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of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora held Wednesday, March 31, 2004 City Council Chambers at 4: 00 p.m.

WITH Mayor D. Canfield in the Chair, Councillor L. Compton, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor I. Parkes, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor T. Szajewski, Councillor C. Wasacase, Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Canfield asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. Councillor Compton made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest with respect to the Castle of Learning & Discovery Centre due to his being a Real Estate Agent.

CLOSURE OF DAY CARE CENTRE - "MOTION WITHDRAWN"

1. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-THAT Motion #6 dated March 8, 2004 with respect to the closing of the Castle of Learning and Discovery Children's Centre as of June 30, 2004, be hereby withdrawn.

ABSTENTION: Councillor L. Compton

<u>CONTINUED OPERATION OF DAY CARE CENTRE</u> 2. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora accept the recommendation of the Community Services Committee to support the continued operation of the Castle of Learning and Discovery Centre for the 2004 calendar year with the following conditions:-

(1) THAT the staff and management of the Castle of Learning and Discovery Centre further investigate and implement cost saving measures and program enrichment opportunities as proposed by Community Services Committee, Day Care staff, Union (CUPE Local 191) and the Castle of Learning Parents representatives;

(2) THAT partnership opportunities with Anishinaabe-Kweg Aboriginal Women's Organization be explored for potential sharing of space and program delivery within the Castle of Learning and Discovery Centre; and

(3) THAT the Castle of Learning and Discovery program be reviewed in September 2004 for budget efficiencies and program effectiveness to provide Council additional information for review purposes to make decisions on the future operation of the program.

ABSTENTION: Councillor L. Compton

<u>ADJOURN</u> 3. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 4:05 p.m.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THISDAY OF2004

MAYOR

CITY CLERK