



# MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

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**With** Mayor A. Poirier in the Chair, Councillor B. Bernie, Councillor G. Chaze, Councillor L. Koch, Councillor B. Manson, Councillor K. Van Belleghem

**Regrets:** Councillor L. Moncrief

**Staff:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources, Risk & Insurance, Stace Gander, Director of Economic Growth & Recovery, Marco Vogrig, Acting Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Ryan Marsh, Director of Finance, David Pratt, Director of Fire & Emergency Services

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Poirier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **Blessing & Land Acknowledgment Delivered by Councillor Chaze**

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.

## **Mayor Poirier Called for a Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held to recognize members of Wauzhushk Onigum Nation and surrounding communities. Our thoughts are with all Indigenous people who have been impacted by Canada's residential schools and we offer our deepest sympathies to all those affected.

## **Public Information Notices as per By-law Number 160-2022**

Mayor Poirier then read the following notices:-

As required under Notice By-law #160-2022, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following at today's meeting:-

N/A

## **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

Mayor Poirier 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 R. Bernie, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – December 20, 2022

## **Deputations**

### **2023 Organization Budget Requests**

#### **Kenora Public Library**

Marj Poirier Vice-Chair of Kenora Public Library Board presented their 2023 operating budget proposal which includes some increases in the budget which includes a 3.2% increase over 2022's budget.

The library is extremely proud of the new website and worked hard to bring the new site to fruition. Please visit at [www.kenorapubliclibrary.org](http://www.kenorapubliclibrary.org)

#### **Triple PLAY**

Barry Reynard, Program Coordinator and Darcia Curtis, Board Chair presented Council with their 2023 budget request.

There has been devastating impacts of pandemic (2020-2022) and there are significant barriers to sports and cultural activities. Participation in organized sports and activities is declining and parents are finding an increase in mental health concerns for children and youth. The 2023 request from the City of Kenora is \$12,000.

#### **All Nations Health Partners – Physician Recruitment Committee**

Ray Racette, Chair, All Nations Health Partners (ANHP) Recruitment Committee. This is a very active committee that the City of Kenora is represented on. Its key purpose is to provide oversight and support for our professional recruiter, Jennifer Savage, who joined the ANHP team three months ago. The professional recruiter role is critically important for our region and leads the effort to recruit professional staff, such as family physicians, emergency room physicians, specialists, nurse practitioners, and locum physicians to our Region. The professional recruiter is also responsible for supporting the medical students and residents, welcoming them, and focusing on enhancing their learning experience in the hopes that they will return to work in Kenora and its surrounding communities.

The City of Kenora has provided \$25,000 per annum to support the Professional Recruiter position, which the ANHP has greatly appreciated. For 2023, we are requesting the City of Kenora to increase their contribution to \$40,000 per annum to support increased advertising and marketing initiatives, increased travel for the professional recruiter to

attend recruitment fairs, and increased travel expenses to support site visits for potential recruits.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments**

#### **2. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Corrie Neufeld and Heather Bird to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term at the pleasure of Council no later than November 14, 2026.

### **2023 Conference Attendance**

#### **3. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by R. Bernie & Carried:-**

That Council directs Administration to register members of Council for the various 2023 conferences in accordance with discussions at the January 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **Bill 5-Stopping Harassment & Abuse by Local Leaders Act Advocacy Support**

#### **4. Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That given the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act has been reintroduced after the Provincial Election as Bill 5 and received first reading on August 10, 2022 the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby supports endorsing this Act that would create a process for municipal councils to remove Councillors who violate workplace violence and harassment policies; and further

That a letter of support be directed to Minister Greg Rickford, Kenora-Rainy River District MPP, Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

### **Community Safety & Well Being Coordinator Position**

#### **5. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an increase to the City of Kenora's core staff complement and operating budget by one (1) FTE, placed on the applicable Professional and Managerial Salary Grid, to reflect the addition of the Community Safety and Well-Being Coordinator; and further

That Council hereby directs Administration to begin recruitment to fill this position immediately.

### **Amend Terms of Reference – Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee**

#### **6. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by B. Manson (Deferred by motion 6a)**

That Council hereby amends the Terms of Reference for the Kenora Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw to adopt a new Terms of Reference.

**Councillor Bernie introduced a motion to defer Motion #6:**

**Motion to Defer Motion #6 (Amend Terms of Reference – Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee)**

**6a. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That motion number 6 on tonight's agenda with respect to approving an amended Terms of Reference for the Kenora Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee be hereby tabled until the February 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Drinking Water Quality Management System Regulatory Approval**

**7. Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves the attached Drinking Water Quality Management System Commitment and Endorsement; and further

That Mayor Andrew Poirier be authorized to sign this document on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Kenora.

**FoodCycler Household Organic Waste Diversion Phase 2 Budget Commitment**

**8. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by R. Bernie & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves an allocation of \$84,750.00 (plus applicable taxes) for a municipal subsidized purchase of 250 FoodCycler Units in order to implement a FoodCycler expanded pilot program in partnership with Food Cycle Science Corporation; and further

That Council further supports an additional \$10,000.00 allocated towards replacement filters for this project at a discounted rate that the City will sell to participants of the program when replacements are required; and further

That Council commits \$11,107.92 funded through the Bearwise Funding Reserve, and \$83,642.08 funded through the Solid Waste Reserve in advance of the 2023 budget approvals for this project.

**Various Minutes**

**9. Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

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

- June 22, October 4 & October 27, 2022 – The Muse Board Minutes

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

- July 28 & September 29, 2022 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged
- September 29 & October 20, 2022 – Police Service Board; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

### **Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary November 2022**

#### **10. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the November 2022 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Various Agreement Execution**

#### **11. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute the following agreements on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Kenora:

- Funding Agreement – FedNor – McLeod Park & Husky’s Landing Improvement Project Amendment – adjust cost categories to more accurately reflect expenses
- Master Services Agreement – Stantec Consulting Ltd. – Geotechnical work Coker Road

That three readings be given to bylaws for this purpose.

### **Elections Accessibility Mandatory Report**

#### **12. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the legislatively required report in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act regarding the recognition, removal and prevention of barriers identified during the 2022 municipal election process with respect to electors and candidates with disabilities.

### **Private Road Agreement – Iron Clad Storage Inc**

#### **13. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by R. Bernie & Carried:-**

That the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Kenora be authorized to execute a Private Road Agreement between the City of Kenora and Iron Clad Storage Inc.; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

### **Approval of By-laws**

#### **14. Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by G. Chaze & 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:~

#1-2023 – Confirmatory

#2-2023 - Funding Agreement – FedNor – McLeod Park & Husky’s Landing Improvement

#3-2023 - Project Amendment – adjust cost categories

#4-2023 - Stantec Consulting Ltd. Agreement–Geotechnical work Coker Rd

#5-2023 - Private Road Agreement – Iron Clad Storage Inc

### **Notices of Motion**

None

## Proclamations

None

## Announcements

### The following was highlighted by Council:

1. Councillor Koch attended a session sponsored by Women's Shelter, Saakaate House regarding issues of gender, race and violence. It was a great presentation and important information.
2. Councillor Chaze thanked his colleagues for agreeing to holding meetings in the evening.
3. Councillor Van Belleghem highlighted a new business opening this weekend Mosswood Adventures and Rentals. Also extended heartfelt condolences to the Indigenous people with the recent announcement of the discoveries and acknowledged that true reconciliation must start with the truth.

## Adjourn to Closed Session

### 15. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & 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 5:58 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization (2 matters-development information)
  - ii) Education & Training Members of Council (2 matters-CAO, Mayor update)
- 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 (1 matter-policing costs)
- iv) Labour Relations (1 matter-CUPE presentation)

## Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 10:44 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

## Close of Meeting

### 16. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-

That this meeting be now declared closed at 10:45 p.m.

## The Corporation of the City of Kenora:

Confirmed As Written This .....Day

Of.....2023

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Mayor

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City Clerk