



# Minutes

*Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora  
Monday, February 13, 2006 – City Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m.*

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

Regrets: Councillor R. McMillan

### Call to Order

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

### Confirmation of Minutes

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

THAT the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora held **Monday, January 30, 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 adopt the following by-laws at this meeting:-

- to amend Tariff of Fees By-law #100-2003 to provide for an increase in the Summer Ice rental rate to \$115.50 per hour, plus GST.
- to approve the Terms of Reference for, and the establishment of an Economic Development Committee for the City of Kenora.

### 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:

#### Emily Tacknyk-Roulston

Ms Tacknyk-Roulston requested Council to consider adopting four (4) resolutions concerning the following:-

1. Petitioning for a 4-lane highway to the west to join up with Falcon Lake;
2. Petitioning to retain the Senate Reform, and to take a position to either abolish it or have an elected Senate;
3. Petitioning to create programs for those who have difficulty in speaking and hearing as there are no provincial programs for these types of disabilities, nor do they receive a deduction on their income tax;
4. Investigating what Ontario Hydro is doing as they continue to implement increases with another one forecasted in May; Ms Tacknyk-Roulston stated that with all the energy efficiency lighting and



appliances, etc. why does Ontario Hydro continue to implement increases when the public is attempting to reduce their energy costs.

**Sharon Smith**

Ms Smith referred to the earlier presentation by Sunset Trail Riders and was pleased she was able to be present during this meeting.

Ms Smith stated she is a life-long resident of Keewatin, and served as Chair for the Town of Keewatin Planning Committee for a number of years. She spoke to the issue of the illegal and unauthorized snowmobile corridor through Keewatin, questioning why City Administration authorized the trails, rather than Council amending the necessary by-law, and she believes the process was not properly administered. Ms Smith stated she is not opposed to winter tourism, but that as she understands it, there is a process to be followed with respect to the trails system and that the process needs to be open, vetted through the public, and is to be done with integrity.

Ms Smith then read from a prepared address which she circulated to the Clerk for the record, and to the Media at the conclusion of her Deputation.

Ms Smith expressed concern on the Sunset Trail Riders establishing unauthorized trails and signage in the area of the Portage Bay development and Mink Bay area behind Keewatin Public School, and gave a chronological explanation of the events as they unfolded, together with her observations on the legal and planning processes that should be followed by the City.

In closing, Ms Smith questioned what remedial action will be taken by Council to correct the inference that the subject snowmobile route is now an accepted and approved snowmobile corridor?

**Approval of Accounts**

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

THAT the Reports dated **February 1, 2, and 9, 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 **\$3,299,753.46** be hereby authorized for approval.

**Investment Policy**

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

THAT Council hereby approves the City Investment Policy, FI-4-2; and further

THAT Council approves an amendment to the City Debt Policy, FI-4-1 to change the subsection title to "Financial Instruments".

**Budget Review Meetings**

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

THAT Council hereby authorizes the following schedule for capital budget review meetings:

- Meeting with Council on:

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and

- Public meeting held on:

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Kenora Recreation Centre; and further



THAT the public meeting be advertised in the Municipal Memo to advise the public and encourage public attendance and participation at the meeting.

**Endorsation of Resolution – (Thunder Bay) Natural Gas Conversion**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby endorses and supports the City of Thunder Bay Resolution adopted on October 31, 2005 with respect to an environmental assessment for natural gas conversion; and further

THAT a copy of the City's resolution of support be forwarded to the Provincial Ministers of Environment, Energy, Northern Development and Mines, to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Howard Hampton, MPP, and the City of Thunder Bay.

**Endorsation of Resolution (R.A.W.B.)**

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

WHEREAS capital costs associated with the construction of new water filtration plants as mandated under the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as increasing maintenance costs required to sustain these sophisticated plants are having a detrimental effect on small northern communities where the users are very small in number; and

WHEREAS this new legislation is creating considerable hardship for small communities where there is high unemployment due to the seasonal tourist industry; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Provincial Government revisit the issue of the current funding structure for capital projects and consider a possible funding subsidy for the legislated mandatory water testing for small communities which are being adversely affected by these imposed regulations; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government should consider implementing supplemental funding through FedNor similar to the funding currently received through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for capital projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Kenora hereby supports the efforts of the R.A.W.B. Organization (Residents Against Water Bill) regarding their concerns with issues relating to the Safe Drinking Water Act legislated by the Province of Ontario; and

THAT the Council for the City of Kenora will assist in the joint lobbying effort being organized by this group so as to ensure Ontario's water system is financially sustainable and affordable for all communities; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment, to the Honourable R. Valley, M.P and the Honourable Howard Hampton, M.P.P.

**Extension of Lease – Houseboat Adventures**

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



THAT as recommended by the Kenora Port Authority, authorization be hereby given to extend the lease at the Main Street dock with Houseboat Adventures for the 2006 season only; and

THAT prior to ratification of the 2006 lease, Houseboat Adventures be required to clean-up the site to the satisfaction of the Community Services Department; and

THAT Houseboat Adventures be advised to vacate the premises prior to October 31, 2006 and to make alternate docking arrangements; and further

THAT the City proceed with a request for proposals for the lease of the Main Street dock (perpendicular portion), to be advertised in the Fall of 2006 for the 2007 season.

**LOW Annual Sports Awards Dinner**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Lake of the Woods Sports Association to host its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports Awards Dinner taking place April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kenora Legion; and further

THAT Councillor Szajewski, be hereby authorized to attend this function as the City of Kenora representative.

**Approval of Grants – Community Clubs**

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

THAT as recommended by the Leisure Services Committee, the grant amount of \$4,000.00 to each of Rideout, Evergreen and Central Community Clubs be hereby approved.

**Increase in Rates – Summer Ice Program**

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

THAT as recommended by the Leisure Services Committee the rental rate of \$115.50 per hour, plus G.S.T., for the Summer Ice Program for ice booked starting July 24, 2006 be hereby approved; and

THAT in accordance with Notice Bylaw Number 14-2003, public notice for this increase is hereby given; and

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Schedule “B” to Tariff of Fees and Charges By-law Number 100-2003; and further

THAT this increase take effect immediately.

**Wage Step Plan – Concession, Rink and Desk Attendants**

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

THAT Council of the City of Kenora receive the recommendation from the Community Services Committee, to authorize the increase and implementation of the wage step level plan for the Concession, Rink Attendants and Desk Attendants, as outlined below: -

| <b>Concession</b>          | <b>Step 1 - Start</b>      | <b>Step 2 - Experience</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Student (17 years & under) | \$7.25 (Ontario min. wage) | \$7.70                     |
| Adult (18 years & over)    | \$7.75 (Ontario min. wage) | \$8.20                     |
| Team Leader                | \$10.00 (since 2004)       | \$12.00                    |



| Rink Attendants             | Step 1 - Start             | Step 2 - Experience |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Students - 17 years & under | \$7.25 (Ontario min. wage) | \$7.70              |
| Students - 18 years & over  | \$ 7.75(Ontario min. wage) | \$8.20              |

| Desk Attendants             | Step 1 - Start             | Step 2 - Experience |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Students - 17 years & under | \$7.25 (Ontario min. wage) | \$7.70              |
| Students - 18 years & over  | \$ 7.75(Ontario min. wage) | \$8.20              |

; and

THAT the graduation to Step 2 is pending satisfactory performance as monitored through regular performance appraisals; and

THAT all Concession and Rink Attendant staff remain strictly seasonal with interested staff being required to re-apply annually; and further

THAT these increases take effect as of February 1, 2006.

**Naming of City Operations Facility**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby names the new Operations facility located at 60 Fourteenth Street North, as the "City of Kenora Operations Centre."

**Councillor Poirier requested that Motion #13 be tabled:-**

**Motion to Table**

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

THAT Motion #13 on tonight's agenda with respect to maintenance of grinder pumps be hereby tabled for further discussion.

**Maintenance Program – Grinder Pumps on Private Property**

**13. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by L. Compton**

THAT authorization be hereby given for the City of Kenora to provide the option to home-owners of a "fee for service" for maintenance of grinder pumps on private property.

**MOTION TABLED**

**Receipt of Petition – 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Snowmobile Corridor**

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

THAT the Petition dated November 30, 2005, regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North snowmobile corridor be hereby received.

**Surplus Land – Dufresne Island**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora declares a portion of the lane property described on Plan M.133 and abutting Lot 19 of Plan M133 as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, arrangements be made to advertise the sale of the subject lands for a three-week period; and



THAT once the advertising process has been completed, Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of land to Tanya and Lorne Knopf, as a lot addition of 30 feet by 100 feet, at the appraised value as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus all associated costs; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, arrangements be made to advertise the sale of the subject lands for a three-week period.

**Delivery of Tourism Services**

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

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby take the following steps with respect to the delivery of tourism services within the City of Kenora: -

1. The City of Kenora assume responsibility for the delivery of tourism services effective April 01, 2006;
2. LOWBIC be advised that the service agreement will not be renewed for 2006;
3. City Administration be directed to develop a budget and staffing model for the delivery of tourism services as component of the current economic development program.

**LOWBIC – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Payments**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora accepts the 2005, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reports as submitted by LOWBIC in January 2006; and further;

THAT the Finance Department be authorized to forward the third and fourth quarter payment for 2005 to LOWBIC.

**Establishment of Economic Development Committee**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora approves the amended Terms of Reference for the new City of Kenora Economic Development Committee; and further

THAT three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

**Quotation – Harbourfront Sewage Lift Station**

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

THAT the quotation received from BOMA Environmental & Safety Inc., to conduct air quality/ventilation tests and obtain environmental approval for the Harbourfront sewage lift station at a cost of \$8,060.00, excluding GST, be hereby accepted.

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

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

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

**#18-2006** – to confirm Standing Committee proceedings;

**#19-2006** - to establish Terms of Reference for a City of Kenora Economic Development Committee;



**#20-2006** – to amend Schedule “B” to By-law Number 100-2003 being a By-law to Establish a General Tariff of Fees & Charges for the City of Kenora.

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

**21. 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: -

**#18-2006** – to confirm Standing Committee proceedings;

**#19-2006** - to establish Terms of Reference for a City of Kenora Economic Development Committee;

**#20-2006** – to amend Schedule “B” to By-law Number 100-2003 being a By-law to Establish a General Tariff of Fees & Charges for the City of Kenora.

**Adjournment**

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

**THAT** this meeting be now declared closed at 6:12 p.m.

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

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

**.....2006**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**