



# Minutes

*Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora  
Monday, August 15, 2005 – City Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m.*

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**WITH A/Mayor I. Parkes in the Chair, Councillor L. Compton, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor T. Szajewski, Councillor C. Wasacase, Bill Preisenzanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.**

**Regrets: Mayor Canfield, Councillor McMillan.**

**Call to Order**

**A/Mayor Parkes called the meeting to order and Councillor Wasacase read the Prayer.**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**1. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

THAT the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora held **Monday, July 18, 2005** be confirmed as written and circulated.

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

**A/Mayor Parkes then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. There were none declared.**

**DEPUTATIONS:**

**Doug Bishop**

Mr. Bishop presented Council with two hand-outs pertaining to his Deputation; one regarding the "Gridlock" on Main Street, and the other on "Parking in Kenora." His summaries and recommendations were noted as follows:-

**Gridlock on Main Street** – The traffic jams on Main Street and Second Street have gone on unabated for two summers. The gridlock can be substantially reduced simply by providing a third lane on Main Street instead of covering a third of the road with yellow cross-hatched marks. This third lane would be an east-bound-traffic lane and would nearly double the capacity of the intersection at Main Street and Second Street, where most of the backups stem.

**Parking in Kenora** – Mr. Bishop believes Council's choice to ban RV parking on private property (i.e. Wal-Mart) is a poor choice and will spread a negative message far beyond our city. He feels the decision to ban overnight parking on various lots is also a poor choice and is very tourist-unfriendly. Mr. Bishop would like to see the City allow parking a Wal-Mart and in other currently 'banned' areas and to remove the signage at the shopping centre as it is very negative. The City should be erecting tourist-friendly signage on Highway 17 and 17A and invite tourists into our town, as well as providing free tourist mapping at all stores to entice visitors to stay in our area. A final recommendation was that more school properties be utilized to accommodate parking for the many RV's and visitors to Kenora, and that these locations be well marked.



A/Mayor Parkes advised these items will be referred to the applicable Standing Committees of Council for review.

**Don Kinger**

Mr. Kinger referred to the \$250,000 the City grants to LOWBIC on an annual basis and the fact the City now plans to hire an Economic Development Officer (EDO). He questioned if LOWBIC is doing their job? He stated that should the City hire an EDO that the funding to LOWBIC for this function should cease and desist rather than the City paying twice for the same service.

**Bill Burbank**

Mr. Burbank, Vice President of the RAFT group addressed Council regarding a proposal as to how the City should treat residential property assessment values, as set out in a prepared presentation circulated to Council. To summarize, the proposal is to freeze residential property assessments at the lower of the 2003 assessment or the current assessment for incumbent property owners. Property assessments would only increase when a new residence is constructed or the property is transferred to a new owner at which time the property assessment would be frozen at that level or the current assessment (whichever is lower). In closing Mr. Burbank stated the City may have to develop a rebate or some other system to implement the presented suggestion.

**Emily Tacknyk-Roulston**

Ms Tacknyk-Roulston inquired whether or not the recently advertised POA/ Clerk Monitor position is a new position, or if it is to fill a vacancy, as she believes the City cannot afford to hire another employee. While it was confirmed earlier that this was a replacement position she made a suggestion that the career advertisements give some explanation as to the position status, i.e. "to fill a vacancy" so the public knows whether it is a new position or not. Further, she feels the City cannot afford the luxury of hiring an EDO especially with many citizens, such as seniors who are on fixed incomes. She also referred to the cost of taxes in the rural areas. In closing she asked Council to re-consider the hiring of the EDO position.

**Approval of Accounts**

**2. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

THAT the Reports dated **July 21, July 29, August 3, and August 4, 2005**, 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 **\$2,429,208.78** be hereby authorized for approval.

**Attendance at NORC – Thunder Bay**

**3. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT authorization be given for a combination of up to six (6) Members of Council and Staff to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference being held in Thunder Bay September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at the Victoria Inn; and further

THAT all eligible expenses be hereby authorized.

**Sale of part of Beach Street**

**4. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**



THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to assume, stop up, close and sell that part of Beach Drive as shown on Plan 23M.870, in the Township of Melick, now the City of Kenora, in the District of Kenora, designated as Part 1 on Plan 23R-11155 (Fisher); and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to assume, stop up, close and sell that part of Beach Drive as shown on Plan 23M.870, in the Township of Melick, now the City of Kenora, in the District of Kenora, designated as Part 2 on Plan 23R-11155 (Bilyk).

**Report on Municipal Performance Measurement Program**

**5. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora receive the July 27, 2005 report on the Municipal Performance Measurement Program; and further

THAT the City of Kenora Municipal Performance Measurement Program – 2004 Results be provided to the Minister and circulated to the public in accordance with Section 299 of the Municipal Act.

**Support of City of Thunder Bay – Generating Stations**

**6. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that the Atikokan Coal Fired Generating Station will close in 2007 and will not be replaced; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario also announced that the Thunder Bay Coal Fired Generating Station will be converted to a natural gas fired generating station by 2007; and

WHEREAS these closures will not reduce smog in southern Ontario by one gram of any chemical; and

WHEREAS this decision will result in a net loss of generating capacity for Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS coal is one of the cheapest forms of fuel for electrical generation and the price of natural gas continues to escalate; and

WHEREAS clean coal technology exists and can be added to the existing coal fired generating stations; and

WHEREAS the combined impact of a reduction of available power and a significant increase in the cost of production of electricity in the northwest will place the forest industry and other energy dependent businesses on an even less competitive footing; and

WHEREAS the impact on the economy and job losses to Atikokan will be severe; and

WHEREAS Thunder Bay will lose well paying jobs at the Generating Station and associated private sector operations at a time when it is working to expand the local economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kenora endorses the position of the City of Thunder Bay to aggressively pursue a change in the energy policy of the Government of Ontario so that both the Thunder Bay Generating Station and the Atikokan Generating Station are modified to continue utilizing coal as a primary fuel while at the same time significantly reducing the emissions through clean coal technologies; and further



THAT the correspondence on these matters be copied to the M.P.P's, MP's and NOMA, requesting action.

**Approval of Amended Conference/Convention Policy**

**7. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the Conference/Convention/Social Function Attendance Policy No. CC-7-1, as amended.

**Delivery of Economic Development Services**

**8. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby take the steps necessary to assume responsibility for the direct delivery of economic development services for the City of Kenora; and

THAT recruitment for the position of economic development officer commence immediately; and further

THAT LOWBIC be advised of Council's intent to directly deliver economic development services on behalf of the City of Kenora.

**Action Plan – Mill Closure**

**9. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby adopts the Abitibi Consolidated Mill Closure: 'An Action Plan for Economic Recovery,' dated July, 2005; and further

THAT Mayor Dave Canfield and the following Council Members be appointed to the Executive Steering Committee as outlined in this Action Plan:

Councillor Andrew Poirier  
Councillor Rory McMillan

***Councillor Szajewski then requested the Rules of Order be suspended to introduce the following new item:***

**Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Agreement**

**9a Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby give three readings to a bylaw ratifying an Agreement between Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the City of Kenora with respect to Highway 17 East highway construction and land drainage costs; and further

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be hereby designated as the signing officers for purposes of this Agreement.

**Staffing Increase – Recreation Department**

**10. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT Council hereby gives approval to proceed with the proposed staffing increases of 1.5 Maintenance Operators for the Recreation Department; and

THAT Council approve the revised Organizational Chart for the Recreation Department as attached; and further

THAT Council approves the Recreation Coordinator to proceed in cooperation



with the Human Resources Manager with the staffing changes as soon as possible.

**Temporary Position – Probationary Firefighter**

**11. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the hiring of a probationary firefighter-temporary position to offset and mitigate the overtime costs associated in maintaining a minimum two person staffing level.

**Amended Health & Safety Policy (Fluoride Handling)**

**12. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora Health and Safety Policy HS-23, (Fluoride Handling) be amended, as attached hereto, and further;

THAT it be incorporated into the Health & Safety Policy Manual.

**Kenora Youth Drop In Centre – Lease Arrangement**

**13. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports negotiating a lease arrangement with the Kenora Youth Drop In Centre for the building located at 70 Park Street (former New Horizons Senior Centre) based on the following conditions:

- 1. commencement of lease be based on the date the New Horizons Senior Centre will be vacating the 70 Park Street location
- 2. term of lease be based on three years with an option to renew
- 3. negotiations of the lease be coordinated through the CAO office

**Tender – School Crossing Guard Service**

**14. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

THAT the only tender to provide school crossing guard service be received, and;

THAT the bid received from Alpine Janitorial Kenora Inc., in the amount of \$55,907.51 (taxes included) be accepted, and further;

THAT the contract be in effect for the duration of the 2005-2006 school year.

**Emergency Power Station & Sewage Pumping Station**

**15. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

THAT the following quotations, for the installation of emergency power at the Zone 2 water booster station (Brinkman Road) and sewage pumping station #950 (McLean Avenue) of said tender, be received:

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| Lake of the Woods Electric | \$100,212.18              |
| Bowman Electric            | \$115,439.00; and further |

THAT the quotation submitted by Lake of the Woods Electric, Kenora, Ontario, in the amount of \$100,212.18 (taxes included), be accepted.

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

**16. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

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



**#113-2005**- to confirm the proceedings of Council at its August 9 Committee meeting;

**#114-2005**-to stop up close and sell part 2, Plan 23R-1115 Beach Drive (Bilyk);

**#115-2005**-to stop up close and sell part 1 Plan 23R-1115 Beach Drive (Fisher).

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

**17. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

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

**#113-2005**- to confirm the proceedings of Council at its August 9 Committee meeting;

**#114-2005**-to stop up close and sell part 2 Plan 23R-1115 Beach Drive (Bilyk);

**#115-2005**-to stop up close and sell part 1 Plan 23R-1115 Beach Drive (Fisher).

***Councillor Poirier then requested the Rules of Order be suspended to introduce the following by-law:***

**Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Agreement – First/Second Reading**

**17A Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

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

**#116-2005** - to execute an agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for funding for the Highway 17 East Project.

**Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Agreement – Third/Final Reading**

**17B Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-law** be now approved in their present form & be presented for **THIRD & FINAL** Reading:-

**#116-2005** - to execute an agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for funding for the Highway 17 East Project.

**Announcements**

- **Letter to J. Weaver – Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.**

Council agreed that the letter as prepared be forwarded to Mr. Weaver, together with a copy of the "Action Plan." It was requested that the Hon. Minister Rick Bartolucci also receive a copy of the letter and Plan. Further, the Presidents of the Labour Unions as noted are to be copied.

**Adjournment**

**18. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

**THAT** this meeting be now declared closed at 6:06 p.m.

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

**CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THIS .....DAY OF .....2005.**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**