



MINUTES

Of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora

Monday, May 8, 2023

City Hall Council Chambers

12:00 p.m.

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

**Regrets** Councillor R. Bernie

**Staff:** Kyle Attanasio, CAO, Ryan Marsh, Director of Finance, Stace Gander, Director of Economic Growth & Recovery, Greg Breen, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Roberta Marsh, Director of Human Resources, Risk and Insurance, David Pratt, Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk/Manager of Customer Services

## **Call to Order**

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

## **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.

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

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.

## Presentations/Deputations

- N/A

## Adjourn to a Closed Session

### Moved by L. Koch, Seconded by B. Mason & Carried:-

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 12:04 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- Labour Relations (1 matter – Circular Materials Master Services Agreement – Blue Box Regulation)

## Return to open Session with Special Item Report

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

That Council hereby approves the execution of the Circular Materials' Master Services Agreement for Services Related to Blue Box Material and the related Statements of Work for Eligible Community Residence and Facility Public Space Collection, Eligible Community Depot Collection and Eligible Community Promotion and Education with effective date of July 1, 2023 for a period of thirty (30) months to December 31, 2025; and further

That Council directs Administration to undertake a comprehensive review of the impacts to Solid Waste Collection Services.

### Discussion:

Greg Breen, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure provided a background on the City of Kenora's solid waste and recyclable items collection. The City of Kenora delivers a combined solid waste and recycling collection program. This delivery model has natural efficiencies and interdependencies that result in shared staff, equipment, fuel, facilities and administrative costs.

Municipalities report their cost to deliver residential recycling to Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority Datacall and receive subsidy through Stewardship Ontario based on a Municipal Funding Allocation Model. In 2016 the Province of Ontario introduced *The Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*. The Act furthers the Province of Ontario's interest to protect the environment, reduce waste and emissions, increase the reuse and recycling of waste across all sectors of the economy and promote competition in the provision of resource recovery services, among other related interests.

Under the Act, *Ontario Regulation 391/21 Blue Box, 2021*, obligates producers that supply Blue Box Material to consumers for personal, family or household purposes to establish and operate a collection system in accordance with Part IV Collection. This includes providing curbside collection and depot services to those eligible communities currently receiving Blue Box service as of the eligible community's scheduled transition date. July 1st, 2023 is the transition date for The City of Kenora with Circular Materials being the Producer Responsible Organization (PRO).

In July 2022, Circular Materials presented Municipalities with the option to Opt-In to a Master Services Agreement (MSA) to continue to provide recycling services to their

community, or to Opt-Out, which would result in Circular Materials contracting with an external service provider to deliver recycling services to the Municipality.

In its July 2022 Council meeting, Council directed Administration to Opt-In and to contract with Circular Materials with the intention to continue to provide recycling services for the period of July 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2025. At that time there were a few unknowns in the contract and after further discussion on those items the decision is back with this Council to decide whether to enter into the MSA or not.

The decision to execute Circular Materials' MSA will see delivery of the recycling services to the community will be unchanged and there is a positive impact to the City's financial position. The decision not to opt in would result in Circular Materials bringing an external service provider to Kenora to provide recycling services and there would be a negative impact to the City's financial position.

A public communication will be released communicating Council's decision and the impacts.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 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**