs has commenced. Sign install is scheduled for February 20th – 25th, 2018.

The wayfinding program is a component of the Second Street downtown revitalization project. Funding for the project is confirmed from FedNor (30 percent) and NOHFC (33.33 percent) with the remainder allocated from the City of Kenora 2017 capital budget.

Discussion: This is a really good conceptual design for wayfinding and it is spectacular for our downtown area. Council is looking forward to parking signs to direct people to city parking.

4.2 Kenora Assembly of Resources Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a by-law authorizing a contract between the Kenora Assembly of Resources (KAR) and the City of Kenora for provision of services at the Harbourfront and related areas for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and further

That by-law Number 134-2016 be hereby repealed.

Discussion: It was noted that this program has a long history in the community. The bottle program is no longer in operation, however, there are discussions under way in regards to social programs that may bring programs similar to this back.

4.3 Community Club Grants for 2018

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora receives the recommendation from the Parks and Facilities Division Lead, approving the grant amount of \$8,000.00 each to Rideout, Central and Evergreen Community Clubs once they have successfully submitted the Grant Application documents.

Discussion: We receive documentation from them at the end of the year for operational costs of the clubs. It was questioned when the community club was turned over the Catholic School Board, that the intent was to leave it as an outdoor rink. It was thought there was some commitment from the Catholic School Board with intent to carry as a rink for the schools and that was one of the main considerations in agreeing to the sale. Council felt that we should be going back to them and addressing that. We transferred it to them with the intent it was for a skating rink. Karen will look into this and provide information.

4.4 Kenora SportsPlex Lease Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council authorize a 5-year facility management agreement with the Board of Directors of the Kenora SportsPlex in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set out; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw to authorize this agreement.

F. Proclamations

Mayor Canfield then read the following proclamations:

- **Week of Action Against Poverty – February 11-17, 2018**

G. Other

- None

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 6, 2018

I. Adjourn to Closed

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

That Council now adjourn to a closed session at 11:09 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) **A proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal purposes**

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 11:42 a.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.