



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Electronic Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council met electronically as permitted by Council's Procedural Bylaw. Citizens and our Media Partners are encouraged to attend the virtual meeting via the Public Live Stream Event at:

<https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2020-08-11.html>

Present:

Deputy Mayor Andrew Poirier
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Chris Van Wallegghem

Regrets: Mayor Daniel Reynard, Councillor Kirsi Ralko

Staff: Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations & Infrastructure, Charlotte Edie, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Stace Gander, Manager of Community Services, Kevan Sumner, City Planner, Kylie Hissa, Special Projects and Research Officer, Megan Dokuchie, Economic Development Officer, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk

A. Public Information Notices

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, the public is advised of Council's intention to adopt the following at its August 25, 2020 meeting:-

- To remove the building described as the Blue Heron, located at 321 First Avenue South

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 S. Smith, Seconded by C. VanWallegghem & Carried:

That the following meeting minutes be confirmed as written and ordered filed:-

D. Deputations/Presentations

Reagan Breeze – Beezer's Honey

Regan shared his background and experience in working with honey bees. He has been interviewed by CBC radio and national TV on honey bee keeping. Bees are on the decline and facing a pandemic of their own. As a result yields of fruits, vegetables and nuts will suffer. Beezer's Honey recently partnered with the Lake of the Woods Brewing Company and Remax for rooftop beekeeping. All proceeds from the honey go to the business. Reagan is seeking Council's approval to reprieve enforcement on the yard maintenance bylaw, allowing grass and plats to grow longer than 20cm for the months of May and June, for citizens with bee signage. In doing so the vegetation will allow honey bees and pollinators to succeed. A sample of the signage was circulated to Council for their review.

Discussion:

Council questioned the impacts of Killer hornets on the bee population. It is thought the Northwestern Ontario weather will keep killer hornets away however, they have been seen in British Columbia and Washington. Reagan shared that one of the largest threats to bees is pesticide use. Many nursery's flowers come sprayed with pesticides, so while you think your flowers are encouraging bees, they may actually be causing harm. Council thanked Reagan for his deputation.

E. Reports:

1. Administration & Finance

1.1 June 2020 Monthly Financial Statement

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at June 30, 2020.

1.2 2020 Second Quarter Investments

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2020 second quarter investment report that includes details of the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund and other City of Kenora investments.

1.3 2020 Second Quarter Contracts

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2020 April – June Contracts & Expenditures Approved report.

1.4 2019 Annual Report

Recommendation:

That Council approves the 2019 City of Kenora Annual Report including the 2019 audited financial statements for the City; and further

That a copy of this report be made available for public viewing.

1.5 Section 357 Adjustments Recommendation:

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves Section 357 tax adjustments with potential refunds totaling \$91,950.59.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

None

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 Bylaw Amendment – 166-2015 Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Bylaw

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a bylaw to adopt a new Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) bylaw to control the use of Off-road Vehicles including All-terrain Vehicles in the City of Kenora, to include four-stroke off-road motorcycles (ORMs) and prohibit the use of two-stroke ORM's and extreme terrain vehicles (XTVs); and further

That bylaw number 166-2015 be hereby repealed.

3.2 Traffic Amendment to Parking – Third Street South

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes an amendment to the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015 to include changes to Schedule "B" – No Parking – Tow Away Zone for Third Street South, to add parking restrictions along the south side of the street from forty nine (49) metres west of Seventh Avenue South, westerly for twenty five (25) metres; and further

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

Discussion:

Council asked that staff take a look at parking on the North side of Third Street South as well.

4. Community Services

4.1 Kenora Recreation Centre Parking

Informational Report:

Historically the Kenora Recreation Centre is the only long term permitted parking location within the City and is highly used during the busy summer months.

Over the past year, City staff have been evaluating vehicle parking space optimization scenarios at the Kenora Recreation Centre. With the ongoing changes to local marina capacities and the loss of seasonal resident parking, the demand is continuing to increase.

In concert with the marina changes, the 2020 capital budget included some enhancements to be completed to the parking area of the Kenora Recreation Centre. Part of that 2020 capital project includes work to the existing parking areas and some

realignment of the existing space. Recognizing the future parking challenges and uncertainties with docking availability, City staff have determined it is best to increase parking capacity at the Kenora Recreation Centre now, prior to the realignment work being completed. In reviewing the existing space, expanding the area into the existing volleyball court would allow for additional parking which will be a benefit to the City. This change would require us to decommission the beach volleyball court which has not seen use for several years. In 2008, the City of Kenora and KMTS entered into an agreement to construct a beach volleyball facility at the Kenora Recreation Centre. While the amenity experienced a high level of activity initially, that activity has decreased significantly in recent years. The volleyball nets and posts will be stored for future deployment to another identified area in the City should there be demand be warranted.

4.2 Lease Agreement – 1008 Ottawa Street

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes a lease agreement extension with TBT Engineering for Unit B, at 1008 Ottawa Street, Keewatin for the term January 1st, 2020 until July 31st, 2021 as outlined in the lease; and further

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

5. Development Services

5.1 Blue Heron – Request to Remove Property from Register and Demolish

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a bylaw to remove the building described as the Blue Heron, located at 321 First Avenue South – Water Lot RP1965 PCL 33492, from the Kenora municipal registry of properties of cultural heritage significance or interest; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to remove the building described as the Blue Heron from the Kenora Municipal registry at it's August 25, 2020 meeting.

Discussion:

Councillor VanWalleghem shared he was in attendance at the Heritage Committee meeting when this item was brought forward. There was no quorum at the meeting therefore the group could not bring forward a recommendation to Council however, a statement on behalf of the Heritage Committee was shared. It noted that if the Blue Heron was designated as a protected property, it would likely suffer a fate of demolition by neglect. If an owner intends to demolish a building on the Heritage Registry, there is a 60 day waiting period. If Council chooses to not act within this time frame then it is assumed they have consented to the permit. The Blue Heron building has been vacant for 2 years and a person is interested in purchasing it. He looked at restoring the building and hired a structural engineer to inspect the building who said it was beyond repair. The potential buyer now has an architect working on drawings for a new building which would mean the Blue Heron would be torn down in the winter. The sale of the building is contingent on the successful acquisition of a demolition permit for the building.

5.2 Fast Tracking Infrastructure Applications

Recommendation:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic crisis has had a significant impact on the City of Kenora, our residents, and our businesses; and

Whereas the City of Kenora is already at a distinct economic disadvantage due to a shorter infrastructure construction season as well as a large infrastructure portfolio that the City has been advocating for additional funding support over the years; and

Whereas the City of Kenora has submitted three projects for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to the province in October 2019 and January 2020, and has not yet received any approvals, which limits the City's ability to build critical infrastructure and adds fiscal strain to the City's budget; and

Whereas the City of Kenora will be submitting applications of \$325,000 each to NOHFC and FedNor for detailed design and development of tender ready drawings related to the Harbourfront Business Development Plan, which will help position the City for economic recovery in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

Whereas both large and small infrastructure projects have the immediate effect on local small and medium business in our region and cities need certainty to plan measures to offset 2020 budget losses as well as future budget losses;

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved That the City of Kenora joins the County of Renfrew and the City of Mississauga in calling upon the Governments of Ontario and Canada to fast track the review of applications under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, and to NOHFC and FedNor, in order to provide much needed investment into Northwestern Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier; Kenora's Member of Provincial Parliament; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Association of Municipalities in Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association; and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

5.3 Submission to Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks

Recommendation:

That Council supports a submission to Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks (CENGN) Northern Ontario Residential Broadband Program.

F. Proclamations

None

G. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 8, 2020

H. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:

That Council now adjourn to a closed session at 9:51 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) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (1 matters – BIZ Board Appointments)

I. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 10:08 a.m. with the following reports from its closed session:-

B.I.Z Appointments

Recommendation:

That Council hereby appoints Jake Goselin & Melissa Reynard to the Business Improvement Area (B.I.Z.) for a term at the pleasure of Council no later than November 14, 2022.

J. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.