



Minutes

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, January 30, 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 C. Wasacase, Bill Preisenzanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.

REGRETS: Councillor Szajewski

**Call to Order**

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

**Confirmation of Minutes**

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

THAT the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora held **Monday, January 16, 2006** be confirmed as written and circulated.

**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:**

**Dr. R. Ramchandrar**

Dr. Ramchandrar gave a brief history of the Kenora Medical Centre facility dating back some 20 years ago, and explained that a Non-Profit Board will be taking over the ownership of the new Kenora Health Care Centre, effective tomorrow. It is expected this move will be a way to attract new physicians to our community.

**Mike Aiken**

Mr. Aiken attended with Reverend Rod Lamb and Doris Horne of the Fellowship Centre, to advise Council of their concern regarding the many displaced residents in the community as a result of the recent Adams Block fire. He indicated the Adams Block may not be ready for tenants to move back into for at least ten months to a year, and questioned if the City is prepared to assist the homeless? Those residents can only remain at the Fellowship Centre for the next 10 weeks and they are concerned as to where they will live and what will happen to them. Mr. Aiken advised they have made contact with various community groups, Federal and Provincial Agencies, the Kenora District Services Board, Ministerial groups, and now City Council to ask for assistance regarding this distressing situation.

**Dr. B. Pedersen**

Dr. Pedersen explained the process taking place with the Kenora Medical Clinic and the transfer of ownership to a Non-profit group with the assistance of a loan from the City to do so. Dr. Pedersen described that the new clinic



will be a modernized and more efficient facility, as in the past this is partly why they have been unsuccessful in attracting new doctors. He explained the newer facility will essentially provide a guaranteed place for physicians to come and practice medicine. In closing he explained that eventually the clinic will be a Family Health Network which is more attractive to young physicians, with a view to working towards a Family Health Team that will include a broader group of professionals to service to our community.

**Appointment to Kenora Children’s Coalition**

**2. Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan**

THAT Councillor T. Szajewski be hereby appointed to the Kenora Children’s Coalition Initiative as a Council’s Representative, with a term to expire November 30, 2006.

*Councillor Wasacase requested Motion #2 be amended:-*

**Motion to Amend**

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

THAT Motion #2 on tonight’s agenda be hereby amended by appointing Councillor McMillan to the Kenora Children’s Coalition Initiative as the City’s representative, in place of Councillor Szajewski.

**Motion #2 as Amended**

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

THAT Councillor R. McMillan be hereby appointed to the Kenora Children’s Coalition Initiative as a Council’s Representative, with a term to expire November 30, 2006.

**Appointment to Planning Advisory Committee**

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

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby appoints Joyce Chevrier to the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Randy Hanstead; and

THAT this confirms the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee be now comprised of the following Members to November 30, 2006:

- Art Mior
- Terry Tresoor
- James Tkachyk
- Pat Pearson
- Wayne Gauld
- Jim Day
- Joyce Chevrier
- Jeff Port and Tara Rickaby (staff); and further

THAT Resolution Number 27 dated December 1, 2003 is hereby rescinded.

**Approval of Accounts**

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

THAT the Reports dated **January 17, 18, 25, and 26, 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 **\$1,494,938.36** be hereby authorized for approval.



**McDougald Legal Fees**

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

WHEREAS Council adopted Resolution #9 on October 24, 2005 regarding former Councillor Don McDougald's request for reimbursement of legal fees; and

WHEREAS some question has arisen between the municipal by-laws authorizing reimbursement of legal costs to Council members and Section 14 of the Conflict of Interest legislation;

THEREFORE Be it Resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby requests its Solicitor to bring forward an application to the Superior Court of Ontario for advice and direction regarding the application of Section 14 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act to the City's Legal Indemnification By-law #4-2005, specific to former Councillor McDougald's request for reimbursement of legal costs.

**Community Medical Clinic - Loan**

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

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby gives three readings to a by-law to authorize a loan to establish a Community Medical Clinic for purposes of purchasing, renovating and managing the property known as 45 Wolsley Street, Kenora; and further

THAT Councillor Compton, Councillor McMillan, and Councillor Szajewski be hereby appointed to the Board of Directors to the Kenora Health Care Centre.

**Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)**

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

WHEREAS Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are newly created organizations controlled by the provincial government that cover vast areas which override municipal and provincial boundaries; and

WHEREAS LHINs create another layer between the provincial government and the people; and

WHEREAS the provincial government plans to hand over billions of dollars of funding and tremendous authority to LHINs; and

WHEREAS the government wants LHINs to transform and restructure health care and certain social services; and

WHEREAS this will include the centralization of health care and social services, and

WHEREAS the control of local health care and social service organizations may be threatened; and

WHEREAS there are serious concerns that LHINs will cutback local health care and social services; and

WHEREAS small, rural, and northern communities are particularly threatened; and

WHEREAS a purchaser-provider split between LHINs and health care providers allows health care services to be contracted-out to the private sector; and



WHEREAS a purchaser-provider competitive bidding model in home care has increased health care privatization and caused serious problems for those providing and receiving home care services in Ontario; and

WHEREAS privatization raises serious concerns about maintaining decent health care jobs in our community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby calls on the provincial government to establish full, across province public hearings on any new legislation related to the LHINs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council calls upon the provincial government to immediately release its full plans for health care reform and not wait until after the next election.

***Councillor McMillan requested the Rules of Order be Suspended to introduce the following items:-***

**Annual Provincial Grants – Public Libraries**

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

WHEREAS public libraries in Ontario receive an annual grant from the Province of Ontario to support resource-sharing between libraries and the direct delivery of public library service; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora recognizes that the public library is the best place in the community to access information in a variety of formats, with the support and expertise of trained staff, and supports the public library in its endeavours to manage and share information and build community capacity in the knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora believes in the importance of the flow of information and collaboration across borders and among municipalities, and supports partnerships between public libraries to achieve a strong public library service to all communities; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora and its citizens share the Province of Ontario's understanding about the importance to the future of the province of a healthy, educated and motivated work force, and the key role of public libraries in delivering this mandate; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is increasingly regarding libraries as public access points for e-government services, and as distribution points for information relating to legislation and government programs and services; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora is vitally interested in its citizens having the widest possible access to the growing number of government programs and services to further community aspirations, improve public safety and ensure equitable access to literacy and the life-long learning opportunities that are central to a growing, vibrant community, and which are the cornerstone of a literate and democratic society; and

WHEREAS between 1992 and 1999 the Provincial grant for Kenora Public Library declined 36% from \$200,000 to the current \$127,888, with similar reductions in funding for all public libraries across the Province; and

WHEREAS the Provincial base funding to all public libraries in the Province of Ontario has not increased since 1999 in spite of significant increases in growth, population and operating costs; and



WHEREAS the annual Provincial grant for libraries is based on 1997 statistics from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the number of households in a community, calculated using the 1998 rate of \$4.08 per household;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1) That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kenora understands the value and significance of the public library, and its role in creating a dynamic, connected community, and calls on the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Culture to:

a) Review the impact of public libraries across Ontario as a vital resource that works across sectors to meet the demands of the new knowledge-based economy, and supports the future growth and prosperity of Ontario; and

b) Provide increased provincial funding for public Libraries, and base the Provincial library grant on an updated and sustainable indexing model;

2) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Culture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Public Library Association, the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and the Honourable Howard Hampton, M.P.P., requesting support for this resolution.

### **Kenora Forest Products**

**7B Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Compton**

Whereas the City of Kenora has experienced a devastating year in the forest industry in 2005; and

Whereas Kenora Forest Products has plans for an expansion of their operation which will keep them competitive in today's markets and provide employment for many laid off mill workers; and

Whereas Kenora Forest Products needs to utilize the Abitibi wood limits in order to make this a reality, therefore using the wood basket locally to provide local jobs;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Kenora request the Minister of Natural Resources turn the Abitibi wood allocation over to Kenora Forest Products so this expansion can move forward immediately and provide a good news story for the people of Kenora.

***Councillor Parkes requested Motion #7B is amended:-***

### **Motion to Amend**

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

THAT Motion 7B) be amended to include forwarding the resolution to the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) for support and endorsement.

### **Motion #8 as amended**

**7Bi Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Compton, and Carried:-**

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Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) for support and endorsement.

**Harbourfront Parking Lot Agreement**

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

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law, approving the revised contract agreement between the City of Kenora and Ann Matiwski (the Contractor) to operate and supervise the Harbourfront Parking Lot for the period of one (1) year commencing on January 01, 2006, and further

THAT the Contractor be paid an annual fee in the amount of \$33,950.00 payable on a bi-weekly basis.

**Cemetery Survey Report**

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

THAT Council hereby receives the 2006 Cemetery Survey Report evaluating the current services and future delivery of services to the Community by the Lake of the Woods Cemetery.

**1,000 Officers Partnership Program**

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

THAT as recommended by the Emergency Services Committee, Council of the City of Kenora hereby gives three readings to a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to provide funding for one additional OPP officer under the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program; and further

THAT Council supports the same program for the Kenora Police Service for funding of two additional police officers.

**Tender – Hiring Non-owned Equipment & Trucks**

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

THAT the attached ranking lists be accepted and adopted for purposes of hiring non-owned equipment and trucks for the City of Kenora during the period January 1 to December 31, 2006.

**Tender – Downtown Revitalization Contract**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes the entering into of a contract with KGS Group with respect to the provision of professional landscape architectural and engineering consulting services for the Downtown Revitalization Project; and further





THOSE three readings are given to a by-law for this purpose in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in said contract.

**Process to Amend Zoning By-law**

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

THAT the Planning Department be directed to propose an amendment to Zoning By-law No. 160-2004 to amend Section 5.1.1 Accessory buildings, uses or structures;

(4) From

*"Built closer to the street than the main building is to the street"*

To

*"Built closer to the street than the main building is to the street, except in the case of a property in the RU – Rural or RR-Rural Residential Zone"*

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

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

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

**#13-2006** – to confirm Standing Committee proceedings;

**#14-2006** - to authorize a loan to establish a Community Medical Clinic;

**#15-2006** – to authorize the execution of a contract agreement between the City of Kenora and Ann Matiowski;

**#16-2006** – to authorize the execution of a contract between the Cities of Kenora and KGS Group;

**#17-2006** – to execute an agreement between the City of Kenora and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program.

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

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

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

**#13-2006** – to confirm Standing Committee proceedings;

**#14-2006** - to authorize a loan to establish a Community Medical Clinic;

**#15-2006** – to authorize the execution of a contract agreement between the City of Kenora and Ann Matiowski;

**#16-2006** – to authorize the execution of a contract between the City of Kenora and KGS Group;

**#17-2006** – to execute an agreement between the City of Kenora and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program.

**Adjournment**

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

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:45 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**