



**CITY OF KENORA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 4:00 P.M.**

**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-law at its Monday, November 21 Meeting:-**

- To Amend the 2005 Operating Budget to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 donation to NOMEAF;**
- To Amend the 2005 Capital & Reserves Budget with respect to Mold Investigation/Remediation.**

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**C. REPORT OF COMMITTEES:-**

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR R. McMILLAN**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>REPORT SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Donation to Northwestern Ontario Medical Education Award Fund By-law.</b> - Notice only to Amend Budget in order to adopt the necessary by-law.	
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<b>2.</b>	<b>KDSB – 2006 Budget</b>	.....
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT due to critical economic times and the need to keep budgets at the status-quo, or lower, the Council of the City of Kenora hereby requests the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) to maintain a zero percentage increase for its 2006 budget; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all other municipalities within the KDSB jurisdiction to support this position by also requesting KDSB to maintain a zero percentage for 2006.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Preserving the Waters of Rabbit Lake</b>	.....
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for the purpose of preserving the waters of Rabbit Lake.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Policy – “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes”</b>	.....
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council hereby adopts Policy #CC-10-1, entitled “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes;” and further

THAT this policy be included in the City’s Policy Manual.

- 5. Governance Model – Standing Committee Structure** .....
- 6. Meeting Schedule – December/January** .....  
Review of dates and need to change dates, etc. (impact of change in structure.)

**7. RAFT – Grant Program** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the City has been in discussions for some time with the "Residents After Fair Taxation" (RAFT) group over the issue of area rating; and

WHEREAS RAFT has made an inquiry with respect to the City issuing a grant to homeowners to offset incremental taxes paid on residential properties relating to increases in assessment; and

WHEREAS Administration was asked to investigate this concept to determine its viability and permissibility under the Municipal Act; and

WHEREAS the costs for this type of program would be in excess of \$675,000 for 2006 alone for strictly the residential property class; and

WHEREAS the City is currently in an economic crisis with its local Abitibi mill shutting down Machine #9 and permanently idling Machine #10, the future operations of which is currently uncertain; and

WHEREAS the City is projecting an annual loss of approximately \$1.8 million in provincial funding by 2009 relating to the new Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which replaced the previous Community Reinvestment Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is not in a financial position to support a grants program to administer a theoretical property assessment freeze on residential properties.

**8. Endorsation of Resolution – Veterans’ Recognition Program** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT as recommended by the Kenora Police Services Board, Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Schedule "G" to Traffic By-law Number 127-2001, to provide an exemption to vehicles displaying an Ontario Veterans license plate from the provision of 'penalties' for expired time at a meter; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Section 7 - "General Regulations" to Parking Lot By-law Number 18-2002 to provide for the same exemption in municipal parking lots where "automated pay stations" exist.

**9. Charge of Lease Agreement & 6292470 Canada Inc.** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement to confirm Consent of the Charge of Lease Number 20779 by 6292470 Canada Inc.

**10. AMO Alert - Bill 126 – OMERS Status Update** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the provincial Standing Committee on General Government is currently debating Bill 206, *An Act to revise the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act* and

WHEREAS the OMERS pension fund is currently equal to approximately 8% of Ontario's annual GDP; and

WHEREAS the OMERS pension fund serves approximately 900 employers and 355,000 diverse employee groups including: current and former employees of municipal governments; school boards; libraries; police and fire departments; children's aid societies; and, electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS Ontario's municipalities and their employees depend on the prudent management of the \$36 Billion plan and to ensure that employees and employers are paying for benefits they can afford; and

WHEREAS OMERS employer and employee members are facing an increase in OMERS contributions in 2006 of approximately 9% as a result of a significant deficit in the OMERS fund; and

WHEREAS the Bill includes significant, potentially costly and unnecessary changes to the governance structure of OMERS including a Sponsors Corporation structured to be governed by arbitration; and

WHEREAS the Bill would permit the creation of expensive supplementary plans to provide optional enhanced benefits that will impose new collective bargaining obligations on municipalities, the operating costs of which cannot yet be fully assessed; and

WHEREAS the Province has a responsibility to study the potential impact of the changes it is proposing and to share the results with employers and employee groups; and

WHEREAS AMO and others have urged the government to consider the potential implications of Bill 206 and to ensure the proposed policy changes protect the interests of employers, employees and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the Government is moving in haste with a Bill, which in its current form raises significant technical, public policy and economic issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kenora does not support Bill 206, and requests the that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with Bill 206 in its current form; and further

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Honourable H. Hampton, MPP, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be advised that this Council does not support proposed changes to the OMERS pension fund contained in Bill 206.

**11. City of Kenora Municipal Five Year Capital Plan** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the scheduling of the 2006 Five Year Capital Plan be forwarded to the Budget Committee of Council, being all of Council, and brought to Committee of the Whole for review and final decision.

**12. Provision of Legal Services** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby appoints Bruce Ormiston of Shewchuk, MacDonell, Ormiston, Richardt & Fregeau, as City Solicitor for the City of Kenora.

**13. Gas Tax Funding Agreement** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council provide three readings to a By-law authorizing the execution of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities between the Association of Municipalities and the City of Kenora.

**14. LOW Labour Action Centre – Funding Agreement Application** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council authorize a funding agreement with Service Canada for the Lake of the Woods Action Centre; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for the Mayor and Clerk to execute said agreement upon receipt of the final signed grant contract.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR T. SZAJEWSKI**

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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1.	<b>City Hall Mold Investigation/Remediation</b> - Notice only to Amend Budget in order to adopt the necessary by-law.	<b>By-law.</b>
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**2. Kenora in Bloom – 2006 Request** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the City of Kenora’s participation in the 2006 National Communities in Bloom Competition; and

THAT the City of Kenora incorporates an additional \$6,150.00 into the 2006 Parks Operating Budget to operate this program (pending overall Operating Budget final approval for 2006), with this fee to include the registration fee, operational expenses, program delivery, and yearly Volunteer Community Showcase; and

THAT the Mayor and not less than one (1) Councillor attend the Awards Ceremony in Brandon, Manitoba; and further

THAT the Economic Development Department be directed to seek funding to replace the Gateway Entrance Signs.

**3. Youth Drop-in Centre Lease** **Brd. to Review**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR I. PARKES**

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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**No reports.**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR A. POIRIER**

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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1.	<b>Public Works Re-location Information Report</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
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**2. Water & Sewer By-law #168-2004** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council hereby approves initiating the legislative process to amend Comprehensive Sewer & Water By-law Number 168-2004 for the purpose of adjusting the bleeder rate for customers by providing a discount of 50% for the volumetric charge only; and

THAT in accordance with O.Reg.#244/02 and Notice By-Law Number 14-2003, notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held with a minimum of 21 days advance notice prior to adopting the by-law; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend By-law Number 168-2004 at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2005.

**3. Attendance at 2006 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference** .....  
**- February 19 – 22 - Toronto**

**PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR C. WASACASE**  
**NO. REPORT SUBJECT DISPOSITION**

**1. Zoning By-law Amendment – “Home Occupations”** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 160-2004 with respect to Home Occupations.

**2. Appointments to Heritage Committee**

**HOLD - Advertising**

**UTILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR L. COMPTON**  
**NO. REPORT SUBJECT DISPOSITION**

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

**Ongoing**

**OTHER BUSINESS – REGULAR AND/OR IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION REQUIRED ADJOURNING TO CLOSED MEETING:**

**Moved by , Seconded by , and Carried:-**

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

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

- **Proposed Acquisition of Land.**

**Adjournment.**