



MINUTES

**Of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

1:00 p.m.

Electronic Attendance / City Hall Council Chambers

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council met electronically as permitted by Bill 187, Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and the amended Procedural bylaw. Citizens and our Media Partners may view the recorded Live Stream meeting at:

<https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2020-04-08.html>

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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 Wallegghem

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

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order.

### **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:-

- Amend the 2020 Operating & Capital Budget to alter the current approved budget for the Park and Railway Reconstruction by way of reallocating Federal Gas Tax funds in the amount of an additional \$300,000

### **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

There were none declared.

## **2020 Municipal Road Works Tender**

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

That Council hereby approves the tender submitted by Titan Contractors, in the amount \$1,400,908.82 (plus HST) for the 2020 Municipal Road Works.

**Discussion:** This is our standard municipal paving contract that takes place each year. At this time, we will be proceeding with the works unless Legislation otherwise prevents this work from being completed.

## **Park and Railway Street Reconstruction Tender**

### **2. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the tender submitted by Moncrief Construction in the amount of \$4,561,552.50 (plus HST) for the 2020 Park and Railway Street Reconstruction; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2020 Operating & Capital Budget at the special meeting of Council on April 8, 2020 to alter the current approved budget for the Park and Railway Reconstruction by way of reallocating Federal Gas Tax funds in the amount of an additional \$300,000; and further

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

**Discussion:** This is the capital works that is proposed for Railway Street and Park Street that would begin this spring. The project works start date will be coordinated with the Engineering department as supplies could be limited with the current pandemic situation.

## **Bylaws**

### **3. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & 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:~

#60-2020 – Budget Amendment – Park & Railway Street Construction

#### **Announcements:**

1. Councillor Goss is concerned with a lot of people moving around downtown and concerned with the Dairy Queen opening and people not practicing the social distancing.
2. Councillor McMillan acknowledged the continued partnerships addressing the issues we are facing.
3. Councillor Ralko provided news from the legal world. The Ministry of Attorney General was receiving concerns that a lot of people are concerned with the fact that their affairs are in order and ensure their wills are current. Members of the Ontario Bar received news this morning regarding some amendments that will allow for people to make changes to their wills in a legally enforceable fashion.

**Adjourn to a Closed Session**

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

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization for Council to move into a Closed Session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Labour Relations (1 matter-COVID 19 matters)

**Return to an Open Session**

Council returned to an open session at 2:17 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

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

That this meeting be now declared closed at 2:17 p.m.

**The Corporation of the City of Kenora**

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

**Of.....2020**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**