

Minutes

*of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
held Monday, June 30, 2003 – City Chambers
at 5:00 p.m.*

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**WITH Mayor D. Canfield in the Chair, Councillor R. Lunny, Councillor D. McDougald, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor T. Szajewski, Councillor C. Wasacase, Paulette M. Grouda, Deputy City Clerk.**

**Absent: Councillor I. Parkes**

**Mayor Canfield called the meeting to order and Councillor Szajewski read the Prayer.**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1.Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

THAT the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Kenora held **Monday, June 16**, be confirmed as written and circulated.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**Mayor Canfield then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. The following Declarations were made:- Councillor McDougald – Resolution No. 2 & 11.**

## **DEPUTATIONS:**

### **Dr. Sean Moore/Kenora Health Providers**

Dr. Sean Moore reviewed the background information he had submitted with his deputation request. He also handed in letters of support from various agencies opposing Video Lottery Terminals and Off Sale Alcohol.

### **Video Lottery Terminals (VLT's)**

Dr. Moore requested that Council take a proactive approach to ensure VLT's do not get implemented in Kenora. Dr. Moore added that VLT's are extremely addictive and statistics indicate that there are already 500 people addicted to gambling in Kenora. He added that it doesn't tend to be tourists that are spending money on VLT's but rather people with cognitive, emotional, and substance abuse and people living hand to mouth. The Canadian Public Health Association has drafted a resolution on this and Dr. Moore requested that Council discuss this resolution at Committee level along with the letters of support from the various Health Agencies.

### **Off Sale Alcohol**

Dr. Moore advised that off sale alcohol increases youth access. Assaultive violence increases with increased availability. Dr. Moore requested that Council review the background information and the letters of support from the various Health Agencies at Committee level.

### **Gladys Kozmenski**

Mrs. Kozmenski requested permission to licence a 15 year old dog which is owned by her daughter and which she is temporarily looking after while her daughter convalesces. Her daughter owns the lot next to Mrs. Kozmenski and her son is staying on this property in a camper. The dog will also stay

on this property. Mrs. Kozmiski gave a copy of correspondence from her daughter along with attached notes on the situation.

**Lydia Harlos**

Ms Harlos advised that the people on Melick Avenue would like a "Watch for Children Sign".

Ms. Harlos also asked why the benches at the Recreation Centre were removed. She also asked why the play area at the Recreation Centre was removed.

Ms. Harlos said that people should not be able to make phone calls with no trace on the calls. Councillor Lunny explained that complaints on calls can be monitored if KMTS are advised by the Police Department.

**Emily Tacknyk-Roulston**

Ms. Tacknyk-Roulston mentioned the Taxpayer Protection Act which is being proposed by the PC's. She said she agrees with it in view of the fact that her taxes are so high and that she was charged \$107.00 for having a reassessment done.

Ms. Tacknyk-Roulston said there should be a level for all governments on how much taxes people have to pay. Municipalities are supposed to be the level of government closest to the people and it is very difficult to come to the Municipality with complaints, as nothing is done.

Mayor Canfield explained that the increased this year was caused by the Home for the Aged. The higher levels of government will not fund this so the taxpayers have to. Mayor Canfield said Councils will continue to fight for equity.

Ms. Tacknyk-Roulston mentioned the Millarship Swamp and that there are still problems there.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

**2.Moved by R McMillan, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

THAT the Reports dated **June 06, 2003**, of the Finance and Administration Committee, submitting for approval and authorization for payment, invoices, accounts and payroll summaries, including transfers to Boards and Commissions for municipal and utility listings, attached hereto, totalling **\$2,424,982.61** be hereby authorized for approval.

**Abstention: Councillor McDougald**

**ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION – TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT**

**3.Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McDougald & Carried:-**

Whereas the Progressive Conservative campaign document, "The Road Ahead" has been released and contains the proposal to extend the "Taxpayer Protection Act" to municipal property taxes; and

Whereas the proposal requires a referendum to be held in order to garner elector support for property tax increases; and

Whereas the downloading of services by the Provincial Government since 1998 has virtually guaranteed the need for greater property taxes to support former Provincial services such as housing, ambulance, and family benefits; and

Whereas the City of Kenora has accepted financial and management responsibility for these services; and

Whereas Provincial policies and standards for these services have increased

the associated costs of providing these services; and

Whereas any deterioration of economic conditions in Ontario will require property tax increases to support income re-distribution programs funded by the property tax base, including Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program and Social Housing; and

Whereas the Province has put in place a regime of benchmarking, public reporting of municipal performance, and public notice of municipal budget changes; and

Whereas municipal government is already the most accountable and accessible level of government, facing the electorate on a scheduled, three year basis, unlike either the Federal or Provincial levels; and

Whereas the creation of so-called "wedge issues" may be good for campaign platforms, the proposal of budget-by-referendum essentially reduces the role of duly elected officials at the local level - the level which Federal and Provincial officials acknowledge as the most effective form of government service; and

Whereas "The Road Ahead" does not quantify or even estimate the costs of annual referenda in the 447 municipalities of Ontario;

Now therefore the Council of the City of Kenora respectfully requests that the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party withdraw from its recently announced campaign platform the initiative which would legislate a referendum should a municipality wish to increase property tax rates.

**NOMINATION FOR SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**4.Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McDougald & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby nominates James (Jim) Tooke for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, 2003; and further

THAT the City complete and forward the necessary documentation to the Ministry of Citizenship prior to the June 30, 2003 deadline.

**POLICING SERVICES CONTRACT – O.P.P.**

**5. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McDougald & Carried:-**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Ministry of Public Safety and Security and the Corporation of the City of Kenora for the provision of policing services.

**APPROVAL TO ADOPT UPDATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**6.Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by D. McDougald & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law adopting the City of Kenora Emergency Management Plan dated June 18, 2003.

**TRAFFIC AMENDMENT – MAY AVENUE YIELD INTERSECTION**

**7.Moved by D. McDougald, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

THAT Bylaw 127-2001 being a bylaw to regulate traffic in the City of Kenora be amended as follows:

Schedule "P" YIELD Intersections

Intersection Facing Traffic

**ADD:**

Highway 17 West North bound onto May Avenue

**TRAFFIC AMENDMENT – CHANGES FOR MAY, 2004**

**8. Moved by D. McDougald, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

THAT Schedules B, C, E, and G of Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be hereby amended in accordance with the memorandum appended to the report of W. Spencer’s June 19 report; and further

THAT the said amendments shall come into affect on May 31, 2004 upon implementing a parking plan at the Recreation Centre, approval of a capital expenditure for the purchase of the applicable meter heads, and upon the installation of the respective meters and regulatory signage.

**PROPOSAL FROM DST – E.A. SITE ASSESSMENT**

**9. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts and approves the “Phase 3 Environmental Site Assessment” proposal from DST Consulting Engineers Inc. for \$76,500.00 + GST ; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with DST Consulting Engineers Inc.

**PAVING CONTRACT**

**10. Moved by D. McDougald, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the Municipal Road Works and Paving, Phase 1, Contract 2003-01 be awarded to Lafarge Materials and Construction, as specified, in the amount of \$658,177.47 (GST included); and

THAT a total upset expenditure for each of the following projects be approved as follows:

**Allocation**

|                                                       |                              |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Part 1 – Rabbit Lake Road<br>Exp/Reserves             | \$375,000.00 (including gst) | Capital |
| Part 2 – Golf Course Road<br>Expenditure              | \$145,000.00 (including gst) | Capital |
| Part 3 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South<br>Exp/Reserves | \$220,000.00 (including gst) | Capital |
| Part 4 – Lakeview Dr Parking Lot<br>Expenditure       | \$8,500.00 (including gst)   | Capital |

**Councillor McDougald advised that Rabbit Lake Road is the whole road but the first phase. The total of the allocations is \$748,500. as there is ditching and culverts added in.**

**PURCHASE OF SMART CARD WATER DISPENSING SYSTEM**

**11.Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the project to supply, install and commission, Smart Card Water Dispensing Systems at the Crawford Road Lift Station and the Zone 2 Evergreen Booster Station, as specified, at a cost of \$54,598.26 (GST included) be awarded to D. A. Electric (Kenora).

**Abstention: Councillor McDougald**

**Councillor McDougald requested that the Rules of Order be Suspended for the introduction of two new items:-**

**BEGGS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TENDER**

**11A Moved by D. McDougald, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora transfer the 2003 Capital allocation for the Coker Road Bailey Bridge project to the Begg's Road Bridge Replacement project and defer the Coker Road Bailey Bridge project until 2004.

AND THAT the City of Kenora accept the tender submitted by Moncrief Construction, in the amount of \$226,144.50 (taxes included) for the Begg's Road Bridge Replacement project.

**PARSONS STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION TENDER**

**11B Moved by D. McDougald, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora accept the tender submitted by MD Steele, in the amount of \$418,551.90 (taxes included) for the Parsons Street Bridge rehabilitation works.

**BY-LAWS – FIRST & SECOND READING**

**12. Moved by T Szajewski, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following By-laws be read a **FIRST & SECOND** Time:~

**#100-2003-** to establish a General Tariff of Fees and Charges for the City of Kenora;

**#101-2003-** to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 24, 2003;

**#102-2003-**to authorize the sale of land to 1571210 Ontario Ltd. (Dufresne);

**#103-2003-**to execute an agreement with the Ministry of Public Safety and Security with respect to the Community Policing Program;

**#104-2003-**to approve the Emergency Management Plan dated June 18, 2003;

**#105-2003-**to execute an agreement with the Ministry of Public Safety and Security with respect to the provision of policing services;

**#106-2003-**to amend Traffic By-law #127-2001 (yield intersection – May Avenue);

**#107-2003-**to execute an agreement with DST Consulting Engineers Inc.;

**#108-2003-**to re-name certain streets in the City of Kenora.

**BY-LAWS – THIRD & FINAL READING**

**13.Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-laws** be now approved in their present form and be presented for **THIRD AND FINAL** Reading:-

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor McMillan advised he had attended the Early Years Opening at the Library. Sudbury has introduced the Children's First Charter and Councillor McMillan suggested this should be looked at a Committee level.

Councillor Szajewski advised the Safe Grad was attended by over 400 students and extended his thanks to the Volunteers and Staff who went above and beyond the call of duty for this all night event.

Councillor Szajewski also thanked staff for all their work with the Bearskin Classic Golf Tournament which raised \$26,500 for the Wellness Centre.

Councillor Lunny advised he attended the Railway Museum grand opening and this was very well attended and organized. He also attended the Dedication of the Peter Heenan plaque. Peter Heenan had served 5 terms on Council in Kenora in the early 1900s and 25 years as a Provincial and Federal representative. He was responsible for the construction of the Fort Frances Highway and that Highway is actually named after him.

Councillor McDougald advised that the Parson Street Bridge construction will effect a total closure of the bridge. Residents will either have to park on the other side of the bridge or go through the back road. There will be a walkway in place and Emergency Vehicle access.

Councillor Wasacase wished everyone a Happy Canada Day and extended a good Canadian welcome to our visitors in celebrating our diversity.

Mayor Canfield advised he had attended the Grand Opening of the Kenora Flooring Centre which is a very unique store. He also extended thanks to Mike Richards for donating two shirts for the Bearskin Classic Golf Tournament which generated a lot of interest. The Mayor commented on the fine performance of the OPP Golden Helmet Motorcycle performance and the great event at the CPR Empress Breakfast Train.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**14.Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

**THAT** this meeting be now declared closed at 5:52 p.m.

***THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:***

**CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THIS .....DAY OF**

**.....2003**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**