

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES



Held Tuesday, October 5, 2004  
4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers

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**PRESENT:**

David Canfield	-	Mayor
Len Compton	-	Councillor
Rory McMillan	-	Councillor
Ingrid Parkes	-	Councillor
Andrew Poirier	-	Councillor
Ted Szajewski	-	Councillor
Colin Wasacase	-	Councillor
B. Preisentanz	-	CAO
P. Grouda	-	Deputy Clerk

## **A. RESOLUTIONS PREPARED FOR TUES., October 12/2004:-**

- Confirm Minutes
- Approval of Accounts
- Confirmatory By-law
- Adjournment

## **B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were none declared.

## **C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **1. Service Delivery Review for Council/Staff**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora direct the Finance & Administration Committee investigate the feasibility of incorporating a Service Delivery Review model for the City of Kenora based on the six stage approach recommended by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

#### **2. Social Assistance in Ontario**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS social assistance rates were slashed by 21.6% in 1995, and with increases to the cost of living, today that cut is worth over 35%; and

WHEREAS social assistance recipients are not able to adequately feed and shelter themselves, resulting in parents often having to choose between paying the rent or feeding the kids; and

WHEREAS the Jury at the Inquest into the death of Kimberly Rogers

recommended that social assistance rates be reviewed to ensure they reflect actual costs of living; and

WHEREAS social assistance should provide people with an adequate standard of living; and

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit Supplement, which was intended to support low income families, is currently being clawed back from families on social assistance (OW and ODSP), which greatly decreases their ability to provide an adequate standard of living,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the City of Kenora request the Kenora District Services Board to petition the Ontario Government to immediately increase the shelter portion of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program benefits to the average Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation rent, and index Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program to the cost of living; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the City of Kenora call for an end to the National Child Benefit Supplement claw back.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

**3. Confirmation/Ratification – Tourism Exemption By-law**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to confirm By-law Number 15-99 to allow retail business establishments to be open on holidays for the maintenance or development of tourism and to repeal By-law Numbers 89-0004 and 1004.

**Recommendation Approved. (resolution and by-law)**

**Paulette**

**4. Municipal Property Tax Deferral Program - Resolution**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the province of British Columbia successfully provides a Property Tax Deferment Program allowing residents to defer payment of their annual municipal property taxes on their principal residence if they are: 60 years or older or a disabled person as defined by Regulation and are a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant who lives in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS many Ontario seniors and disabled persons believed they had retired in good financial shape with a satisfactory fixed pension, only to discover over a period of time that: increases in auto insurance, the cost of home maintenance and repairs, steadily increasing municipal property taxes, and the development of holes in health care system, have started to erode their retirement savings; and

WHEREAS municipalities should provide a modern, innovative financing alternative to assist senior homeowners and disabled persons to remain living longer in their principal residences next to life long neighbours who indirectly provide them with a measure of safety, security and friendship; and

WHEREAS a flexible program can be implemented for low income seniors and disabled persons to defer payment of, all or part of, their annual municipal property taxes utilizing the equity in their principal residence as security; and

WHEREAS this ability to defer payment of municipal taxes would, in effect, provide low income seniors and disabled persons with an additional amount of income to significantly supplement their annual pension income; and  
WHEREAS this would allow senior homeowners and disabled persons to further enjoy the benefits of home ownership, improve their standard of living today, while using their home equity to pay property taxes tomorrow; and

WHEREAS a tax deferral program may not be right for everybody, it does allow each person to make the individual decision for themselves, and many seniors and disabled persons would appreciate knowing that a financial assistance plan has been designed by their municipality is in place should an unforeseen changes in their retirement finances circumstances occur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby petitions the Premier of the Province of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing also responsible for Seniors, to take immediate action to amend Section 319 of the Ontario Municipal Act that deals with Tax Deferrals for relief from financial hardships and introduce amendments to allow each single-tier and lower-tier municipality the opportunity to provide a Municipal Property Tax Deferral Program targeted towards low income seniors and disabled persons as defined by Regulation.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

**5. Adoption of City of Kenora Policy Manual**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the Comprehensive Policy Manual as presented to Committee on September 29, 2004; and further

THAT Council hereby adopts the manual as the official Municipal Policy Manual for the City of Kenora.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

**6. Section 357 – 2004 Cancellation and Refund of Taxes**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Section 357 tax adjustments totaling \$17,829.80, (plus applicable penalty adjustment), with resulting refunds of \$6,785.20 be hereby approved.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

<p><b>7. Establish date for initial RAFT Committee Meeting</b> Date to be determined.</p>	<p><b>Bill P.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Proclamation – Public Library Week</b> <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of October 18 – 24, 2004 as “Ontario Public Library Week” with the theme “Community Heartbeat” in and for the City of Kenora.  <b>Recommendation Approved.</b></p>	<p><b>Paulette</b></p>
<p><b>9. Proclamation – Child Care Worker &amp; Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day</b> <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim Wednesday, October 27, 2004 as “Child Care Worker &amp; Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in and for the City of Kenora.  <b>Recommendation Approved.</b></p>	<p><b>Paulette</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proclamation – Veterans’ Week</b> <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of November 5 to 11, 2004 as “Veterans’ Week” in and for the City of Kenora.  <b>Recommendation Approved.</b></p>	<p><b>Paulette</b></p>
<p><b><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></b></p>	
<p><b>1. Wellness Centre Information Report</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ongoing</b></span> Councillor Szajewski will give his report at Council October 12, 2004.</p>	<p><b>Councillor Szajewski</b></p>
<p><b>2. Budget approval for Revised Staffing Model–Recreation Dept.</b> <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> THAT Council give approval to proceed with the proposed 2005 staffing budget for the Kenora Recreation Centre; and THAT Council approve the revised organizational chart for the Recreation Department as attached; and further  THAT Council approve the Recreation Coordinator to proceed in cooperation with the Human Resources Manager with the staffing changes laid out within the relating staffing report provided that any related costs fall within the 2005 operating budget approvals for the department.  <b>Recommendation Approved.</b></p>	<p><b>Paulette</b></p>
<p><b>3. Dog Club Request</b> <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> THAT Council of the City of Kenora denies the request from Kenora and District Dog Club for use of the Keewatin Memorial Arena Community Hall on an ongoing basis for training and storage of equipment; and</p>	<p></p>

THAT Council continue to support the use of the Keewatin Memorial Arena for the annual Dog Show hosted by the Kenora and District Dog Club; and further

THAT the Leisure Services Committee recommends to Council that the existing by-laws be reviewed to address animals/birds/pets in public buildings.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

#### **4. Naming of the Kenora Recreation Centre**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Kenora Recreation Centre maintains its current title with the addition of the slogan "Welcome to Wellness" attached to any advertising and publicity; and that any existing naming be recognized within the facility.

##### **OR**

THAT Mayor and Council accept the recommendation from the Community Services Committee to change the name of The Kenora Recreation Centre to "The Kenora Wellness and Recreation Centre.

##### **Recommendation Amended as follows:**

THAT Mayor and Council accept the recommendation from the Community Services Committee to change the name of The Kenora Recreation Centre to "The Kenora Wellness and Recreation Centre.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Paulette**

#### **5. Parking Lease Agreement with L of W Museum Board**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of a parking lease agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Lake of the Woods Museum Board.

**Recommendation Approved. (resolution and by-law)**

**Paulette**

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

No Reports.

#### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

##### **1. Public Works Re-location Information Report**

Councillor Poirier will bring full report to Council on October 12, 2004. It was noted that all the planned works for 2004 will not be completed due mainly to weather.

**Councillor Poirier**

##### **2. Union Gas Franchise Agreement**

**HOLD-3<sup>RD</sup>/Final Rdg.**

**HOLD**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora prepare a new consolidated agreement between

the City of Kenora and Union Gas Ltd., thereby repealing former Township Agreements; and further

THAT the draft Union Gas Franchise Agreement, titled 2000 Model Franchise Agreement, to be used in the structuring of the new consolidated agreement, be accepted.

**3. Amendment to Traffic By-law – Addition of Stop/Yield Signs**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following addition to Schedule P "Yield Intersections" at Fourteenth Street North and Veterans Drive:

<u>Add:</u>	<u>Column 1</u> INTERSECTION Fourteenth Street North and Veterans Drive	<u>Column 2</u> FACING TRAFFIC West bound on Fourteenth Street North exiting north to Veterans Drive  North bound on Veterans' Drive Exiting east to Fourteenth Street North;and
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THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following additions to Schedule O "Stop Signs At Intersections" at Fourteenth Street North and Veterans' Drive and Mellick Avenue and Sylvan Street at Wolsley Street:

<u>Amend:</u>	<u>Column 1</u> INTERSECTION Sylvan Street and Wolsley Street	<u>Column 2</u> FACING TRAFFIC North bound on Sylvan Street
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<u>To Read:</u>	Sylvan Street and Wolsley Street	North bound on Sylvan Street East bound on Wolsley Street
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<u>Add:</u>	Fourteenth Street North & Mellick Ave. Fourteenth Street North & Veterans Dr.	East bound on Fourteenth St North West bound on Fourteenth St North
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**Recommendation Approved. (resolution and by-law)**

**Paulette**

**4. Amendment to Traffic By-law – Extension of No Parking Zone**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following changes to Schedule "C" – Limited/Restricted Parking:

<u>Amend:</u>	<u>Column 1</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South	<u>Column 2</u> From 13 metre north of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street South, northerly for 17 metres	<u>Column 3</u> West	<u>Column 4</u> 24 Hour Maximum Anytime
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<u>To Read:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South	From 17 metre north of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street South Northerly for 13 metres	West	24 Hour Maximum Anytime; and further
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THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following addition to Schedule "B"- No Parking-Tow Away Zones:

	<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>
Amend:	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South	From 13 metre north of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street South to 7 <sup>th</sup> Street South	West	Anytime
To Read:	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South	From 17 metres north of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street South to 7 <sup>th</sup> Street South	West	Anytime

**Recommendation Approved. (resolution and by-law)**

**Paulette**

### **PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Deeming By-law – Cederwall**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora gives three readings to a by-law approving the following:-

1. That All the lands contained within the boundaries of Lots 87 and 88, on Registered Plan of Subdivision M.103, in the City of Kenora, formerly the Town of Kenora, in the District of Kenora are hereby deemed not to be lands described in accordance with a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990;
2. That in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora and upon registration of this by-law in the Land Titles office for the District of Kenora;
3. THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to complete this transaction.

**Recommendation Approved. (resolution and by-law)**

**Paulette**

#### **2. Sale of Road Allowance – Dufresne Is. Ronald/Bridges**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(1) THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to assume, stop up, close and sell that part of the shore road allowance abutting mining location 298E., in front of lot 9 on Plan M.134, in the City of Kenora, in the District of Kenora, designated as parts 1 and 10 on plan 23R-10873;

(2) THAT Council give three readings to a by-law assume, stop up, close and sell that part of the shore road allowance abutting mining location 298E., in front of lot 8 on Plan M.134, in the City of Kenora, in the district of Kenora, designated as parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 23R-10873.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution and two by-laws)**

**Paulette**

#### **3. Downtown Revitalization Study**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Harbourtown Centre Committee, which has representation from City Council, City Staff, Downtown Business Improvement Zone, Chamber

of Commerce, Kenora Shoppers Mall, Kenora Police Service and the Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corp. hereby request Council of the City of Kenora to endorse and accept the Kenora Downtown Revitalization Plan; and further

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby support the recommendation from Harbourtown Centre Committee and proceed with developing an implementation plan based on the preferred development plan and subject to municipal, provincial and federal funding.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**Councillor Compton suggested this go back to Property and Planning for further review based on Professor Witty's comments at the Bricks and Sticks workshop that the plan was not pedestrian friendly.**

**It was agreed to review the comments at the Harbourtown Centre Committee meeting and determine if there was a need to add anything to the resolution for the Council meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment Z06/04 Markham**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora approves application for zoning by-law amendment no. Z06/04 Markham, to Zoning By-law L37/95, from RU-Rural to RU/MX-Rural and Extractive Industrial, according to Schedule A of the By-law.

**Recommendation Approved. (By-law)**

**UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**1. K.M.T.S. Information Report**

**Ongoing**

Councillor Compton will bring report to Council October 12, 2004.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Bricks and Sticks Workshop**

Councillor McMillan thanked Council for sponsoring his attendance at this workshop and said it was an excellent workshop. Other municipalities in attendance congratulated the City for going ahead with the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

**Transit System-Monthly Passes**

Councillor Parkes asked if monthly passes could be considered for people who use the Transit system regularly. Councillor Szajewski said this could be discussed at the next Transit Meeting.

**Lions Club Charter Night Dinner and Dance – October 22, 2004**

Mayor Canfield requested Deputy Mayor Szajewski to attend this event on his behalf.

**Paulette**

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**Councillor  
Compton**

**Councillor  
Szajewski**

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**Building Permits**

Mayor Canfield advised that Building Permits for the year are in excess of \$29 million dollars – another record year.

**Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:**

**Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by I. Parkes, and Carried:-**

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:13 p.m.; and further

THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

- Proposed acquisition of land
- Personal matter about an identifiable individual

**No Action required from Closed Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.