



# MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
12:00 p.m.**

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/2020-12-15.html>



**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:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Manager of Administration/City Clerk, Roberta Marsh, HR Manager, Charlotte Edie, Manager of Finance/Treasurer, Adam Smith, Development Services Manager, Stace Gander, Community Services Manager, Kevan Sumner, City Planner, Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations/Infrastructure, Todd Skene, Fire Chief

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

## **Blessing & Land Acknowledgment**

***Delivered by Councillor McMillan***

As we gather, we recognize that we are on Treaty Three Lands which are steeped in rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations and Metis people today. We continue to be thankful for the partnerships with our Indigenous people.

We give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in the City of Kenora. We seek wisdom in our minds, clearness in our thinking, truth in our speaking and always love in our hearts, so that we may try always to unite the Citizens of Kenora. Let these principles guide us in our decision making.

## **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:-

- Approve the 2021 Capital Budget

## **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.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – November 17, 2020

## **Deputations**

None

## **Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **October Financial Statements**

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

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora at October 31, 2020.

## **2018 Write Off's**

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

That Council hereby approves the write off of accounts totalling \$1,803.94 in 2018 including applicable taxes; and further

That City staff be directed to continue collection efforts on these accounts.

## **Amendment to HR Policy #2-7-2 Business Travel, Seminars & Conferences**

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

That Council hereby approves an amendment to Human Resources Policy #HR-2-7-2 Business Travel, Seminars & Conferences Policy which forms part of the City of Kenora Comprehensive Policy Manual; and further

That by-law number 46-2018 be hereby repealed; and further

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

## **2021 Capital Budget Approval**

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

That Council hereby approves the 2021 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 2021 Municipal Capital and Unusual Spending Budget at its December 15, 2020 Council meeting; and further

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

### **Norman Park Application under the Inclusive Community Grant Program**

#### **6. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an application to Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility's Inclusive Community Grants Program up to the amount of \$60,000 to make accessibility and age-friendly improvements to Norman Park.

### **Submission to Ontario Rebuilding & Recovery Act: Accelerating Infrastructure Initiatives-Municipal Engagement**

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

That Council hereby approves the attached submission to the Government of Ontario's Municipal Engagement on Ontario's Rebuilding and Recovery Initiative.

### **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Project Submission**

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

That through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID Stream, municipalities may submit a project application and have 100% of costs covered with a maximum contribution of \$227,771; and further

That Council hereby directs staff to apply for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program—COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream to proceed with the purchase and installation of a dehumidifier at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

### **City of Kenora Request for a Reduction in Policing Costs**

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

Whereas the City of Kenora has a history of high policing costs, as the municipality is one of the six communities in all of Ontario where the cost of policing is over \$600 per household; and

Whereas the Municipality has been working with the Kenora OPP Detachment and partner agencies such as the KDSB on programs that reduce the burden of policing costs; and

Whereas the provision of a 35% "discount" on OPP policing costs has been implemented to support those communities with very high costs provided that they enter into a Contract with the Ministry of the Solicitor General; and

Whereas Kenora does not currently meet the threshold for regulatory discounts, but current trends necessitate a cap or subsidy program for billing on calls for service; and

Whereas the City of Kenora cannot continue to fund policing at the escalating current trend which is clearly driven by a systemic failures in provincial and federal policy relating to criminal justice; and

Whereas a 35% discount on the grand total billing that has been applied elsewhere in the province where the burden of policing costs is similar, the City would benefit by saving over \$2.1 million in policing costs which can then be used to reduce the tax burden faced by residents and support critical services provided by the municipality;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That the City of Kenora requests a meeting with the Solicitor General to begin negotiations on a contract with the Ministry that will provide a cap or subsidy on OPP billing.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment D14-20-02 – River Street, Keewatin**  
**10. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-**

That the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. D14-20-03, to change the zoning of the property Plan 18, Block 70, Lots 15 and 16; Townsite of Keewatin, River Drive from "I" Institutional Zone to "R2" Residential – Second Density Zone; be hereby approved.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment D14-20-03 – 323 Peterson Drive**  
**11. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. D14-20-03, to change the zoning of the subject property from "RR" Rural Residential Zone to "RR" Rural Residential Zone, Exception [51] to allow for development of a detached secondary dwelling unit on a lot with water frontage and to permit the height of the accessory building in which the secondary dwelling is located to be a minimum of 0.0 meters less than the principal dwelling; be hereby approved.

**LAS Energy Agreement**  
**12. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and Local Authority Services (LAS) for the Energy Planning Tool; and further

That the Parks and Facilities Division Lead be authorized to execute this agreement.

**NOHFC Agreement – Economic Development Intern**  
**13. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That three readings be given to a bylaw to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the engagement of an Economic Development Intern.

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

## **Provincial Offences Write Offs**

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

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the write off receivables list from the Provincial Offences department for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$184,297.04.

## **Section 357s**

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

That Council hereby approves Section 357 tax adjustment with potential refunds totaling \$3,078.50.

## **Treaty Three Police Airboat Partnership**

### **16. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleggem & Carried:-**

That Council supports the partnership between the Treaty Three Police Service and Anishinaabe partners with the Kenora Fire and Emergency Service for the purchase and operation of an airboat; and further

That Kenora Fire & Emergency Services will store the airboat at Station 1 for use by all our policing partners in the Kenora area in emergency situations.

**Discussion:** Fire Chief Todd Skene was approached by Treaty Three Police on partnering with Kenora Fire on the purchase of an airboat for rescue purposes. They required a place to store the boat and keep it in working condition and ready to go at any given time there is an emergency. Crews from fire and the OPP will be trained to use the boat in the event of an emergency. It is a fantastic partnership opportunity for the City.

## **Various Committee Minutes**

### **17. Moved by C. Van Walleggem, Seconded by M. Goss & Carried:-**

That Council hereby adopts the following Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- October 22, 2020 – The Muse

That Council hereby receives the following Minutes from other various Committees:

- September 24, 2020 - Kenora Police Services Board
- June 26, August 28, September 25, & October 30, 2020- Northwestern Health Unit; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

## **October 2020 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary**

### **18. Moved by M. Goss, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the October 2020 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

**Discussion:** The water crews have participated in some Walkerton Water training over the past month as well as some other training for staff in this area.

## **Approval of By-laws**

### **19. Moved by S. Smith, 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:~

#179-2020 – Confirmatory

#180-2020 – Amendment to HR Policy #2-7-2 Business Travel, Seminars & Conferences

#181-2020 – 2021 Capital Budget Approval

#182-2020 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment D14-20-02 – River Street Keewatin

#183-2020 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment D14-20-03 – 323 Peterson Drive

#184-2020 – Local Authority Services (LAS) Agreement

#185-2020 – NOHFC Agreement – Economic Development Intern

## **Notices of Motion**

None

## **Proclamations**

None

## **Announcements**

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

- 1.** Councillor Smith noted that as we come to the end of 2020, she wanted to take the time to thank staff of the City of Kenora for the challenging year we faced with the pandemic. Staff have continued to provide the same level of service to our community during these challenges. She is proud of what we have accomplished over the past year together. She recognized the businesses who continually adapted to provide goods and services in our community through this pandemic. Thanking the people who have come forward to support the less fortunate and the health care workers, emergency services workers. She encouraged everyone to trust the public health messaging as the end is in sight, but don't let your guard down. She wished staff, community members and her colleagues a very happy holiday season.
- 2.** Councilor Ralko noted sincere wishes to everyone for a very happy holiday season. It was a productive year in unprecedented times. Looking forward to the time we can meet in person again as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 3.** Councilor Goss wish everyone happy and safe holiday. Hope that any people coming home is safe and careful coming back to Kenora. He wished everyone a safe, healthy and socially distanced Christmas.
- 4.** Councillor Poirier echoed what all councilors expressed. He enjoyed this past year even though it was through trying times as a result of pandemic. He wished his colleagues and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to the senior leadership team for an amazing job through unprecedented times and to all City staff for doing such an amazing job during turbulent times. Remind citizens that there are many great businesses in the City and take opportunity to do Christmas shopping here.
- 5.** Councillor Van Walleghem agrees with everything and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hopefully having a more optimistic January than December.
- 6.** Councillor McMillan thanked those that have followed the guidelines during this pandemic. Thank you to community members and City staff, Mayor Dan for consistent leadership through these trying times. Extend good wishes to everyone

and our surrounding First Nations. Reflect and remember those less fortunate this year remain hopeful for a better new year.

7. Mayor Reynard noted that in closing we recognize this has been a very difficult year for many people but think it's important for Council and staff to reflect and look back at successes. Despite the obstacles in front of us, we have had many successes including major infrastructure projects and major housing projects coming in the new year. Partnerships in our community continue to make a difference. A lot of the programs and social issues the shift is a moving in the right direction. As we continue to address those issues, we will continue to have more success.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**20. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by K. Ralko & 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 12:32 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (2 matters-CAO & Mayor Update)
- ii) Disposition of Land (2 matters-Keewatin Medical Centre, dog park)
- iii) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (1 matter-Planning Procedures)

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 2:36 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

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

That this meeting be now declared closed at 2:36 p.m.

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

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

**Of.....2021**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**