



MINUTES

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Wednesday, June 21, 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 L. Moncrief, Councillor K. Van Belleghem

**Staff:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk, Ryan Marsh, Director of Finance, Janis Pochailo, Director of Planning & Building Services, David Pratt, Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources Risk and Insurance, Stace Gander, Director of Economic Growth & Recovery, Greg Breen, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Land Acknowledgment Delivered by Councillor Manson**

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 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:-

- Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of up to \$120,000 plus taxes to be funded through the Future Land Development Reserve to fund an access road off of Brinkman Rd
- Adopt a Development Contribution Bylaw which will enable the municipality to enter into agreements for private sector projects, that can clearly demonstrate public benefit in the interest of the municipality

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

Mayor Poirier 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 B. Manson, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – May 17, 2023  
Special Council – May 8, 2023

## **Deputations / Presentations**

### **Jeff Gustafson – 2023 Bass Master Classic Champion**

Council presented Jeff Gustafson with a plaque and special new program for the Kenora Public Library. Jeff won the 2023 Bassmaster Classic World Champion - Knoxville, Tenn.

Jeff is a local icon in bass fishing who is humble, and passionate about the sport of fishing. He cares deeply about family, friends and demonstrate often how important it is to take a kid fishing. Jeff eloquently stated "if no one takes kids fishing, they're never going to go. So take your kids, your neighbour's kids, your buddy's kids, and dreams can come true." The plaque will be placed in the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre near the fishing exhibit to recognize his achievement. In addition, the City has added "Gussy's Fishing Corner" to the Kenora Public Library where kids can borrow life jackets and fishing rods to explore fishing and the water in Kenora.

### **Synergy North Presentation, Tim Wilson**

Tim Wilson from Synergy North presented annual information to Council on the operation of the organization and future planning. The City of Kenora has shares in Synergy North from the merger of Kenora Hydro and Thunder Bay Hydro. They are developing their multi-year application on rates and strategic planning for the future needs of the utility. There is a significant amount of new capital occurring in Kenora which is a good sign.

Council thanked Mr. Wilson for his presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

## **Additions to the Agenda**

### **1a. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That approval be hereby given for the following additional items to be added to tonight's agenda:-

1. Continued Funding for the Treaty 3 Police Service

### **1b. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

Whereas the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

Article 7 (1): Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person;

Article 19: States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior, and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them; and

Article 23: Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, Indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing, and other economic and social program affecting them, and as far as possible, to administer such programs through their own institutions; and

Whereas Call for Justice 5.4 of the Final Report of the MMIWG National Inquiry calls on the First Nations Policing Program to be replaced with a new legislative and funding framework, with a stipulation that "*Indigenous police services must be funded to a level that is equitable with all other non-Indigenous police services in (Canada). Substantive equality requires that more resources or funding be provided to close the gap in existing resources*"; and

Whereas the current First Nations Policing Program is significantly underfunded, and the discretionary funding model creates turbulence within polices services which fall under this program, and within the communities who have come to rely upon self-administered policing for culturally appropriate justice and policing for their residents; and

Whereas in December 2020, the Federal Government announced its intention to co-develop a legislative framework for First Nations policing as an essential service with the Assembly of First Nations; and

Whereas Treaty 3 Police Services are a key partner to the City of Kenora's Crime Prevention and Community Safety and Well-being response, and has provided valuable and effective policing, community and youth support and engagement in its 23 communities since 2003;

Therefore Be it Resolved That the Council of the City of Kenora calls on the Provincial and Federal Governments to continue funding the Treaty Three Police Service through the First Nations Policing Program while new legislation is developed to permanently fund this important and essential service for Indigenous Communities in the Treaty 3 area.

## **Appointments to Kenora Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee**

### **2. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints the following members to the to the Kenora Crime Prevention & Community Well-Being Advisory Committee for a term at the pleasure of Council no later than November 14, 2026:

Taras Manzie  
Shannon Bailey

Denise Forsyth  
Darcia Curtis  
Regan Dearborn  
Laurel Pirrie  
Jill Hager  
Jared Olson  
Jodelle Maksymchuk  
Jeff Duggan (alternates: Jim Neild & Grant Cowles)

### **2023 Financial Status and Forecast Report**

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

That Council hereby accepts the Financial Status and Forecast Report as of March 31, 2023, as information

### **Customer Service Standards Policy**

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

That Council hereby adopts the amended Customer Service Standards Policy #HR-2-23; and further

That policy #AF-10-9 form part of the City of Kenora's Comprehensive Policy Manual; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose; and further

That by-law 126-2012 be hereby repealed.

### **Corporate Complaints Policy**

#### **5. Moved by L. Moncrief, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby adopts the Corporate Complaint Policy #AF-10-10; and further

That the Corporate Complaint Policy form part of the City of Kenora's Comprehensive Policy Manual; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose.

### **Parking Lots & Structures Bylaw Amendments**

#### **6. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves amendments to Schedule "A" of the Parking Lots and Structures By-Law to amend "Lot K" & "Lot Y"; and further

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

### **Communications Audit Report**

#### **7. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That Council hereby receives the Communication Audit Report as prepared by The Hub @ Sutherland and presented to Council at a Special Committee of the Whole meeting June 8, 2023.

**Request for support from Township of Armour – Water Aerodrome**  
**8. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

Whereas some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act; and

Whereas Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes; and

Whereas Transport Canada’s current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted; and

Whereas Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans; and

Whereas Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents; and

Whereas Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities; and

Whereas Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities; and

Whereas Transport Canada’s loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora calls on Transport Canada to:

- ~ Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction;
- ~ State that ‘mixed-use’ docks and structures will not be permitted

and further;

That Council of the City of Kenora urges all mentioned in this resolution to support petition e-4364 to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra; Petition e-4364-Petitions (ourcommons.ca); and further

That this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Eric Melillo, and MPP Greg Rickford.

**Muse Policy Additions (Community, Conservation, Interpretation & Education, Investment & Reserve Fund)**

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

That Council hereby authorizes the adoption of Muse Policies #MU-01-08 Community Policy, #MU-01-09 Conservation Policy, #MU-01-10 Interpretation and Education Policy, #MU-01-11 Investment Policy, #MU-01-12 Reserve Fund Policy; and further

That these new policies form part of the City's Comprehensive Policy Manual for the various policies pertaining to the Muse recognizing that from time-to-time amendments will be required as policies are added, removed and amended; and further

That three readings be given to five bylaws to adopt these policies.

**Budget Amendment – 9th Street North Development Road Access**

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

That Council hereby approves a budget amendment in the amount of up to \$120,000 plus taxes to be funded through the Future Land Development Reserve; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 160-2022, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the 2023 Capital budget at its June 21, 2023 meeting for this purpose; and further

That Council gives three readings to a By-law to amend the 2023 capital budgets for this purpose.

**Development Contribution Bylaw**

**11. Moved by L. Moncrief, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby approves a Development Contribution By-law; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 160-2022, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a Development Contribution By-law at its June 21, 2023 meeting which authorizes the City to enter into agreements for private sector projects, that can clearly demonstrate public benefit in the interest of the municipality; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**D14-23-04 Application for Temporary Use By-law Lot 6, Lougheed Drive**

**12. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

That the Application for Temporary Use By-law, File No. D14-23-04, to permit the temporary use of the property legally described as PIN 42152-0467, for a campground for a single recreational vehicle connected to an approved septic system, for a period of up to two (2) years, in the "RR" Rural Residential Zone be hereby approved; and further That Council gives three readings to a by-law to that effect.

### **Application to NOHFC Investment Attraction Plan**

#### **13. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That Council approves an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) in the amount of \$30,000 for funds to support the development of investment attraction content and strategy to support economic and business attraction; and further

That Council confirms its financial commitment of up to \$30,000 for the project to be funded through Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) revenues; and further

That Council hereby approves any cost overruns associated with the project.

### **Appointment of Summer Student Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

#### **14. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by L. Koch & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Spencer Sundin, Akbar Imran and Alexa Romas as summer student By-Law Enforcement Officers in and for the City of Kenora under the authority of the Police Services Act; and further

That this appointment is hereby authorized for the period of June 26, 2023 to September 15, 2023.

### **Deputy Treasurer Appointment**

#### **15. Moved by G. Koch, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

That Council hereby appoints Sola Okuboyejo to the position of Deputy Treasurer for the City of Kenora; and further

That bylaw number 71-2022 be hereby repealed.

### **2023 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report–April**

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

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the April 2023 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City administration.

### **Various Agreements Execution**

#### **17. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-**

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

- Cambrian Vacuum Corp. Agreement - CCTV & Cleaning Services
- Titan Contractors (Kenora) Ltd Agreement - Parking Lot & Boat Launch Enhancements



- Solid Construction Agreement - Rotary Peace Park
- Derouard Motors Agreement - 2023 Ram Tradesman Truck
- Fort Gary Trucks td. Agreement - Fire Tanker Truck
- LMD Contracting Agreement - Office Renovations
- SMS Equipment Agreement - 2023 Komatsu Loader
- Kenora Honda Agreement - Honda CRV
- Escribe Agreement – Meeting Management Solution
- NOHFC Agreement – Intern Funding
- NOHFC Agreement – Intern Funding
- Conrad Lighting Solutions / LAS Agreement
- Conrad Lighting Solutions /LAS Agreement
- Voterview Agreement - Voter List Management Services Agreement
- Graham Trading Co Inc Agreement – vending truck
- Circular Materials Agreement – Master Services Agreement (from May 17 meeting)

That three readings be given to bylaws for this purpose.

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

**18. Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by L. Koch & 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:~

Bylaw #64-2023 to Bylaw #93-2023 as outlined on the June 21, 2023 Council agenda.

### **Notices of Motion**

#### **Sustainable Funding for Mental Health Care Advocacy**

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

I, Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem, provided Council a Notice of Motion at the May 17, 2023 regular meeting of Council of my intent to bring forward the following motion at tonight's June 21st, 2023 meeting:

Whereas the Rapid Intervention Services Kenora (RISK) table has identified substance abuse, mental health, and cognitive functioning conditions as the top risks at the RISK table from 2018-2022; and

Whereas mental health and addictions routinely top the list of concerns across Ontario; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on mental health and addictions in the province and has led to calls for renewed effort to implement an integrated response to mental health and addictions; and

Whereas Council of the City of Kenora has committed funding for a full time Community Safety and Well-Being Coordinator, in addition to a funding allocation towards the Crime Prevention and Community Well-Being Committee, in addition to the mandated funding



provided to the Kenora District Services Board and the Northwestern Health Unit to provide community care;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora calls on the Province of Ontario to develop and fund a complete public health approach to address forms of addiction that includes a mix of harm reduction, treatment, and upstream interventions that meet the social determinants of health to address the root causes of mental health and addictions, including housing related factors, poverty, unemployment, and trauma; and

That Council of the City of Kenora calls on the Province of Ontario to implement core institutional, residential, and community services that are available in all communities across Ontario, complemented by other specialized services available regionally or provincially; and further

That these services must have dedicated long term funding support, capacity with low wait times, and be accessible in all regions of the province and responsive to the needs of specific communities including Indigenous communities, which would include specialized treatment services for individuals experiencing complex mental health and addictions conditions; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora calls on the Province of Ontario to provide coordinated government funding to municipal service system managers for housing, social assistance, child care, and public health in order to stabilize lives and support people, as well as Provincial planning and coordination to ensure mental health and addictions supports (especially those that are culture-based and trauma-informed) are also implemented, particularly for youth leaving the child welfare system; and further

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions the Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister of Health, the Honourable Minister Sylvia Jones, the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River District, the Honourable Greg Rickford, the Solicitor General, the Honourable Michael Kerzner and the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford.

### **Bill 98 Better Schools and Outcome Act Advocacy**

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

I, Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem, provided Council a Notice of Motion at the May 17, 2023 regular meeting of Council of my intent to bring forward the following motion at tonight's June 21st, 2023 meeting:

Whereas Bill 98 received Royal Assent June 8th 2023; and

Whereas numerous stakeholders of the education system including school boards, the Ontario College of Teachers and the Ontario Human Rights Commission have called on more consultation and engagement on Bill 98; and

Whereas educators and the education system are already supportive of education-related priorities that are focused on student achievement and well-being; and

Whereas the 2022 Provincial election had a 43.53% voter turnout and, therefore the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario cannot claim to have a mandate from most of the Ontario electorate;

Therefore be it resolved that Council of The City of Kenora calls on the Province of Ontario to meaningfully engage with all stakeholders of the education system, including but not limited to: parents, educators, education administrators, support staff, and students when developing and making changes to education legislation; and further

That a copy this resolution be sent to Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and Member of Provincial Parliament for the Kenora Rainy River District, Greg Rickford, Kenora Catholic District School Board, and Keewatin Patricia District School Board.

### **Addition to Core Staff Compliment for Communication & Public Relations Position**

#### **21. Moved by G. Chaze, Seconded by L. Koch**

I, Councillor Graham Chaze, provided Council a Notice of Motion at the May 17, 2023 regular meeting of Council of my intent to bring forward the following motion at tonight's June 21st, 2023 meeting:

Whereas the Charting Our Course 2027 City of Kenora Strategic Plan, under identified focus area "Service Delivery and Organizational Capacity" indicates a priority to enhance City communications to the community on municipal services, developments, and affairs; and

Whereas mechanisms for communication continue to evolve with the advent of new social media platforms, reduction in traditional news media, increase in identified negative "click-bait" headlines, challenging media relationships; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Kenora has identified its desire for enhanced, proactive communications to support a more informed community; and

Whereas the existing communication team's capacity is not sufficient to support the work required of the City to communicate effectively and does not include a dedicated public relations aspect; and

Whereas the matters on which the City ought to be communicating continue to increase and progress; and

Whereas the Communications Audit completed in 2022-23 by the Hub @ Sutherland identified a number of areas for which additional capacity would be beneficial in addressing gaps and opportunities for enhanced and strategic communications;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council for the City of Kenora directs administration to explore the addition of a Communications and Public Relations Officer and the budgetary implications of this addition to the organization; and further

That this position be added to the staff core complement in 2023 and budgeted accordingly to the full-time complement.

**Discussion:** Enhancing communication that currently exists is important to Council and taking control of our messaging on City projects. Would like someone dedicated with more expertise in the area. Would like to place this additional staff person as part of the budget process and start to implement some of the things that were recommended in the communication audit first.

**Motion Defeated.**

## **Proclamations**

None

## **Announcements**

**The following was highlighted by Council:**

- 1.** Councillor Manson, Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> celebration with LOWSA under the Jarnel Contracting Pavillion, celebrating Lake Life along with Science North with exhibits for the kids.
- 2.** Councillor Van Belleghem Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:30-4:30 public engagement at Iron and Clay on Short Term Rentals. Kenora Pride parade is Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. LOWAC is looking for volunteers for Arts Fest this year. Special Committee of the Whole to discuss budget 1-6 p.m. Council Chambers.
- 3.** Councillor Chaze National Indigenous People's Day had the opportunity to attend the property at Strecker Road which was a great celebration. Four members of Council attended and was a great celebration.
- 4.** Mayor enjoyed the celebration at National Indigenous People's Day. Very well organized and a nice way to reconnect with elders, leaders, students and teachers. It was very well organized and the work being done at this property is very impressive. Mayor Poirier reminded everyone they are invited to the luncheon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 11-2 at Anicinabe Park.

## **Adjourn to Closed Session**

**22. Moved by R. Bernie, Seconded by L. Koch & 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 6:19 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (2 matters – CAO & Mayor updates)
- ii) 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-Synergy North changes)

## **Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 8:50 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

## **Close of Meeting**

**23. Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 8:51 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**