

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, August 9, 2005
At 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers

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PRESENT:

Rory McMillan	-	Deputy Mayor
Len Compton	-	Councillor
Ingrid Parkes	-	Councillor
Andrew Poirier	-	Councillor
Ted Szajewski	-	Councillor
Colin Wasacase	-	Councillor
B. Preisentanz	-	CAO
P. Grouda	-	Deputy Clerk

REGRETS: Mayor David Canfield

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 Monday, August 15 meeting:-

N/A

ACTION

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

THERE WERE NO DECLARATIONS DECLARED.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. City Hall Mold Investigation/Remediation
HOLD FOR \$ - By-law

2. Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference

RECOMMENDATION:

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

THAT all eligible expenses be hereby authorized.

Recommendation approved.

3. Sale of Road Allowance to Fisher and Bilyk

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) 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

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Township of Melick, now the City of Kenora, in the District of Kenora, designated as Part 1 on Plan 23R-11155 (Fisher);

(2) 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).

Recommendation approved (resolution and 2 by-laws).

4. Area Rating

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora address tax fairness through service delivery review of its municipal services as opposed to area rating; and further

THAT area rating as provided under Section 326 of the Municipal Act not be pursued as an option.

HOLD

A report will be provided to R.A.F.T. for review. Target September 6th COW to bring forward recommendation.

5. Municipal Performance Measurement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

6. Endorsation of Resolution – Coal Fired Generating Stations

RECOMMENDATION:

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;

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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;

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

Recommendation approved.

7. Council Travel Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Recommendation approved.

8. AMO Deputations

Discussion on Format of Presentation and Packaging of Information...

Information Packages have been prepared by Administration with input from Council to hand deliver to the Ministers at AMO.

Information Only.

9. LOWBIC & Delivery of Economic/Tourism/Marketing Services

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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Delegates

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

Recommendation approved.

CAO to set up a meeting with LOWBIC and Council prior to Monday's Council Meeting.

10. Abitibi Mill Closure – Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby adopt 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

After much discussion, it was agreed that the Action Plan be amended to remove Mayor Canfield as the Chair of the Committee and that the Chair be elected by the members of the Executive Steering Committee.

Recommendation approved.

11. Community Foundation Agreement

HOLD

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. Wellness Centre Information Report Ongoing

2. Staffing Model – Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give 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

THAT Council approves the Recreation Coordinator to proceed in cooperation with the Human Resources Manager with the staffing changes as soon as possible.

Contract positions to be removed from Organization Chart.

Recommendation approved.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. Staffing Station 1

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council for the City of Kenora approve the hiring of a probationary

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firefighter-temporary position to offset and mitigate the overtime costs associated in maintaining a minimum two person staffing level.

Recommendation Approved.

It was noted that an overall staffing plan is being drafted.

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Public Works Re-location Information Report Ongoing

2. School Crossing Guard Contract – 2005/2006

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

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3. Emergency Power – Zone 2 Water Booster & Sewer Lift Station #950

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

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.

Recommendation approved.

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4. Fluoride Handling Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

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PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Relocation of Kenora Youth Drop In Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Recommendation approved.

2. 2nd Quarter Payment to LOWBIC

RECOMMENDATION: refer back to Finance & Administration

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UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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

Remove from Agenda.

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OTHER BUSINESS

United Steel Workers Rally

Invitation to Council August 17th at 11:00 a.m. in front of City Hall.

Council

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by A. Poirier , and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:16 p.m.; and further

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

- **Personnel Issue**

NO ACTION ARISING FROM IN CAMERA

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

