



Minutes

*Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, September 26, 2005 – City Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.*

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**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, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.**

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Public Information NOTICES as per By-law Number 14-2003**

**Mayor Canfield then read the following notices:-**

As required under Notice By-law Number 14-2003, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following by-laws at tonight's meeting:-

- **Day Care Centre enrollment fees for the "Before School Program" at \$3.50, and for the "After School Program" at \$7.00, effective October 3, 2005.**

### **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, September 12, 2005** be confirmed as written and circulated.

Councillor Compton referred to the September 12 Minutes and in particular the Deputation by his son Scott Compton, noting the Deputation was only briefly summarized, which he earlier discussed with the Clerk. Councillor Compton suggested that in future when presentations are presented during a Deputation it should be noted that they're available to the public as they are of public record.

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest**

Mayor Canfield then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. Councillor Compton advised of a Conflict of Interest with respect to an item at the September 20 In-Camera Session regarding a Personnel matter. The matter involves a Code of Conduct complaint that has been made by his son against a City employee, and Councillor Compton vacated the Chambers at the time this item was discussed. Councillor Compton explained he has been advised this matter is not of a 'pecuniary interest' but a Conflict of Interest in that he has a biased position as it relates to a complaint filed by his son.



**DEPUTATIONS:**

- Emily Tacknyk-Roulston

Ms Tacknyk-Roulston referred to an Item on the September 20 Committee of the Whole Agenda that Mr. Preisenzanz briefly discussed with respect to the Service Delivery Review Process and the Operations Department. The Clerk advised she could provide a copy of the report to Ms Tacknyk-Roulston. She further requested a copy of the duties and responsibilities of the Economic Development Officer (EDO), together with the salary range for the position which the Human Resources Manager advised she will provide to her.

- Don Kinger

Mr. Kinger advised it was not his intention to offend anyone, but expressed concern regarding the walk-over bridge with all the garbage and the vagrants sleeping on the bridge and on many downtown streets, and feels the problem gets bigger every year. He stated he feels sorry for the Senior Citizens and the young people who are regularly approached by panhandlers. Mr. Kinger questioned why the streets can't be kept clean on a year 'round basis rather than just at times when certain dignitaries are in town? In closing Mr. Kinger believes there is much the City can do about this matter which would cut down on court costs, hospital costs, police costs, etc.

**Approval of Accounts**

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

THAT the Reports dated **September 15, 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, totalling **\$2,579,469.58** be hereby authorized for approval.

**Letter of Support – Township of Atikokan**

**3. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the Township of Atikokan with respect to its efforts in saving its coal fired plant; and further

THAT the City forward a letter of support from Mayor Canfield's office to the Greenfield Energy Centre opposing the use of natural gas to generate electricity due to the considerable increase in costs.

**Approval of New Benefits Provider**

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

THAT Council hereby appoints Great West Life as the new benefits provider for the City of Kenora, subject to review and approval of the legal agreements by the City Solicitor; and

THAT the Human Resources Manager and Manager of Finance & Administration be authorized to negotiate the appropriate legal agreements between the City of Kenora and Great West Life, ensuring the City continues to meet its current benefits obligations in accordance with its various collective agreements; and further

THAT three readings be given to a by-law once the final negotiated contract has been brought back to Council for ratification.



**Approval of 'Before & After School' Program Fees**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the "Before and After" school programs at the Castle of Learning and Discovery Children's Centre located and operated in partnership with the Keewatin Patricia School Board at King George School beginning October 3, 2005; and

THAT the enrollment fees for Before School Program be set at \$3.50 and the After School Program at \$7.00; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003 notice be and is hereby given that Council intends to implement the above-noted fees, effective October 3.

**Designation of Purple Loosestrife as Local Noxious Weed**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora designates Purple Loosestrife as a local noxious weed; and

THAT the appointed Weed Control Officers issue orders, as requested, as per the Weed Control Act; and further

THAT three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose, subject to the approval of the Minister of Agriculture & Food.

**Amendment to Traffic By-law - "Rate of Speed"**

**7. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the addition of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to Schedule T "Rate of Speed" 40 Kilometers Per Hour Zone along the entire length of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, as follows:

|      | <b><u>Column 1</u></b>        | <b><u>Column 2</u></b>                               | <b><u>Column 3</u></b> |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|      | STREET                        | LOCATION                                             | MAXIMUM SPEED          |
| Add: | 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North | From 9 <sup>th</sup> Street North<br>To Valley Drive | 40 kilometers per hour |

**Hiring of Economic Development Officer**

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

THAT as recommended by the Interview Committee, the position of the Economic Development Officer be offered to Jennifer Rasmussen at a salary range in accordance with Point Band 17 on the Salary Grid, based on a one year probationary period.

**Request for Exemption under the Planning Act**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to grant an exemption to the City of Kenora under Section 17(9) of the Planning Act, to permit the City to act as the approval authority for Official Plan amendments.

**Tender - 2005 Street & Lane Paving Program**

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

THAT the only tender to provide Municipal Street and lane paving be received; and further



THAT the bid received from Pioneer Construction Inc., in the amount of \$553,374.15 (taxes included) be accepted.

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

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

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

**#122-2005** – to confirm the proceedings of Committee at its September 20 meeting;

**#123-2005** – to designate Purple Loosestrife as Local Noxious Weed;

**#124-2005** – to amend Comprehensive Traffic By-law #127-2001 with respect to Schedule "T" – Rate of Speed (11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North).

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

**12. Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

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

**#122-2005** – to confirm the proceedings of Committee at its September 20 meeting;

**#123-2005** – to designate Purple Loosestrife as Local Noxious Weed;

**#124-2005** – to amend Comprehensive Traffic By-law #127-2001 with respect to Schedule "T" – Rate of Speed (11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North).

**Announcements**

Verbal approval from Council was given for Mayor Canfield to attend the NOACC Conference (Northwestern Ontario Association of Chambers of Commerce) while he is in Thunder Bay. This approval is in keeping with policy on the Mayor's attendance at various functions.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

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

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:59 p.m.; and further THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

- **Personnel Issue**
- **Litigation Issue**

**No Action as a result of Closed Session**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**