



MINUTES

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

**Regrets:** Councillor B. Manson

**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, Andrew Smith, General Manager of Recreation & Culture

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Land Acknowledgment Delivered by Councillor Moncrief**

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:-

- Amend the Procedural Bylaw to reflect meeting days and other procedural items
  - Establish the 2024 meeting calendar
- Amend the Tariff of Fees & Charges bylaw to ~~adopt a new corporate membership rate at the Moncrief Construction Sports Centre,~~ and implement the new 2024 utility rates
- Adopt the 2024 Solid Waste and Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budgets

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

That the following Minutes of the Council of the City of Kenora be adopted as circulated:-  
Regular Council – September 20, 2023

## **Deputations/Presentations**

Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, Greg Breen provided Council an update on capital projects.

- Moncrief Construction Sports Centre parking lots are in final stages of pavement. The launch is in, creek work completed and accessible parking will be included.
- First Avenue South – roadway is getting repaired and resurfaced. The paving will take place into next week.
- Fifth Street South – sidewalk pours were taking place today and will follow gravel maintenance and paving there.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street North – there are some curb entrances near the cemetery and curb lowering near Houghton Road that will be completed.
- Gould/Railway –Gould Road there is a culvert replacement taking place and asphalt will be completed following that. There is no intention to leave the rougher service for the winter, we will cap that with pavement and will be a smooth surface for the winter. The Gould portion will have a surface treatment will be placed for the winter. There is still settlement taking place so we will come back to that in the spring. The new poles are in for the overhead cabling realignment and Synergy North will be running cables. There are a few curb and valve repairs that need to take place and they will complete the second lift of pavement.
- North of the bypass – capital graveling program will take place on the Anderson Branch Road from Carlton Road to Riverbend, and also the length of School Road all the way from East Melick Road.
- Playgrounds – fencing has come down today at Central Park and over at Norman Park the lower bowl is complete and inspections are lined up for next week. Partial opening for this area next week.
- Marine line floating in Harbourfront and the work installation is scheduled for next week.

## **Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **Appointment to Planning Advisory Committee**

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

That Council hereby appoints Christopher Price to the Planning Advisory Committee for a term at the pleasure of Council no later than November 14, 2026.

### **Appointment to Kenora Police Services Board**

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

That Council hereby appoints Joel McGrath to the Kenora Police Services Board for a term at the pleasure of Council no later than November 14, 2026.

### **Sustainable Funding to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) University**

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

Whereas that the City of Kenora recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

Whereas life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and that mental health and addictions are at four times higher rate; and

Whereas one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor and many must travel long distances to access health-care services representing the failure of health care in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

Whereas the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University's current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

Therefore Be it Resolved That with the announcement of unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs, the City of Kenora strongly requests that the Provincial government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that was originally established by the Conservative Government in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

### **Solid Waste and Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budgets and Tariff of Fees and Charges Amendment**

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

That Council hereby approves the City of Kenora's 2024-2026 Solid Waste and Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budget as reviewed and amended; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 160-2022, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2024 Solid Waste and Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budget including updating the Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to reflect the new utility rates at its October 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting; and further

That Council authorizes City Administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget-related decisions in accordance with those reflected within the amended budgets; and further

That Council give three readings to a By-law to adopt the 2024 Solid Waste and Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budget; and further

That bylaw number 55-2022 be hereby repealed; and further

That three readings are given to a bylaw to adopt a new Tariff of Fees and Charges bylaw to reflect the new utility rates effective January 1, 2024.

### **2024 Council Meeting Calendar & Procedural Bylaw Amendment**

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

That Council hereby accepts the 2024 Council meeting calendar as presented; and further

That Council hereby adopts an amended Procedural Bylaw for Council reflecting Council and Committee of the Whole meeting days; and further

That in accordance with By-law Number 160-2022, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to establish their 2024 meeting calendar and amend the Procedural bylaw; and further

That bylaw number 157-2022 be hereby repealed; and further

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

### **Traffic Bylaw Amendment-No Parking First West Bay Rd & Rate of Speed-Coker Rd**

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

That Council hereby approves an amendment to the Traffic Regulation By-law Number 180-2015, Schedule "B" – No Parking Tow Away Zones for First West Bay Road and Schedule "T" – Rate of Speed for Coker Road; and further

That three readings be given to an amending by-law for this purpose.

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy #CC-1-5**

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

That Council hereby adopts a new Recreation Cancellation and Refund Policy, CS-1-5, to support a fair and equitable process for refunds and cancellations for staff and facility users; and further

That Recreation Cancellation and Refund Policy #CS-1-5 form part of the City's Comprehensive Policy Manual; and further

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

### **Live Barn Streaming Services Agreement**

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

That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and LiveBarn Inc. for streaming services for both Bowman Electric Keewatin Memorial Arena and Thistle Arena at the Moncrief Construction Sports Centre; and further

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

### **Private Road Agreement – Ontario Power Generation**

#### **10. Moved by L. Moncrief, Seconded by G. Chaze & Carried:-**

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute a Private Road Agreement between the City of Kenora and Ontario Power Generation Inc.; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

### **Various Agreements**

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

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

- Private Road Agreement - OPG
- Site Plan Agreement-HK Properties Ltd.
- Site Plan Agreement-2839441 Ontario Inc.
- Site Plan Agreement-Pinnacle Kenora Holding Corp
- Purchase Agreement-Hitrac 1974

That three readings be given to bylaws for this purpose.

### **Various Minutes**

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

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

- May 25, 2023 – The MUSE
- June 6 & July 18, 2023 – Sustainability Advisory Committee; and further

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

- May 25, June 29, & July 27, 2023 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged
- June 15, 2023 – Kenora District Services Board
- May 26, June 23 and August 18, 2023 – Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

### **Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary-August 2023**

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

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

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

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

That bylaw number 134-2023 to 146-2023 as outlined on the October 18, 2023 Council agenda be now read a First & Second Time, and approved in their present form and presented for Third & Final Reading:

- #134-2023 - Confirmatory
- #135-2023 - 2024 Solid Waste Utility Operating and Capital Budget
- #136-2024 - 2024 Water & Wastewater Utility Operating and Capital Budget
- #137-2023 - Tariff of Fees and Charges–Water Service Fee Rates & Solid Waste Fees
- #138-2023 - Procedural Bylaw Amendment
- #139-2023 - Traffic Bylaw Amendment-Schedule B & T
- #140-2023 – Cancellation and Refund Policy #CC-1-5
- #141-2023 – Agreement with Live Barn for streaming services
- #142-2023 - Private Road Agreement Ontario Power Generation
- #143-2023 - Site Plan Agreement-HK Properties Ltd.
- #144-2023 - Site Plan Agreement-2839441 Ontario Inc.
- #145-2023 - Site Plan Agreement-Pinnacle Kenora Holding Corp
- #146-2023 - Purchase Agreement-Hitrac 1974

### **Notices of Motion**

#### **Councillor Van Belleghem-Municipal Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Annual Report**

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

I, Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem, provided Council a Notice of Motion at the September 20, 2023 regular meeting of Council of intent to bring forward the following motion at tonight's October 18, 2023 meeting:

Whereas, in June 2015 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission held its closing event in Ottawa and presented its multi-volume report including 94 "calls to action" to further reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas, on December 16, 2015 the Prime Minister committed to National Indigenous Organizations that he would meet with them annually in order to sustain and advance shared priorities; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action call on all levels of government, including municipal governments, to adopt a number of recommendations in the report; and

Whereas in order to properly meet the goals of the Commission it is imperative that we keep accurate, public records of our progress;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council requests Administration to draft an annual reporting policy whereby Council will receive an annual staff report outlining the ways in which the City of Kenora has addressed the municipal calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the year prior which includes other non-legislated reports; and further

That Council of the City of Kenora calls on both the Provincial and Federal governments to also commit to annual reporting for their progress in adopting the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action; 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.

### **Councillor Koch –Develop a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

Councillor Lindsay Koch withdrew this notice of motion. Councillor feels there may be more effective ways to do this work.

### **New Notices of Motion:**

I, Councillor Kelsie Van Belleghem hereby provide Notice of Motion in keeping with Section 7.12 of Council's Procedural Bylaw #157-2022, and will at the next regular meeting of this Council to be held Wednesday, November 15, 2023 bring forward the following motion:

- Town Hall Schedule for the City of Kenora

### **Proclamations**

- World Polio Day - October 24, 2023
- Purple Thursday – October 19, 2023

### **Announcements**

Council provided various announcements.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

**16. Moved by L. Moncrief, Seconded by G. Chaze & 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 5:51 p.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) Education & Training Members of Council (1 matter–development updates)

**Reconvene to Open Meeting**

Council reconvenes to open session at 7:15 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

**Close of Meeting**

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

That this meeting be now declared closed at 7:15 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**