

Minutes

*of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
held Thursday, October 6, 2005 –Council Chambers
at 5:00 p.m.*

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**WITH Mayor D. Canfield in the Chair, Councillor L. Compton, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor T. Szajewski, Councillor C. Wasacase, Bill Preisenzanz, CAO, Paulette M. Grouda, Deputy City Clerk.**

**REGRETS: Councillor, I. Parkes**

**Mayor Canfield asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. There were no Declarations declared.**

## **DEPUTATIONS**

### **Roger Faulconer – Representing United Steelworkers Union**

Mr. Faulconer appeared before Council and presented a copy of a prepared Deputation. He advised that the Steelworkers Committee is seeking potential buyers for the Abitibi Mill. He requested Council to consider an addition to the Resolution before them this evening to set up a committee through use of NOMA, FONOM and AMO to bring more potential buyers to the table. He also requested the City to lobby the province that the continuance of timber rights be subject to the operation of at least 2 paper making machines.

### **John McInnes – National Rep. For CEP**

Mr. McInnes appeared before Council and presented a copy of a prepared Deputation. He advised that the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada is asking the Province to appoint a special mediator in negotiations with Abitibi Consolidated in Kenora, as bargaining has ground to a halt and a fair settlement is needed which can lead to stability for the mill workers and the community.

### **Ian Sgambelluri – Representing LOWBIC**

Mr. Sgambelluri appeared before Council and presented a letter in support of the Council Resolution. He advised that LOWBIC is aware of the crisis in the forest industry and the potential impact the Abitibi Mill closure will have on Kenora and the region in direct and indirect job loss and are hopeful both levels of government respond to the needs of Northern Ontario and its economic future.

## **PETITION FOR GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AT KENORA MILL**

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

Whereas there is a critical need to address the retention of wood rights at the local and community level with respect to the Abitibi-Consolidated Mill in Kenora; and

Whereas the Council of the City of Kenora wishes to immediately assist with this issue and to engage the community regarding the financial commitment to the forestry sector; and

Whereas there is the expectation of Union representatives that the City will assume a lead role with the unions and other stakeholders with respect to this matter; and  
Whereas the Council of the City of Kenora, by holding this Special Meeting today has allowed various stakeholders at the community level to express their concern to Council and to the community which will be forwarded to both levels of government;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby petitions the Federal and Provincial levels of Government, imploring them to immediately intervene, particularly in reference to the matter of timber rights and the urgent need to address the retention of wood rights at the local level; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable David Ramsay Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Greg Sorbara Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable Dwight Duncan Minister of Energy, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty Premier, and Federal Ministers the Honourable Andy Mitchell Minister of State, and the Honourable Ralph Goodale Minister of Finance, for their immediate action with respect to this critical issue; and further

That a copy of Council's position also be forwarded to Abitibi-Consolidated, all affected Union Representatives, as well as to the Honourable Roger Valley, MP, the Honourable Howard Hampton, MP, and N.O.M.A. President Michael Power for their information and support.

**REQUEST MORATORIUM ON ABITIBI DEADLINE**

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

Whereas Abitibi has imposed a unilateral deadline of October 7<sup>th</sup> to reach a settlement on the future of the paper mill;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Abitibi be requested to impose a moratorium on the October 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for 180 days in order to continue negotiations between all affected stakeholders including all levels of government with a goal to continue full operation of the paper mill.

**ADJOURN**

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

**THAT** this meeting be now declared closed at 5:50 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**