

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, April 5, 2005
At 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 |
| | J. McMillin | - | City Clerk |
| | R. Perchuk | - | Operations Mgr. |

A. 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-laws at its April 11 meeting:-

1. 2005 Municipal Capital & Operating Budget
2. 2005 Tax Ratios
3. 2005 Tax Rates
4. 2005 Water & Sewer Capital & Operating Budget
5. 2005 Solid Waste Capital & Operating Budget
6. 2005 K.M.T.S. Budgets (various)
7. to amend Schedule "B" to Tariff of Fees By-law #100-2003 to establish Corporate facility rates at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none declared.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councillor McMillan read a Press Release, further giving notice and information regarding the 2005 Capital & Operating Budget that will be formally adopted by Council at its meeting on Monday, April 11, 2005, and thanked Members of Council and all staff involved with the budget process.

1. 2005 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora 2005 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan as further reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved, and further

THAT Resolution #3 dated 22 November 2004 be hereby rescinded.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

**2. 2005 Municipal Operating Budget – Updated
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora 2005 Municipal Operating Budget and as further reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved; and

THAT By-law #40-2005, a By-law to approve the 2005 Municipal Operating Budget and the Municipal Five Year Capital Plan be approved; and

THAT By-law #41-2005, a By-law to set tax ratios and to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes and subclasses for municipal purposes for the year 2005 be approved; and further

THAT By-law #42-2005, a By-law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to establish rates to be levied for same and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2005 be approved.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

**3. 2005 Water & Sewer Capital & Operating Budget
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora 2005 Water & Sewer Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan as further reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved; and

THAT Resolution #5 dated 7 February 2005 be hereby rescinded; and further

THAT By-law #43-2005, a By-law to approve the 2005 Water & Sewer Utility Budget be approved.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

**4. 2005 Solid Waste Capital & Operating Budget
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora 2005 Solid Waste Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan as further reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved, and further

THAT By-law #44-2005, a By-law to approve the 2005 Solid Waste Utility Budget be approved.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

5. Staffing Report Card

Councillor McMillan read a Press Release regarding this matter and advised that it will be formally approved by Council at its meeting on Monday, April 11, 2005. Further, the report will appear on the City's website, following Council approval and will also be available at City Hall. Councillor McMillan thanked City Staff for their preparation of this comprehensive report.

Karen B.

6. Hockey Ice Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the request to waive the ice rental fees at the Kenora Recreation Centre in the amount of \$298.53 for a benefit hockey game between the Kenora Police Service and the Winnipeg RCMP as a fundraising event for the Beaver Brae boys hockey team on Saturday, April 9th, 2005.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

7. Councillor Training Program – Modular 4 – Kenora, April 27

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be hereby given for the following Members of Council to attend Module 4 of the Effective Municipal Councillor Training Program taking place in Kenora at the Best Western Lakeside Inn on Wednesday, April 27, 2005:-

**Councillor Compton
Councillor Parkes
Councillor McMillan (to confirm)**

**Councillor
McMillan**

AND FURTHER THAT payment of all eligible expenses is hereby authorized for this purpose.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

8. Terms of Reference – Performing Arts & Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the recommendation of the Finance & Administration Committee to adopt the terms of reference for the Performing Arts and Conference Centre Committee.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

9. Municipal Cultural Planning Forums

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be hereby given for the following to attend the Municipal Cultural Planning Forum in Mississauga, on Wednesday, April 27, 2005:-

**Councillor R. McMillan
Lori Nelson, Museum Director**

AND FURTHER THAT payment of all eligible expenses is hereby authorized for this purpose.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

10. Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario–Endorsation of Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS mandatory property tax increase protection has been in place for the business sector since the original implementation of current value assessment (CVA) in 1998; and

WHEREAS many protected properties continue to pay property taxes at a level far below CVA tax; and

WHEREAS properties that should be receiving property tax decreases continue to pay at an unfair level of over 100% of CVA tax in order to fund tax dollars not levied to properties protected by the capping regime; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has provided optional capping tools which may be utilized to increase progress towards taxation based on CVA; and

WHEREAS property taxation based on CVA has been the goal since the implementation of current value assessment in 1998; and

WHEREAS property taxation based on CVA is considered to be a fair and equitable method of distributing taxes; and

WHEREAS assessment value volatility is naturally controlled through the process of annual reassessments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora supports the position of the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario and strongly urges the Province of Ontario to amend the legislation commencing for the 2006 taxation year, to specify that once a property reaches CVA taxation, it remains at CVA taxes, regardless of the result of future reassessments; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, The Honourable Greg Sorbara, The Honourable John Gerretsen, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario (AMTCO).

Recommendation approved.

11. N.O.M.A. – 2005 Annual General Meeting – Kenora

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be hereby given for Mayor Canfield, Members of Council and various staff members to attend the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), taking place in Kenora at the Best Western Lakeside Inn, April 27, to April 30, 2005; and further

THAT payment of all eligible expenses is hereby authorized for this purpose.

Recommendation approved.

12. Amendment to City's Purchasing Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Joanne

Joanne

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend By-law Number 169-2004, being a by-law to adopt a Procurement Policy for the Corporation of the City of Kenora.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

**Joanne/
Paulette**

13. Lake of the Woods District Hospital – Stuffer Request

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve waiving the stuffer fee for the inclusion of one stuffer in 2005 for the Lake of the Woods Hospital Foundation, pending receipt of the related stuffer; and

THAT the Lake of the Woods Hospital Foundation be advised that additional stuffers will be subject to the rate of \$.05 per page.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for Stuffers – Pest Management Fact Sheet

THAT authorization be given to the Kenora Integrated Pest Management Committee to supply Integrated Pest Management fact sheets to be included in the May Hydro billing; and further

THAT there be no charge for this service.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

Request for Stuffers – L.O.W. Cemetery

THAT authorization be given to the Lake of the Woods Cemetery to supply a Cemetery Survey to be included in the June Hydro billing; and further

THAT there be no charge for this service.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. Wellness Centre Information Report

Councillor Szajewski will have a full report at Monday's meeting.

**Councillor
Szajewski**

2. Facility Rates – Corporate Membership Rates

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora receives the recommendation from the Leisure Services Committee as set out in the March 24 report of Colleen Neil, approving the corporate rate structure for the Kenora Recreation Centre

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Schedule "B" to Tariff of Fees and Charges By-law Number 100-2003; and

THAT the new rates take effect December 1, 2004; and further

THAT this increase takes effect December 1, 2004.

Recommendation approved, subject to Colleen Neil providing confirmation on the effective dates, and a definition for "corporate."

**Colleen N.
Joanne**

3. Public Wharf Management

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora continue to partner with Aulneau Adventure Tours to manage the City Wharf agreement for Public Docking and Mooring Ball Collections for the 2005 operating season with the following conditions; and

THAT the proposal from the Aulneau Adventure tours based on a fee structure of 40% seasonal docking, 50% overnight docking and 90% for mooring ball docking revenue be accepted; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law authorizing a Wharf and Mooring Ball Management Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and Aulneau Adventure Tours.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

**Joanne/
Paulette**

4. Diamonds & Ice Hockey/Baseball Tournament – July 29-31

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby declares the 11th Annual Diamonds & Ice Hockey & Baseball Tournament as a Community Festival; and

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora approve the request to operate a beer gardens at the following times during the above described event subject to compliance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy and Liquor Control Regulations,

| Location | Fri., July 29, 2005 | Sat. July 30, 2005 | Sun. July 31, 2005 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Keewatin Community Hall (Arena upstairs) | 3:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| Portage Bay Keewatin | 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |

AND THAT the Council for the City of Kenora authorize the donation of a total of sixteen (16) Golf Shirts, T-Shirts &/or Sweat Shirts to be used as part of the Tournament prize package in keeping with past practice; and further

THAT the overnight parking tow-away by-law be lifted at the Keewatin Memorial Arena from Friday July 29, 2005 to Monday August 1, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the interest of public safety.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

**5. Traditional Pow Wow Request to Waive Fees – May 20-22/05
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes a donation in the amount of \$1,685.25 representing the arena ice surface rental by the Aboriginal Child and Family Services for its First Annual Traditional Pow Wow taking place May 20, 21 and 22, 2005 at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

Joanne

Recommendation approved.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

No reports.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Public Works Re-location Information Report

Councillor Poirier advised he attended the new Operations Centre recently and that it is a very impressive facility. However, he suggested that as a finishing touch, arrangements be made to purchase blinds for all the offices.

Apparently an Open House is being planned for the facility in the near future.

2. 2005 Traffic Line Painting Tender

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following tenders be received by the Council of the City of Kenora for the 2005 Urban Street and Highway Line Painting (GST extra):-

| | <u>Line Marking</u> | <u>Hourly Rate (extra work)</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rite-Way Decorators | \$ 73,497.00 | \$ 47.50 |
| Northwest Lines | \$ 75,875.00 | \$ 120.00; and further |

THAT the quotation submitted by Rite-Way Decorators, in the amount of \$73,497.00 (GST extra) with an hourly rate of \$47.50 (GST extra) for extra work, be hereby accepted.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Lease Renewal – Tory Brydges (K.F.C.)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the entering into of a lease agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and Tory Brydges.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

2. Removal of "Cash-in-Lieu" Parking Agreement – Spicer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora waives the \$15,000 cash in lieu of parking requirement associated with Application No. Z04/05 Spicer, for a by-law amendment; and further

THAT the City of Kenora Planning Department be directed to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 160-2004 by eliminating cash-in-lieu of parking provisions for the commercial buildings and building expansions in the General Commercial – GC zone (Harbourtown Centre).

Recommendation approved (resolution only at this time).

Joanne

3. Lease Renewal – Bob Bell & Sons (Mrs. D's Chip truck)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora gives three readings to a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Bob Bell and Sons Ltd., for the use of a portion of the green space located at the Harbourfront for a platform for tables and chairs; and further

THAT the lease be in effect for one (1) year, at a rate of \$5.00 per square foot + taxes for a total of 196 square feet.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

4. Lease Renewal – Ernie Whiting (Third Avenue South)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with Ernest John Whiting for a water lot on Third Avenue South.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Joanne

5. 2005 LOWBIC Service Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a bylaw authorizing a Service Agreement between the City of Kenora and LOWBIC for the delivery of economic, tourism & marketing and special events/attractions services through identified and quantifiable deliverables for the period January 01, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

**Joanne/
Paulette**

6. Tender Results – Lot 26 – Coney Island

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the following tenders with required deposits for the purchase of Lot 26 on Coney Island:-

- Mrs. Margaret O'Flaherty - **\$3,001.00**, plus GST
- Mr. Tim Reid - **\$3,250.00**, plus GST; and further

THAT the tender from Tim Reid in the amount of \$3,250.00, plus GST, be hereby accepted, based on the conditions and restrictions set out in the tender.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

**2. Letter of Support – NOHFC Project #24083 (NetCentral)
HOLD**

**3. 2005 Budgets
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts and approves the 2005 Capital & Operating Budget for K.M.T.S., the 2005 Capital & Operating K.M.T.S. Net Budget, and the 2005 Capital K.M.T.S. Mobility Budget.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

4. Update-K.M.T.S. Sponsorship-Kenora Wellness Centre & Arena

This update will be provided at Monday's meeting.

**Councillor
Compton**

**5. Summer Students – K.M.T.S.
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the hiring of two summer students beginning May 9, 2005 for a period not to exceed 16 weeks.

Recommendation approved.

Joanne

OTHER BUSINESS

Northern Ontario Value-Added Seminar-Kenora

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be hereby given for Mayor Canfield and two Members of Council to attend the Northern Ontario Value-Added Seminar on Engineered Wood Products and Wood Building Systems, taking place in Kenora, April 19, 2005 at the Best Western Lakeside Inn; and further

THAT payment of all eligible expenses is hereby authorized for this purpose.

Joanne

Recommendation approved.

Council

Further to the above-noted item, Mayor Canfield advised that a representative from Foretek Canada Corp. that is hosting this Seminar would like to meet with Council prior to Monday's meeting. Committee agreed to meet with Dennis Gagne of Foretek at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11 in Council Chambers.

Council

Update – Abitibi-Consolidated

Mayor Canfield updated Council regarding the status of Abitibi. He noted that while the evaluations have been done, not much has changed. Apparently Rick Perchuk has been in discussions with representatives of Abitibi regarding certain operational issues that the City may be able to assist them with. Co-generation has also been considered by Abitibi; as well a plan has been put together on cost-cutting. Mayor Canfield explained there is quite a bit of equipment in other communities that can be moved into Kenora, including turbines that are sitting in idle plants. Hopefully the Minister will make an announcement fairly quickly as to how the government will be able to help the industry. While there have been a number of options presented, no set plans have been put in place.

Committee recommended that Council present a resolution at Monday’s meeting, re-enforcing the City’s strong support of working with, and assisting Abitibi in anyway possible in order to keep the Mill in operation. It was suggested at the same time to reference our concerns regarding the entire forest industry.

**Joanne
Mayor
Canfield**

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by A. Poirier, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 6:05 p.m.; and further

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

- Property Matters.

No Action required from Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.