



**CITY OF KENORA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MINUTES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005 - 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

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| DAVID CANFIELD | - | MAYOR |
| LEN COMPTON | - | COUNCILLOR |
| ANDREW POIRIER | - | COUNCILLOR |
| TED SZAJEWSKI | - | COUNCILLOR |
| COLIN WASACASE | - | COUNCILLOR |
| B. PREISANTANZ | - | C.A.O. |
| J. MCMILLIN | - | CITY CLERK |
| R. PERCHUK | - | MGR. OPERATIONS |

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR R. MCMILLAN
COUNCILLOR I. PARKES

**PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER
BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003**

**Take Notice that as required under Notice By-law No. 14-2003,
Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the
following by-law at its February 7 meeting:-**

TO STOP UP, CLOSE AND SELL THAT PART OF STREETS "B" AND "C" AS SHOWN
PLAN M.31, TOWN OF KENORA, NOW THE CITY OF KENORA, IN THE DISTRICT OF
KENORA, DESIGNATED AS PART 2 ON PLAN 23R-11063 (fronting Lakeview Drive).

A. RESOLUTIONS prepared for Monday, February 7/2005:-

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

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. 2005 Budgets

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of establishing service

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and spending levels for the City of Kenora for 2005 through the 2005 municipal budget process; and

WHEREAS Council believes that it is of the utmost importance for the Province to meet their funding commitment made during the 1998 realignment of services to ensure expenditure neutrality to municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Province has sent preliminary indications that the City of Kenora's entitlement for CRF Funding for 2005 will be a guaranteed minimum funding commitment equal to the 2004 funding of \$4,555,000, which represents a significant funding shortfall for the City;

WHEREAS Council feels it is in the City's best interests to proceed with the budget process for 2005 to establish spending levels for City operations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct City Administration to continue with the 2005 municipal operating budget process to establish service and spending levels for the City for 2005, based on the preliminary CRF Funding announcement received from the Province; and

THAT Council and City Administration continue to lobby the Province in an effort to ensure both the understanding of the significant financial burden the failure to reconcile the CRF to the downloaded expenditures have placed both on the City of Kenora and our Taxpayers, and a commitment to ensure that the Province meets their original promise of expenditure neutrality based on the realignment of services which originally occurred in 1998; and

THAT Council looks forward to receiving confirmation from the Province with regards to increased CRF Funding levels for 2005 based on the significant shortfall created within the 2005 operating budget related specifically to the CRF Funding levels as compared to the downloaded service expenditures; and further

THAT the 2005 operating budget, and related tax rates, will be reviewed and amended to reflect the final CRF funding level upon receipt of confirmation from the Province.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

(b) THAT the capital portion of the City of Kenora 2005 Water & Sewer budget as reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved; and

THAT the capital portion of the City of Kenora 2005 Solid Waste budget as reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

Mayor Canfield advised that we cannot come out with any numbers with respect to the budget until the CRF is confirmed, and this may not be until sometime in March. AMO does not have any information to share at this point, but that we continue with the process.

Councillor Poirier questioned what negative impact does it have on the City when we do not have an approved budget in place? Bill advised that our Purchasing By-law gives us some flexibility but it does make it difficult for us when the budget is not approved early in the year and now we are looking at sometime in March for that approval.

Councillor Compton questioned why be in limbo and not adopt the budget now and then amend the budget later as there may not be much change with respect to CRF as they may be changing their formula.

2. Visit to Kenora Land Ambulance Facility – Tour Date

Mayor Canfield advised that it may be difficult for everyone to tour at the same time so perhaps each Member should make their own arrangements to tour the facility. Committee concurred to proceed given that February is a particularly busy month for everyone.

Council

3. Kenora Recreation Centre – Bill Stuffer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve waiving the charges for inclusion of the Recreation Centre stuffer in the February 2005 telephone bills.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

4. 2005 Budget Process – Update on CRF

- See above comments - FILE

5. Service Delivery Review

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby embark on a service delivery review process in accordance with the direction originally approved by Council in the Fall of 2004 of selected municipal services for the year 2005 as follows;

1. Roads Department, (which includes bridge maintenance, mowing/shoulder maintenance, bush/tree trimming, ditching, culverts, debris & litter pick up, sweeping, roads maintenance, hardtop patching, sidewalks, dust control, grading & scarifying, sand & stockpiles), be undertaken as an internal service review process;
2. Sewer & Water Department be undertaken through an external review process;
3. Solid Waste Disposal only (export versus Jones Road site) be undertaken as an internal service review process; and further

THAT discussion be held in 2005 with the Kenora Police Services Board on cost containment options including undertaking a review of the delivery of police services in 2006.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

6. Vacancies – Keewatin Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corp.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Philip Walsh be and is hereby appointed to the Keewatin Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corp., to fill the recent vacancy created by Bob Marchant, with a term to expire November 30, 2006; and further

THAT Councillor Len Compton replaces Councillor Ted Szajewski on the Board with a term to expire November 30, 2006.

Joanne

Recommendation approved.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. Wellness Centre Information Report

Ongoing

2. City of Kenora Wharf Capital Planning Report

HOLD

3. Facility Rates – Corporate Membership Rates

HOLD

4. Ice Candle Festival of Lights

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the Lake of the Woods Cemetery Department to resume complete coordination, responsibility and delivery of the Ice Candle Festival of Lights program with the City of Kenora's current staff support; and

THAT the monies from this program be put in a City of Kenora reserve account as "donations received"; and further

THAT monies collected in this reserve account be used solely for the expenses of the Ice Candle Program and for the development of parks beautification projects within the City of Kenora.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Public Works Re-location Information Report

Ongoing

Councillor Poirier will give his final report on this project once all staff has moved to the new location which may be in mid-February.

2. Snowmobile Corridor – 19th Avenue North

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora hereby requests the Kenora Police Service and OPP, in discussion with the Sunset Trail Riders, review the current snowmobile corridor route within the City of Kenora boundaries with a view to recommending improvements based on a safety and enforcement.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora hereby requests the Kenora Police Service and OPP, in discussion with the Sunset Trail Riders, review the current snowmobile corridor route within the City of Kenora boundaries with a view to recommending improvements based on a safety and enforcement; and further

THAT the stakeholders in the affected area be involved in the process for comments and suggestions.

Recommendation approved as amended.

Joanne

PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Private Roads Agreement – Template

- Update as per B. Ormiston's response.

Mr. Ormiston has advised that each agreement must be adopted on a case by case basis by Council with the required by-law so it is not viable to have a "template" for this purpose. He indicated that the 'model' agreement that was presented would work well for these agreements and for consistency purposes, but each one will have to go through Council each time as they'll be registered on title.

This item may now be removed.

Joanne

2. Revised Development Agreement – Twin Eleven

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the entering into of an amended development/site plan agreement with Twin Eleven Investors Limited for the purpose of developing a new thirty seven unit condominium unit and that the amended agreement reflect the correct legal name of the developer, and legal description of the subject property; and further

THAT By-law Number 161-2004 be hereby repealed.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

3. City of Kenora and McCallister

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby declares part of Parcel 1495, being that part of Streets "B" and "C" as shown on Plan M.31, in the Town

of Kenora, now the City of Kenora in the District of Kenora, designated as Part 2 on Plan 23R-11063, as surplus lands to the municipality; and

THAT requirements under Notice By-law #14-2003 have been met with respect to the subject property being advertised for a three week period for the stopping up, closing and selling of the lands to Irvin McCallister and Judith McCallister; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

4. Sale of Property – Second Street South (Tella)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby declares property described as Block 5, West of East part of Lot 5 as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

THAT portion of the subject property, to be measured 3 metres from west side of the centre of the existing storm culvert to the extension of the abutting property line to the east, be retained by the City; and

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of land to Rob and Kristi Tella as a lot addition (consolidation), at the market value as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus survey and all other associated costs; and further

THAT the portion of the subject property located in front of property described as Part of Block 5, extreme east end 2nd St. S Part 19, small triangle at numbered 831 Second St. S. be offered to the owner of the same property at market value as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus all other associated costs.

It was noted this particular sale will correct a long-standing encroachment problem and will ultimately improve the situation for the City, the homeowner and the general area.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

5. Zoning Application – R. Thomson – Rabbit Lake Road

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Application No. Z03/05 (Thomson), for Amendment to Zoning By-law No. L37/95 and 160-2004 to change zoning from R2 – Residential Second Density to R-3 - Residential Third Density be approved; and

THAT the maximum number of residences permitted in the amendment be four (4) units; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

6. Zoning Application – KACL – Ninth Avenue South

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Application No. Z02/05 KACL, for Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 50-91 and 160-2004 at 4 Ninth Avenue South, from R3 and R2 respectively, to R2*4, Residential Second Density permitting professional offices, adult lifeskills training centre and a day nursery be approved; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

7. Zoning Application – P. Gagne – Main Street North

Hold-More Info.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Application No. Z01/05 Gagne, for Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 50-91 and 160-2004 at 216 Main Street North be refused as it is not in keeping with the residential use in the area.

8. LOWBIC – 4th Quarter Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora accepts the 2004, 4th Quarter Report as submitted by LOWBIC in January 2005; and further;

THAT the Finance Department be authorized to forward the fourth quarter payment for 2004 to LOWBIC.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Ongoing

OTHER BUSINESS

LOW Museum – Extended Closure

Councillor Szajewski advised it will be necessary for the Museum to be closed for a further 3 weeks due in part to a late letting of the contract that will cause a slight delay in completing the work.

Councillor Parkes

Councillor Szajewski extended get well wishes to Councillor Parkes as she recovers at home following recent surgery.

Stolen Banner

Councillor Szajewski advised that someone has stolen the “Mike Richards” banner from the fence by City Hall. He requested its return to City Hall by those responsible and if it’s not returned, he encouraged anyone knowing anything about its disappearance to call Crime Stoppers.

Kenora Construction Association – Request for Advertising

Mayor Canfield advised that this magazine has a circulation of approximately 11,000 copies in the area, including parts of Manitoba and is also circulated at certain trade shows. It was noted it is a high quality publication and the Association is to be commended for its work on the magazine which contains very good information and interesting stories.

Mayor Canfield advised the next issue will be published in May and he suggested the City purchase either a ½ page advertisement that will include his message or partner with LOWBIC on a full page ad.

Committee agreed for Mayor Canfield to contact LOWBIC regarding the suggestion to share a one page ad prior to bringing it forward to Council for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Mayor
Canfield**