

# PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**Thursday, December 1, 2005**

**10 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

Present: Len Compton, Bill Preisntanz Jennifer Rasmussen, Art Mior Tara Rickaby, Jeff Port, Rory McMillan David Canfield (10:20)

Regrets: Colin Wasacase, Rick Perchuk, Ingrid Parkes

Councillor Compton opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**1) Adoption of Minutes** – November 17, 2005

**Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Art Mior**

THAT the minutes of the November 17, 2005 minutes be adopted as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**2) Additions to the Agenda –**

#13 – Downtown Revitalization

**3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** - None

**4) LOWBIC – Quarterly Financial Reports**

Bill Preisntanz reported that the reports have not yet been received, however, LOWBIC will be contacting him later today with a status report.

*Action required: Review at next meeting.*

**5) City Economic Development Program: Status Report**

Jeff Port referred to Jennifer Rasmussen's report, explaining that Jennifer is helping to prepare for a press conference at 11 a.m. to launch the City's portal. Upcoming projects include the "Forestry in Transition" Forum, to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Best Western Lakeside Inn. Jennifer participated in interviews for the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of the Lake of the Woods Labour Action Centre. The Centre should open mid-December with an Open House. In addition, Jennifer has prepared a "Concept Paper" for HRSDC to access employment development funding for Business Outreach Program, Business Expansion Opportunity Identification, Economic Impact Analysis, Labour Market Development, Youth Retention & Attraction, Communications Strategy, and First Nations Partnership Development.

Jennifer reminded the Committee that the Community Economic Development Planning Workshops are going forward to COW for acceptance. She noted that she and Councillor Wasacase will be meeting with the Grand Chief of Treaty 3 to discuss partnerships.

*Action required: Committee of the Whole.*

**6) Subdivision Agreement – Northwest Development (2004) Ltd.**

Developer has some remedial work to be done; value of work that cannot be accomplished this year will be estimated and submitted to the Operations Department for consideration of use of security to guarantee work will be done in the spring, and permit the subdivision agreement to go forward.

*Action required: Report and recommendation after Developer has resolved issues and provided required information.*

**7) Subdivision Agreement – Moncrief Construction Limited**

Nothing new to report.

*Action required: Ongoing administration*

**8) Amendment to Development Agreement – Twin Eleven Investments**

Jeff Port reported the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee recently approved a minor variance which brings all the underground parking stalls into compliance with the zoning by-law. The Developer now wants to go forward with a 6,600 square foot commercial component, however, a new site plan is required. Staff has reviewed the site plan and made comments. Once the revised site plan is received, the Municipal Solicitor will prepare a new development agreement and the current development agreement will be rescinded.

Art Mior added that the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee the Developer's mode of development aggravating to deal with; the project is being completed in steps without consideration of the impact of each step on the whole project.

*Action required: Report and recommendation after receipt of new site plan and site plan agreement.*

**9) Round Lake Subdivision – Assumption of Roads and Release of Obligation**

Tara Rickaby reminded the Committee that there was one outstanding issue at the last meeting, however the Developer has provided corrected "as built" drawings and the requirements of the subdivision agreement have been met.

*Action required: Recommendation and by-law to COW*

**10) D.E.M.M. Holdings – Eagle Shore Subdivision – Assumption of Roads and Release of Obligation**

Tara Rickaby reminded the Committee that there was one outstanding issue at the last meeting, however the Developer has provided a letter from an OLS stating that the road is located within the surveyed road allowance and the requirements of the subdivision agreement have been met.

*Action required: Recommendation and by-law to COW.*

**11) Kenora Heritage Committee**

Jeff Port told the Committee that there were seven applications for membership on the Heritage Committee. Each person had excellent skills and interests to offer and for that reason three people will be encouraged to attend Heritage Committee meetings as resource people. The three

applicants chosen to be “voting members” of the Heritage Committee were: Riley Sleeman, Shalene Rawluk and Iain Davidson-Hunt.

*Action required: Report and recommendation and by-law to COW.*

**12) Road “reading” – per Rusty Russell – 5% Road Reservations in Northern Ontario**

For Committee information. Bill Preisntanz noted that this topic was discussed with staff a number of years ago by Fred Dean.

**13) Downtown Revitalization Project**

Jeff Port explained that he and the Operations Manager met with Councillor Poirier to brief him on the submissions and it has been decided that the project will fall under the Operations Committee agenda. The City Planner, Operations Manager and Municipal Engineer will make a presentation to Committee of the Whole before the meeting on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Bill Preisntanz will coordinate times.

*Action required: In camera presentation to Committee of the Whole.*

**14) Mayor’s Report re. Round Table discussion with Minister of Finance**

Mayor Canfield reported on a recent meeting in Thunder Bay. Each speaker had three minutes to make a presentation to the Minister; the messages were universal in their concern over shrinking tax bases and provincial support for the municipalities. Mayor Canfield presented a version of the package presented by the City at AMO in August. He thanked Karen Brown for her excellent work on the new package, over the weekend. He spoke to the challenges that Kenora faces with respect to the inequity in provincial funding as well as service delivery costs, Provincial Land Tax reform, uploading of services and specifically land ambulance delivery costs.

**Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting (10:45 )**

**Moved by: Rory McMillan      Seconded by: Art Mior**

**THAT this meeting now be declared closed; and further**

**THAT this Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following: matters of security of municipal property and acquisition of land;**

**Moved by: David Canfield**

**Seconded by: Rory McMillan**

**THAT the closed meeting be adjourned at 10:55**

**Moved by: Rory McMillan**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:56 a.m.**

**Next meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 10 a.m., Council Chambers**