



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers / Virtual

Council met electronically as permitted by the City of Kenora Procedural bylaw. Citizens and our Media Partners are encouraged to watch the virtual meeting via the Public Live Stream Event at:

<http://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2020-11-10.html>

Present: Mayor Daniel Reynard
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Andrew Poirier
Councillor Kirsi Ralko
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Chris Van Walleghem

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Manager of Administration/City Clerk, Stace Gander, Manager of Community Services, Adam Smith, Manager of Development Services, Charlotte Edie, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations & Infrastructure

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 17, 2020 meeting:-

- Amend the 2020 Operating and Capital budget in the amount of \$10,000 to be funded through contingency reserves to perform a new comprehensive strategic planning process
- Amend the 2020 Operating and Capital budget in the amount of \$6,000 to be funded through the Accessibility Reserve to install an accessibility ramp and deck extension at the rear of the main concession building

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 K. Ralko, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 13, 2020 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations/Presentations

None

E. Reports:

1. Administration & Finance

1.1 Capital and Unusual Spending

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2020 Capital and Unusual Spending report.

Discussion: It was noted that the mobimats for the five beaches do not include Rabbit Lake as that beach received one the year that we hosted Canada Games.

Council questioned the works at the capital works at the Water Treatment Plant. The roof at the water treatment plant will be completed this year but the sewer treatment plant is being carried over to 2021. The fire hall roof will be carried to next year as well.

1.2 2020 Q3 Contracts

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the 2020 July – September Contracts & Expenditures Approved report.

Discussion: Council questioned the community improvement plan program and if administration has any time limits as to when this money is spent. Council will receive an update on the CIP's at the November Council meeting from Megan and Melissa.

The report from the consultant on the bridge inspections will be made available to Council once received from the firm.

1.3 September 2020 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

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

1.4 Request to Defer Multi Unit Water Rate Increases

Recommendation:

That Council hereby maintains the existing phased in rates for multi-unit buildings in accordance with Schedule "D" of the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-law to include the next phased in increase effective January 1, 2021.

1.5 Budget Amendment – Strategic Planning Process

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to be funded through contingency reserves to perform a new comprehensive strategic planning process; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that

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Council intends to amend its 2020 capital budget at its November 17, 2020 meeting for this purpose; and further

That Council approves an application to the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) in the amount of \$90,000 for the delivery of a comprehensive strategic planning process; and further

That Council confirms its financial commitment of up to \$10,000 for the project; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns associated with the project; and further

That Council give three readings to a By-law to amend the 2020 operating and capital budget for this purpose.

Discussion: This is the blueprint for the organization over the next five years. We anticipate success in the funding application and will address the project should we not be successful.

Kyle intends to have a meeting with Council and the SLT to discuss the strategic planning process and how do we want to engage the public and consultant. He wants to ensure everyone has input into the process. He will draft an RFP and bring forward to Council to discuss the plan in detail.

2. Fire & Emergency Services

No Reports

3. Operations & Infrastructure

3.1 Traffic Amendment – Rate of Speed Veterans Drive

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes an amendment to the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015 to include changes to Schedule "T" – Rate of Speed - 60 Kilometres Per Hour Zone for Veterans Drive from 290 metres west of Regina Avenue to Highway 17A; and further

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

3.2 Traffic Amendment - First Street South & Thistle Drive Stop Signs

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an amendment to the Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015, Schedule "O" – Stop Signs Intersections to install stop signs at the north and south intersections of the laneway from First Street South and Thistle Drive between Chipman Street and Park Street; and further

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

4. Community Services

4.1 Budget Amendment – Anicinabe Park Project

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,000 to be funded through the Accessibility Reserve to install an accessibility ramp and deck extension at the rear of the main concession building; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2020 Capital Budget at its November 17, 2020 meeting for this purpose; and further

That Council give three readings to a By-law to amend the 2020 capital budget for this purpose.

5. Development Services

5.1 Sustainability Advisory Committee

Recommendation:

That the Council hereby repeals By-law #16-2009, being a by-law to establish terms of reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC); and further

That the appointments of the existing membership of the EAC be hereby repealed; and further

That the Council hereby establishes a new Sustainable Advisory Committee to support the development and implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan in accordance with the actions and responsibilities identified in the Plan; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw to adopt the terms and reference for a new Sustainable Advisory Committee of Council.

Discussion: The membership model was done in conjunction with the consultant on the project. They have done several assessments with other communities and this was the recommendation from the success in other areas. Having the various sectors to be included on the committee is important for a cross reference and input in the expertise areas.

It will be an ongoing committee and the hope that having the group involved in the formulation of the plan will engage the group to carry forward with the project and they have a vested interest in pushing the initiatives along.

F. Proclamations

None

G. Other

- Councillor Ralko congratulated our neighbours south of the border on the recent election and the First Lady in the Whitehouse.
- Councillor Smith commented on the recent announcement from the Kenora District Services Board on the lease of the Waterview Inn for the homeless this winter. She thanked and acknowledged the hard work by the KDSB to ensure there is a plan in place.
- Councillor Smith reminded everyone that tomorrow is Remembrance Day and encouraged everyone to pay their respects tomorrow. Take a moment to reflect.
- Councillor Smith anticipates the City is working with BIZ and Chamber to remind everyone to shop local this Christmas. It has been a tough summer for these businesses and it will be a tough Christmas as a City we need to promote these local businesses.

- Councillor Smith reminded everyone that we are at a tipping point with this COVID pandemic. She encouraged everyone to remain diligent, stay in your own bubbles, follow all the health protocols from the health experts and stay safe. We have done well here in Kenora but this is a critical time with the increased cases surrounding us.
- Mayor Reynard acknowledged Chief Marilyn Sinclair from Washagamis Bay First Nation. He attended the community to take part in the new school opening. There was a lot of pride in the community to have their own school.

H. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 8, 2020

I. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor R. McMillan, Seconded by M. Goss & 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) Disposition of Land (1 matter-Town Island sale)
- ii) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value (1 matter-tax base)
- iii) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (1 matter-Ec Dev-Tourism Committee Appointments)
- iv) Labour Relations (1 matter-CUPE Negotiations)
- v) Educating & Training Members of Council (1 matter-CAO update)

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 2:23 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.