



Minutes

*Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, April 10, 2006 – City Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.*

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WITH Mayor D. Canfield in the Chair, Councillor L. Compton, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor I. Parkes, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor T. Szajewski, Councillor C. Wasacase, Bill Preisenzanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Canfield called the meeting to order and Councillor Compton read the Prayer.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**1. Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora held **Monday, March 27, 2006** be confirmed as written and circulated.

**Public Information NOTICES as per By-law Number 14-2003**

**Mayor Canfield then read the following notices:-**

As required under Notice By-law No. 14-2003, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to approve the following at tonight's meeting: -

- 1. The 2006 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan**
- 2. The 2006 Capital Plan for the Kenora Municipal Telephone System (KMTS).**

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

Mayor Canfield then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. There was none declared.

**DEPUTATIONS:**

- **Rev. Rod Lamb - Keewatin Masonic Lodge**

Reverend Lamb advised he is attending tonight on behalf of the Keewatin Masonic Lodge and he read a letter he had written to the City in March, 2006 concerning the matter of water usage and billing charges. He indicated while the unexpected bills they have received have crippled them, they've paid them but are not happy with the situation. Rev. Lamb believes there is a need for an alert system to the City at times when there are leaks that go unnoticed and there could be instant notification to the property owner as a way to reduce costs and to catch the problem before it gets to such an extreme level. He further indicated this would be a much more environmentally friendly system as well. Rev. Lamb questioned how the City can justify charging someone for water they did not use? He looks forward to further dialogue with City representatives concerning this matter as the Lodge is looking for a discount as a result of these charges, and he wanted to let Council know he has notified City administration in this regard. He further hopes Council will find a resolution to this matter.



- **Doug Bishop – Gridlock on Main Street**

Mr. Bishop circulated copies to Council of a proposal he has plotted out as a solution to the gridlock on Main Street, and explained Council should consider this proposal prior to allowing the street line painting to commence in the downtown core. Mr. Bishop believes the traffic flow pattern should be altered to allow 3 lanes of traffic rather than the present 2. He referred to his earlier deputation at which time he expressed concern on the way the traffic pattern was prior to the implementation of the 2 lanes from the original 4. Mr. Bishop outlined the various problematic scenarios that currently exist and walked Council through his proposals on the detailed illustrations he provided, noting his preference is Solution #1 to realize double capacity on the streets. He referred to the fact the City had already forwarded their plans to KGS regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project but he does not believe that project will be taking place and feels we do not have enough time to go through another summer like the last one, especially with the existing health, safety and environmental issues. In closing Mr. Bishop explained the City should optimize the street traffic rather than ignoring the problem, and this should begin by considering the elimination of the cross-hatched area(s) in the downtown core and provision of additional parking.

- **Thelma Wilkins-Page – Snowmobile Trails**

Ms Wilkins-Page, President of the Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce, addressed Council on the Chamber's position with respect to a multi-purpose trail system in Kenora, and presented the Clerk with a copy of her Deputation for the public record. She indicated the Board has embraced the vision for Economic Development that the City has embarked on, and referred to Kenora as a city with many natural assets, not the least of which is location. Ms Wilkins-Page indicated the Chamber represents its members in voicing a need for the development of a multi-purpose trail through the Kenora corridor and that such development for a year round trail from east to the west would increase business by creating a region where one can stop, shop, stay and play twelve months of the year.

In closing, she explained a multi-purpose trail system would benefit everyone in the community and not just visitors and will not only connect tourists and cottagers to our area, but connect the communities that form our city.

- **Emily Tacknyk-Roulston – Resolutions for AMO**

Mrs. Tacknyk-Roulston again requested Council to consider taking forward her suggestions as resolutions to this year's AMO Conference. She referred to accountability by Ontario Hydro and First Nations, noting that Hydro plans to increase its rates in July. She also referred to the amount of money the provincial government is giving to immigrants to come to Canada, versus the low salary levels for some people and in particular for senior citizens. Mrs. Tacknyk-Roulston expressed concern that Canadian taxpayers are paying the way for people to immigrate here and it's not a fair system. She also believes that First Nations people are requesting more funding and that there is no accountability for the money they currently receive.

In closing, Mrs. Tacknyk-Roulston referred to an earlier deputation she made to Council requesting they adopt a resolution to lobby the government to establish a four-lane highway to Manitoba even though she realizes it would not likely happen any time soon but that it could be petitioned for the future. Mrs. Tacknyk-Roulston advised that her other request concerning the Senate is not necessary as it is being looked after, but that the Senate should be revised and requested Council give consideration to taking this to AMO with a municipal resolution.



- **Pam Cederwall – Snowmobile Trails**

Ms Cederwall directed various questions to Council about the Snowmobile Friendly Sub-Committee, and specifically asked about its purpose and the make-up of the Committee. She explained that if the Committee goes as planned, should the OPP and KPS not be involved in the decision making process, and why would the City place more burden on the police force by adding more trails? Ms Cederwall questioned if it would even be possible to establish a corridor between Keewatin and Kenora given our geographic landscape, and does not want to see this done at the expense of the taxpayer. Ms Cederwall reminded Mayor Canfield that he had assured stakeholders of the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue area that meetings would be held with them, and that they should definitely be included in the talks with the Committee, although she believes Council should be looking after this issue and not a Sub-Committee. While she supports winter tourism she indicated the need for lower trail permits, and requested Council to re-consider the need for this Sub-Committee and to re-visit the Committee Structure.

Another issue Ms Cederwall addressed with Council was the rock cliff that borders 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and the Krawicki property and that it should be a safety concern to the City. She indicated it is another possible liability issue and is an easy fix.

In closing Ms Cederwall clarified to Mayor Canfield that in her deputation she has not bashed any volunteer or organization, and she provided the Clerk with a copy of her Deputation for the public record, and for a response.

- **Lauri Morrell – President CUPE Local 191**

Mrs. Morrell advised she is attending tonight on behalf of CUPE Union Local 191 to express some of the concerns of its Members. Mrs. Morrell explained the Union welcomes the beautification and cleaning up of our downtown area and that the Members take pride in their work to keep the City looking its best. However the Union has concerns that the program of using volunteers could have adverse impacts to its Members and that relying on a volunteer workforce is not wise. Safety equipment and training were cited as areas of concern as well as responsibility if someone gets hurt. The Union is requesting that Council give CUPE Members assurances that by endorsing the Downtown Beautification and Cleanliness Project that is on tonight's agenda, they are not doing so at the expense of CUPE's workforce and our youth which is Kenora's future.

### **Approval of Accounts**

#### **2. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT the Reports dated **March 30, 2006** of the Finance and Administration Committee, submitting for approval and authorization for payment, invoices, accounts and payroll summaries, including transfers to Boards and Commissions for municipal and utility listings, totalling **\$2,852,157.77** be hereby authorized for approval.

### **2006 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan**

#### **3. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora 2006 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan as reviewed and amended by the Budget Committee be approved; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to adopt the 2006 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan.

***Councillor McMillan then read a prepared Press Release with respect to the process involved with arriving at approving the 2006 Five Year Capital Plan this evening.***



**2006 KMTS Capital Plan**

**4. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

THAT the 2006 Capital Budget of the Kenora Municipal Telephone System be approved; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to adopt the 2006 KMTS Capital Budget.

**KMTS Summer Students**

**5. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council approve the hiring of two (2) KMTS Summer Students beginning May 1, 2006 for a period not to exceed 16 weeks; and further

THAT approval be conditional upon adoption of the 2006 Operating Budget.

**Minimum Tax Level – New Construction/New to Class**

**6. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council approve the implementation of the minimum tax level of 80% for new construction/new to class properties for 2006; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Use of Certain Tools for 2006 Taxation Year**

**7. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT Council approve the implementation of the following tools for the 2006 taxation year:

- Annualized Tax Limit of 10% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- Prior Year's CVA Tax Limit of 5% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties related to increases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Clawed Back Properties related to decreases in the amount of \$250 for each of the multi-residential and industrial property classes and \$245 for the commercial property class; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Long Term Debt Financing – Operations Centre**

**8. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law approving the issuance of long term debt financing in the amount of \$9,045,062.35 effective 31 December 2005 to finance the net municipal costs related to the Operations Centre, budgeted to be financed through the issuance of long term debt.

**Long Term Debt Financing – Recreation Centre**

**9. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law approving the issuance of long term debt financing in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 effective 31 December



2005 to finance the net municipal costs related to the Kenora Recreation Centre Development, budgeted to be financed through the issuance of long term debt.

**Use of Vote by Mail – Municipal Election**

**10. Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT authorization be hereby given for the use of a Vote by Mail system for the November 13, 2006 Municipal Election; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Use of Optical Scanning Vote Tabulators**

**11. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT authorization be hereby given for the use of Optical Scanning Vote Tabulators for the November 13, 2006 Municipal Election; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Agreement with DataFix – Election Services**

**12. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT authorization be hereby given to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with DataFix for Municipal VoterView (MVV) Services, and Vote by Mail election services for the November 13, 2006 Municipal Election; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Approval of 357 Tax Adjustments**

**13. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT the Section 357 tax adjustments totalling \$2,978.00, (including applicable penalty), with resulting refunds of \$2,485.18, be hereby approved.

**2006 Membership Fee – Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce**

**14. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT authorization be hereby given for payment of the 2006 Membership Fee for Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$160.50; and further

THAT Mayor Canfield's name be forwarded as the City's voting representative.

**Annual Grant – Pinecrest Community Club**

**15. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora receives the recommendation from the Leisure Services Committee, approving the grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Pinecrest Community Club.

**Biz Committee's Downtown Beautification Campaign**

**16. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-**

THAT Council hereby receives the Harbourtown Biz Committee's report dated March 31, 2006 with respect to its Downtown Beautification and Cleanliness Campaign; and further



THAT the City hereby recognizes BIZ for its team approach to inspiring pride and respect within the community and extends appreciation to BIZ for this initiative to meet its goal of a clean and attractive downtown Kenora.

**Summer Student – Solid Waste Department**

**17. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by I. Parkes & Carried:-**

THAT the City of Kenora hire one (1) summer student for the Solid Waste Department for a 19 week period (April 24 to September 1, 2006).

**Reporting Relationship – Economic Development**

**18. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby confirms that the reporting relationship for the Economic Development Officer remain with the Operations Department for a further six months; and further

THAT the Economic Development Committee communicate to Council through the Property & Planning Standing Committee.

**Proclamation – Better Speech, Language & Hearing Month**

**19. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

WHEREAS well over one million Ontarians of all ages suffer from communication disorders relating to Speech, Language and/or Hearing; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for awareness of the profound developmental, economic and social consequences that communication disorders have on people and their families; and

WHEREAS persons with communication problems require access to the professional services of audiologists and speech-language pathologists who provide treatments that improve and ensure quality of life; and

WHEREAS effective treatment of communication disorders benefits all of society by allowing otherwise disadvantaged persons to achieve their academic and vocational potentials; and

WHEREAS investments in treatments for communication disorders pays economic dividends in reduced reliance on other social services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in conjunction with the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the month of May, 2006 as "Better Speech, Language and Hearing Month" in and for the City of Kenora.

**Proclamation – Census Week**

**20. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

WHEREAS Statistics Canada will conduct the Census of Population and Agriculture on Tuesday, May 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora supports the 2006 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census forms online at [www.census2006.ca](http://www.census2006.ca) or by mail by Tuesday, May 16 so that accurate and complete data will be available to support programs and social services that benefit us all; and

WHEREAS the City supports the Census because grants are provided to our City based on a complete enumeration; and



WHEREAS census information is vital to support policy analysis and public debate by governments, businesses and institutions for a wide variety of social and economic issues such as health, immigration, education, training, housing, income support, and the environment; and

WHEREAS the Statistics Act of Canada requires that personal information provided on census questionnaires will be kept strictly confidential;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of May 14 to 20 as "Census Week" in and for the City of Kenora and calls upon all residents to complete and return their census questionnaire by Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

**Proclamation – Paramedic Week**

**21. Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

WHEREAS, each year the Paramedics of Northwest EMS will respond to approximately 12,000 calls for assistance; and

WHEREAS the Paramedics of Northwest EMS are ready to provide life saving care to those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS access to Paramedic services improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS Paramedics engage in specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life saving skills; and

WHEREAS Paramedics provide a vital pre-hospital service to the residents of the Kenora District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of May 14 to 20, 2006 as "EMS WEEK" in and for the City and District of Kenora.

**Tender – 2006 Urban Street & Highway Line Painting**

**22. Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the following quotations for the 2006 Urban Street and Highway Line Painting (GST Extra) and Line Marking Hourly Rate for extra work:

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| <b>Rite-Way Decorators</b> | <b>\$71,497.00</b> | <b>\$47.50</b> |
| <b>Northwest Lines</b>     | <b>\$72,538.00</b> | <b>\$55.00</b> |

AND further that the quotation of Rite-Way Decorators in the amount of \$71,497.00 (GST Extra) with an hourly rate of \$47.50 (GST Extra) for extra work, be hereby accepted.

**Tender – Construction of KMTS Skate Park**

**23. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the bid from EHR Construction Ltd. and approve the award of the KMTS Skate Park contract to EHR Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$268,556 plus GST.

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

**24. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-laws** be read a **FIRST & SECOND** Time: ~



**#40-2006** – to confirm Standing Committee proceedings;

**#41-2006** - to authorize long term debt financing in the amount of \$9,045,062.35 through the issuance of debt to KMTS Mobility to offset the costs of the Public Works Facility Relocation Project;

**#42-2006** – to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for certain property classes;

**#43-2006** – to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for eligible properties within the meaning of Section 331 (new construction) for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes;

**#44-2006** - to authorize long term debt financing in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 through the issuance of debt to KMTS Mobility to offset the costs of the Kenora Recreation Centre Expansion;

**#45-2006** – to authorize voting by mail for the November 13, 2006 Municipal Election;

**#46-2006** – to authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators at Municipal Elections;

**#47-2006** – to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and DataFix for web hosting and other services to support the November 13 Municipal Election.

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

**25. Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-laws** be now approved in their present form & be presented for **THIRD & FINAL** Reading: -

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**Adjournment**

**26. Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by I. Parkes & Carried:-**

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 6:00 p.m.

***THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:***

**CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THIS .....DAY OF**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**