



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, September 20, 2005
City Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rory McMillan	-	A/Mayor
Len Compton	-	Councillor
Ingrid Parkes	-	Councillor
Ted Szajewski	-	Councillor
B. Preisentanz	-	CAO
J. McMillin	-	City Clerk
R. Perchuk	-	Operations Mgr.

REGRETS:

Mayor D. Canfield
Councillor A. Poirier
Councillor C. Wasacase

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES-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, SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING:-

Establishment of 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.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none declared.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. City Hall Mold Investigation/Remediation HOLD

2. 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 pending meeting with RAFT group.

3. Community Foundation Agreement

HOLD

4. Letter of Support – Atikokan & Greenfield Energy Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

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's letter of support be forwarded by 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.

Recommendation approved.

J. McMillin

5. Service Delivery Review Process – Update

Mr. Preisntanz gave a brief update in accordance with his report circulated to Council on this matter regarding:-

- Roads Department Operational Audit/Record Keeping/Reporting
- Sewer and Water Operational Audit
- Solid Waste Haulage

6. Appointment - NWO Education Award Fund (NOMEAF)

HOLD for further information from K. Taniwa, NOMA as requested by Councillor Parkes.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. Wellness Centre Information Report

Councillor Szajewski will have an update on Monday, and further noted the Grand Opening will be held next week.

2. Noxious Weed Designation

RECOMMENDATION:

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

THAT the appointed Weed Control Officers issue orders, as requested, as per the Weed Control Act.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

**J. McMillin/
P. Grouda**

3. "The Rat Portage" Site - A "Common Ground" Project

For information only. A/Mayor McMillan explained how this project is evolving and the group is working towards this area becoming a historical site. Cuyler Cotton is working closely with Community Services and Operations Departments regarding the site, currently an existing snow dump along Norman Drive. It was noted other options will be considered for an alternate snow dump site.

4. "Before & After" School Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

J. McMillin

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

No reports.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**1. Public Works Re-location Information Report
Ongoing**

2. 2005 Municipal Street and Lane Paving Tender

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

J. McMillin

3. Traffic By-law Amendment – 11th Ave. No. – Rate of Speed

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

**J. McMillin/
P. Grouda**

4. Transmitter Rail Crossing Upgrade Project

HOLD

PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Request for Exemption – Planning Act - Section 17(9)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora, by resolution, requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing grant an exemption, under section 17(9) of the Planning Act, to the City of Kenora.

Recommendation approved.

J. McMillin

UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ongoing

OTHER BUSINESS

Benefits Provider Review

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council appoint Great West Life as the new benefits provider for the City of Kenora, and further

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

Mr. Preisentanz advised that a representative of Great West Life, Jim Cook is willing to come to Kenora to discuss this information with Council and Administration if we so wish.

It was asked if our Solicitor will review the agreement(s) associated with the benefits and Mr. Preisentanz indicated Mr. Ormiston's office will be asked to review and provide any comments prior to adopting the agreements by by-law on Monday.

B.Preisentanz

Recommendation approved, subject to the City Solicitor reviewing the various agreements.

J. McMillin

Traffic Lights at Subway

Mr. Perchuk advised the Technician working on the lights at the Subway (extended flashing green) could not correctly synchronize them so he has returned to Toronto to work on the controller. It was explained that all other controllers have been changed, and Mr. Perchuk is hopeful that the one for the Subway traffic lights will be installed and working within a week or two.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by T. Szajewski, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 4:20 p.m.; and further

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

- **Personnel Issues**
- **Potential Litigation Issue**

Action as a Result of Closed Session

- **Personnel Issues – Hiring of Economic Development Officer**

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Recommendation approved.

Motion required to return to Closed Meeting:

Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by T. Szajewski, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 4:55 p.m.; and further

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

- **Personnel Issues**
- **Potential Litigation Issue**

No further action as a result of Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

J. McMillin