



MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – City Council Chambers
12:00 p.m.**

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**With** Mayor D. Reynard in the Chair, Councillor M. Goss, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor K. Ralko, Councillor S. Smith, Councillor C. Van Wallegem

**Staff:** Karen Brown, CAO, Heather Pihulak, City Clerk, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk, Stace Gander, Community Services Manager

## Call to Order

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order and Councillor Ralko delivered a blessing.

## Public Information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007

Mayor Reynard then read the following notices:-

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following at today's meeting:-

- The 2019 Municipal Operating Budget
- A new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law to give effect to new Rates in Schedule "A" Administration and Finance, Clerks Department and Schedule "D" Operations, Boat Docking and mooring
- To Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the City of Kenora
- ~~An allocation of \$475,000 funded through City's Contingency Reserves for the development of a gravel driveway, water main extension and rink relocation DEFERRED~~
- Amend the 2019 Capital Budget to withdraw funds from the Solid Waste Reserves in the amount of \$55,000 to offset the costs of the construction of the Transfer Station Scale Building Expansion

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Mayor Reynard then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof pertaining to any items as follows:-

- i) On Today's Agenda or from a previous Meeting
- ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

Councillor Ralko declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to resolution numbers 16 and 33 regarding the loan agreement (Douglas/Art Centre) as it relates to her employment with the Shewchuk Law Firm.

Councillor Ralko declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to resolution numbers 24 and 35 regarding the planning application, D14-19-02 area of 543 Lakeview Drive, as it relates to her employment with the Shewchuk Law Firm. Councillor Ralko declared this

pecuniary interest for this matter not only this meeting, but also the public proceeding held Tuesday, March 12 at 12:00 noon pertaining to this planning application which she was present.

Councillor Ralko declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to resolution numbers 29, 30 and 31 pertaining to City tenders as they relate to her employment with the Shewchuk Law Firm. Councillor Ralko declared this pecuniary interest for these matters not only for this meeting, but also for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Tuesday, March 12 where these matters were also discussed.

Councillor Ralko declared an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to resolution numbers 13 and 36 pertaining to a budget amendment and tender award for the Transfer Station Scale Building. It relates to her employment with the Shewchuk Law Firm. Councillor Ralko declared this pecuniary interest for these matters for not only this meeting, but also the Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, March 12 where this matter was also discussed.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-

Regular Council – February 19, 2019

### **Deputations**

#### **David Luby – Housing Development**

In 2009/2010 Mr. Luby proposed a subdivision that was approved by Planning at that time. Both applications were approved with stipulations and he was looking at a duplex model build that was feasible to develop that style of home at the time. There appears to be many opportunities now for investments in housing. This development is merely impossible without sewer and water infrastructure put in. There has been joint ventures in the past by the City where it has been feasible to invest in development. Mr. Luby is asking Council to consider putting the water and sewer in for the development.

Council thanked Mr. Luby for his deputation and the matter will be referred to the City departments for follow up.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

#### **Appointment to the NWHU Board of Health**

#### **2. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Jerry O’Leary to the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health as the joint appointment for Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls/Kenora.

### **2018 Capital & Unusual Spending**

#### **3. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the 2018 December Capital and Unusual Spending report.

### **2018 Q3/Q4 Contracts Awarded**

#### **4. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the 2018 July – December Contracts & Expenditures Approved report.

### **Clerk's Department Fee Increases – Tariff of Fees & Charges**

#### **5. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves various fee increases for the Clerk's Department under Schedule A – Administration and Finance effective immediately; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law Number at its March 19, 2019 meeting to give effect to these rates outlined in the revised Schedule "A"; and further

That By-law Number 3-2019 be hereby repealed.

### **2019 Operating Budget Approval**

#### **6. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves the City of Kenora's 2019 Municipal Operating Budget, as reviewed and amended; and further

That Council give three readings to a By-law to approve the 2019 Municipal Operating Budget; and further

That Council authorize City administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget related decisions in accordance with those reflected within the amended budgets; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2019 Municipal Operating Budget by-law at its March 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Mayor Reynard read a media release related to the 2019 Operating Budget.**

### **HR-3-1 Policy Amendment**

#### **7. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby amends the Salary Administration Policy #HR-3-1, in the Comprehensive Policy Manual; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose; and further

That bylaw number 13-2014 be hereby repealed.

## **Integrity Commissioner Appointment**

### **8. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Lisa Wheatley as the City of Kenora's Integrity Commissioner fulfilling all statutory requirements pursuant to Sections 223.3 and 223.8 of the Municipal Act; and further

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to adopt a new Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol.

## **ROMA Resolutions of Support**

### **9. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

Whereas 'Zone 9' as defined by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, comprises a large geographical area; and

Whereas it is difficult for one person to effectively represent all of the municipalities in Zone 9 given its size;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby requests that Zone 9 be divided into two different geographical zones; one for Northwestern Ontario and one for Northeastern Ontario; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, with an express request that it be placed on the table for discussion at an upcoming meeting; and further

That a copy be forwarded to all the municipalities in Zone 9 for their support.

## **Youth Reconciliation Appointments**

### **10. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Councillor Kirsi Ralko and Adam Smith, Development Services Strategist, as a Kenora representatives to the Local Youth Council of the Youth Committee of Reconciliation Kenora; and further

That Council hereby directs administration to proceed with advertising for additional community members interested in participating in the Youth Reconciliation in Kenora Phase 1 process – Setting Context.

**Councillor McMillan read a media release related to the Youth Council.**

## **2018 Kenora Drinking Water System Summary**

### **11. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the 2018 Kenora Drinking Water System Summary Report, for the period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, as prepared by Biman Paudel, Water & Wastewater Division Lead.

### **Load Restriction – 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge**

#### **12. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby repeals By-Law number 38-2017 authorizing a load restriction on the Seventh Avenue Bridge.

### **Budget Amendment – Transfer Station Scale Building Expansion**

#### **13. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the tender submitted by L.M.D. Contracting (2008) Limited, in the amount of \$336,200 (plus applicable taxes) for the construction of the Transfer Station Scale Building Expansion; and further

That Council hereby approves an additional allocation of \$55,000 to be funded through the Solid Waste Reserve to supplement the difference between the \$340,000 set aside in the 2019 Capital Budget and the bid accepted above; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2019 Capital Budget at its March 19, 2019 meeting to withdraw funds from the Solid Waste Reserves in the amount of \$55,000 to offset the costs of these works; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to amend the 2019 budget for this purpose.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Kenora Recreation Centre Ice Twinning**

#### **14. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the recommendation from Stace Gander, Community Services Manager regarding the detailed design phase of the Kenora Recreation Centre Ice Twinning project; and further

That Council hereby directs administration to cease the needs assessment of a twinned ice surface at the Kenora Recreation Centre for this term of Council.

#### **Councillor McMillan introduced a motion to amend Motion #14 as follows:-**

#### **Amendment to Motion #14**

##### **14a. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem**

That Motion #14 on today's agenda with respect to the Twinning of the Kenora Recreation Centre be hereby amended as follows:-

- Amend the second paragraph of the resolution to read:  
That given the current funding climate and the projected financial results of a twinning project, the recommendation is that the City of Kenora opt to not proceed with the application of NOHFC funding for detailed design funding at this time; and further

That the City revisit this project within a two year period and, a report be provided to Council to determine if the environment has changed and that funding sources may be available at that time.

**Discussion:** This twinning has significant impact to other areas such as ball fields, parking, boat launch and more. In July 2017 there was a moratorium on further tournaments. A delay in this project will result in additional construction costs as they will continue to escalate. Most of the information regarding stats have been gathered and would still be good in 2 years, but any longer may have to be updated.

It was felt that we do not have enough data that goes way into the horizon 2030-2035 with solid information that shows there will be a need way out into the future, while we finance this project, it is difficult to support this resolution unless we have data that supports it way into the future.

**Motion Defeated**

### **Tbaytel Lake of the Woods West Agreement**

**15. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council authorizes a five (5) year extension of lease agreement with Tbaytel for the telecommunication site W2350B site, Lake of the Woods, McKenzie Road; and further

That Council give three readings to a bylaw to authorize the extension of lease agreement for 5 years commencing February 1, 2019 and ending January 31st, 2024 with Tbaytel for the lease fees as outlined in the bylaw.

### **Loan Agreement – Art Centre**

**16. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves the loan agreement between Bryce Douglas and the Lake of the Woods Museum, being a museum owned and operated by the City of Kenora, for a collection of art by Canadian artist Walter J. Phillips; and further

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

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Docking Fee Increase**

**17. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to authorize the increase to rental rates for our seasonal docking spaces and mooring ball rentals; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law at its March 19, 2019 meeting to give effect to the new rates outlined in the revised Schedule "D".

### **Provincial Library Funding Support**

**18. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

Whereas public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and,

Whereas the Kenora Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to government websites and services; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to seek funding opportunities through grants, donor development and sponsorships to increase services, complete capital projects, and expand programming outside of their core funding; and,

Whereas the Kenora Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

Whereas the Kenora Public Library requests that the City of Kenora Council urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20-year budget freeze to local libraries in an acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents;

Therefore Be It Resolved That City Council supports the Kenora Public Library's request for the Government of Ontario to end the 20-year freeze on public library funding, an initiative spearheaded by the Ontario Library Association and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries; and further

That the City of Kenora urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index; and further

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

### **Recreation Q4 Report**

**19. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council accepts the 2018 Fourth Quarter Report for the Recreation Services Department.

### **2019-2022 Multi Year Accessibility Plan**

**20. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the 2019 – 2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).



## **Community Economic Development Initiative**

### **21. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby directs staff to apply under the Community Economic Development Initiative with Wabaseemoong Independent Nation to foster a partnership and pursue an economic development initiative.

## **Repeal Bylaw 140-2018**

### **22. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby repeals By-law No. 140-2018, a By-law passed on October 31, 2018 to change the zoning of City property located in the area of Pine Portage Road and described as Lots 25 through 37, and a portion of laneway on Plan M63 from Highway Commercial to Institutional to allow for the development of those uses permitted within the Institutional Zone.

## **KDSB Request for Contribution**

### **23. Moved by C. Van Wallegem, Seconded by S. Smith**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the KDSB's request for funding in the form of a gravel driveway and water main extension to the property line of the proposed project location within the municipality; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the realignment of the Evergreen Community Centre Ice Rink to allow for a full road allowance for access to property to the west of Brinkman Rd and South of 9th Street North; and further

That conditional upon approval of Zoning By-law Amendment File D14-19-03 and the commitment by the KDSB to move forward with this construction, Council hereby approves an allocation of \$475,000 to be funded through the City's Contingency Reserves for the development of a gravel driveway, water main extension and rink relocation; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2019 Five Year Capital Plan at its March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council for an allocation of \$475,000 funded through Contingency Reserves for this development; and further

That Council gives three readings to a By-Law to amend the 2019 capital budget for this purpose.

**Moved by Councillor A. Poirier, Seconded by Councillor R. McMillan, to defer Motion #23 indefinitely. Carried.**

## **D14-19-02 Zoning Amendment – Area of 543 Lakeview Drive**

### **24. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan Motion #24 defeated by Amendment**

That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora approves application D14-19-02, subject properties located at 543 Lakeview Drive, 49 Nash Drive, and the south side



area of Nash Street; areas known as the 'Anchor Inn' site, to change the zoning of the subject property from Highway Commercial (HC) to a site specific form of Tourist Recreational (TR) to allow for development of uses permitted within the TR zone, including a Resort:

- Area 'A', to reduce the eastside yard setback to allow a narrowing from 4.5 m to 1.6 m, reduce the westside yard setback to 2.4 m, reduce the front yard setback to 6 m, reduce the rear yard to 4.5 m, increase building height to enable a variable terraced design to 15 m; and further
- Area 'C', to allow for a single story Club House and Administration Office, to reduce the setback from water to 6 m, to reduce the rear setback to 4.5 m; and further
- To increase the lot coverage for the overall development to 44%.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

**Councillor Goss introduced a motion to amend Motion #24**

**Amendment to Motion #24**

**24a. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by C. Van Walleggem & Carried:-**

That Motion #24 on today's agenda with respect to Planning Application D14-19-02, Area of 543 Lakeview Drive be hereby amended as follows:-

- Paragraph related to 'Area C'; for a single story club house and administration building replaced with the following:
- Area 'C', to allow for a two storey Club House and Administration Office with two resort units, not to exceed 7m in height, to reduce the setback from water to 6 m, to reduce the rear setback to 4.5m

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

**Motion #14, as amended, D14-19-02 Zoning Amendment**

**24b. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora approves application D14-19-02, subject properties located at 543 Lakeview Drive, 49 Nash Drive, and the south side area of Nash Street; areas known as the 'Anchor Inn' site, to change the zoning of the subject property from Highway Commercial (HC) to a site specific form of Tourist Recreational (TR) to allow for development of uses permitted within the TR zone, including a Resort:

- Area 'A', to reduce the eastside yard setback to allow a narrowing from 4.5 m to 1.6 m, reduce the westside yard setback to 2.4 m, reduce the front yard setback to 6 m, reduce the rear yard to 4.5 m, increase building height to enable a variable terraced design to 15 m; and further

- Area 'C', to allow for a two storey Club House and Administration Office with two resort units, not to exceed 7m in height, to reduce the setback from water to 6 m, to reduce the rear setback to 4.5m; and further
- To increase the lot coverage for the overall development to 44%.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **2018 Council Remuneration**

#### **25. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the reports prepared by Charlotte Edie, Treasurer as required under Section 284 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, setting out the Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenditures for Members of Council in accordance with Remuneration By-law #2-2018.

### **FedNor Funding Agreement – Digital Creator Program**

#### **26. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and FedNor for the provision of the Digital Creator Program; and further

That the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement.

### **2019 Health & Safety Policy Statements**

#### **27. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the City of Kenora Occupational Health and Safety Policy, the City of Kenora Workplace Harassment Policy and the City of Kenora Workplace Violence Prevention Policy; and further

And that the signatures of the Mayor and CAO are affixed to said policies along with the date of endorsement and are posted in all workplaces.

### **January 2019 Water/Wastewater Systems Summary**

#### **28. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the January 2019 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Bridge Maintenance Repairs Tender**

#### **29. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That the tender submitted by RJ Concrete, in the amount \$824,771.38 (plus HST) for the Bridge Maintenance Repairs for the Cameron Bay Bridge, Keewatin Channel Bridge, Matheson Street Bridge and Winnipeg River East Branch Bridge be hereby accepted.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Coker Bailey Bridge Replacement Tender**

**30. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

That the tender submitted by the Sharp Group in the amount \$970,989.80 (plus HST) for the Coker Bailey Bridge Replacement works be hereby accepted.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Street Line Painting Tender Award**

**31. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the tender submission by North-West Lines Ltd., in the amount \$170,000.00 (plus HST) with an hourly rate of \$150.00 (plus HST) for extra work and a rate of \$120.00 (plus HST) per unit for Bicycle Symbols for the 2019 Urban Street and Highway Line Marking works.

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Parks Washroom Contract Tender**

**32. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the tender submitted by New System Building and Property Services Ltd., in the amount of \$78,300.00 (plus HST) for the servicing of public restrooms as outlined in the tender submission be hereby accepted.

### **Approval of By-laws**

**33. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following By-law be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in its present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

# 38-2019 Loan Agreement – Lake of the Woods Museum (Art Centre)

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Approval of By-laws**

**34. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by K. Ralko**

That the following By-law be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in its present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

#40-2019 - Budget Amendment - KDSB Request for Contribution

**Motion Deferred by Motion #23**

### **Approval of By-laws**

**35. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That the following By-law be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in its present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

#41-2019 - D14-19-02 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Area of 543 Lakeview Drive

### **Approval of By-laws**

#### **36. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following By-laws be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:~

#30-2019 - Confirmatory

#31-2019 - Tariff of Fees & Charges - Clerk's Department Fee Increases & Boat Docking

#32-2019 - 2019 Operating Budget Approval

#33-2019 - HR-3-1 Policy Amendment

#34-2019 - Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol

#35-2019 - Load Restriction – 7th Avenue Bridge Repeal

#36-2019 - Budget Amendment – Transfer Station Scale Building Expansion

#37-2019 - Tbaytel Lake of the Woods West Agreement

#39-2019 - Repeal Bylaw 140-2018

#42-2019 – Fee & Charges Increase –Keeping of Animals

#43-2019 – FedNor Agreement – Library Digital Creator Program

**Councillor Ralko Abstained.**

### **Notices of Motion**

None

### **Proclamations**

None

### **Announcements**

#### **The following was highlighted by Council:**

1. Councillor Poirier expressed a bouquet of support to our first responders, fire, police and ambulance for the occurrence on Main Street on Sunday. The Fire department can't be thanked enough and hats off to everyone who worked so hard.
2. Councillor Ralko, concurred with Councillor Poirier.
3. Councillor McMillan acknowledged the emergency services workers they are very much appreciated and a vital resource in our community. Proud of our community coming together to help those affected in the way of shelter, clothing and food and sincere condolences to the family.
4. Councillor Smith echo comments and expressed gratitude to the two gentleman who rescued the fellow who could not get out on his own.
5. Councillor Goss concurred with his fellow Councillor comments and further expressed that the ladder truck purchase was controversial at the time but we certainly were fortunate to have that truck in place as that fire could have easily went further.
6. Councillor Van Walleghem concurred with others and expressed a bouquet to the roads crew as they are doing what they can with the challenging winter.

7. Councillor McMillan reported on his attendance at the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference in Toronto and felt it was worthwhile to have a City presence. There was not a high number of Ministers in attendance but they did have the opportunity to meet with two ministers to present our issues including options for resolution. The opening plenary with guest speaker Tom Nichols was very interesting and did challenge our thought process with respect to 'expert' whether they be in politics, social issues, science or the other disciplines. Following the morning plenary session there were a number of workshops featuring a variety of topics. I attended the session entitled Adapting Winter Maintenance to New Environment, New Expectations. This session addressed the issue of the use of salt as one method of road maintenance and the impact on the environment. The main part of the afternoon, was committed to the Minister meetings – Minister Yakabuski, Natural Resources and Forestry and Minister Yurak, Transportation. Prior to the meetings Honourable Monte McNaughton addressed the delegates and, at the end of the afternoon session the leader of the Green party, Mike Schreiner addressed the delegates.

Tuesday morning presentation included an address to the delegates from John Fraser Interim leader of the Provincial Liberal Party. An interesting session followed addressing the value of documenting weather forecasts to address minimum maintenance procedures via a tool called the Weather Tracker which is automated. This tool is available to municipalities and continues to enhance its value and reliability. Delegates heard from Andrea Horwath, Leader of the NDP.

There were a number of sessions addressing MAMP, one entitled Establishing Levels of Service in Your MAMP which was interesting in that the panel attempted to address some of the confusion surrounding around the terminology used, i.e. levels of service, performance indicators, service standards. It is important to distinguish between qualitative and quantitative outcomes re level of service. When looking at it from a strategic level, levels of service should be qualitative measures used to relate how well it, facility or service, is functioning from a user's perspective. The City of Kenora is doing quite well re MAMP.

The initial plenary session on Wednesday in regards to Joint and Several liability is a topic that often comes to the forefront. The panel consisted of legal professionals representing different firms as well as Cowan insurance. The debate between the panelist was good. The outcome is that with the multitude of implications for municipalities, insurers and the legal system there is a strong push for the government to fast track the review of joint and several liability.

The concluding session entitled the Final Word allowed the opportunity for the delegates to ask questions in the areas of planning, administration, law, construction, drainage, public works etc. The panel was comprised of Municipal Managers ranging from Clerk, Treasurer, Infrastructure services, Drainage. This was moderated by Fred Dean who bid farewell as he moves into retirement.

It was felt the conference was good but questioned the need for supporting both OGRA and ROMA separately. It is felt that having a joint conference in 2020 not only for the opportunity for more ministers/staff to be present but it will also be a

cost saving for smaller Municipalities and those, like within our district, that are required to travel at a high cost.

21<sup>st</sup> century non paved roads, was a very educational session best speaker represented City of Toronto, Beyond Metrolinks, three communities represented on transit. Innisfil has a new plan with uber drivers and that is being assessed at this time.

- 8. Mayor Reynard reminded everyone of the PAC meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- 9. Mayor Reynard reminded everyone of the community consultation on the metal sculpture pieces at 7 p.m. at the Operations Building.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**37. Moved by K. Ralko, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 1:07 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

**i) Education & Training Members of Council (3 matters)**

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 4:19 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

**38. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 4:19 p.m.

**The Corporation of the City of Kenora:**

**Confirmed As Written This .....Day**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**