



MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, September 8, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Virtual Attendance

Livestream recording:

<https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2022-09-08.html>

Present: Mayor D. Reynard
Councillor G. Chaze
Councillor M. Goss
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor A. Poirier
Councillor S. Smith
Councillor C. Van Wallegghem

Staff: Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Marco Vogrig, Acting Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Charlotte Edie, Director of Finance, Ryan Marsh, Incoming Director of Finance, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources, Risk & Insurance, Dave Mellor, Project Engineer

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Reynard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Queen Elizabeth II who passed away today at the age of 96.

Blessing & Land Acknowledgement

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 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 Notices

Take Notice that as required under Notice By-law #144-2007, Council intends to adopt the following items at this Special Meeting of Council:

N/A

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature thereof

i) On Today's Agenda

ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

There were none declared.

Deputations

None.

1. Pinecone Drive Road Remediation

Kyle Attanasio, CAO opened the meeting and advised that the presentation today is to provide Council with information on the remedial works for Pinecone Drive. Council is now in a lame duck period until following the swearing in of the new Council on November 15th, 2022. Prior to the lame duck period, Council authorized a delegation of authority bylaw which gives me, as the CAO, the powers to continue municipal business that is otherwise not permitted by Council during a lame duck period. These municipal works which are not included in the existing operating or capital budgets would normally be authorized by Council through a budget amendment bylaw, however, due to the lame duck period and the project being over \$50,000 in scope of works, that authority rests with me. While Council cannot authorize the work to proceed, it is important to me as the CAO that Council is made aware of the scope of work, and the project we will be moving forward with.

Within the delegation bylaw, it requires me to report to Council when this delegated authority is exercised. Council shall be informed by way of an information report at the next regularly scheduled meeting. This informational report will come forward to Council on September 20th as a matter of housekeeping.

Kevin Baylis from Stantec Consulting presented Council information on the Pinecone Drive road remediation geotechnical report.

He presented other locations where similar road failures have been evaluated and the recommended remedial work to complete the work to repair those roads.

There are several risks and mitigation measures considered. Uncertainty in soil strengths/stratigraphy is considered. Supplemental geotechnical investigation completed following preliminary slope stability analyses to fill in critical data gaps. Conservative assumptions made where there was remaining uncertainty.

Exact degree of saturation during failure is unknown. Detailed analysis to provide "best guess". Conservatively assumed fully saturated up to "extreme water level".

Degree of porewater pressure response in clay during construction. Shear key at toe of embankment installed to allow water to drain. Install instrumentation to monitor porewater pressure response during construction.

Stantec will be onsite part time (or full time if warranted) to observe construction practices, provide guidance to contractor, and enforce specifications. Stantec will provide periodic compaction testing of fill placed.

Risk of future failure, considering items above is considered. Industry standard factors of safety (1.5 for normal conditions, 1.3 for extreme conditions). Stantec's Winnipeg geotechnical team has extensive experience in slope stability investigation and remediation design across North America and overseas. Stantec has detailed quality review process including a quality review of all design and deliverables and independent review by Senior Geotechnical Engineer with 30+ years experience in slope stability.

The anticipated schedule is Monday September 12 Stantec -Drawings and Specifications will be completed. September 13 the City will issue an RFP and the week of September 21-22 the contract will be awarded with construction completed October 28th.

The road was built pre-amalgamation and occupants of that road are less than a dozen residences.

This work will be authorized by the CAO as it needs to be done immediately and will follow our procurement process, however will be conducted in an expedited manner.

2. **Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor McMillan & Carried:-

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Committee to move into a Closed Session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- 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-subdivision agreement)

3. **Return to Open Session**

Council reconvened to open session at 2:43 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

4. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.