

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Held Wednesday, January 11, 2006
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:	Councillor Wasacase	- Chair
	Councillor Compton	- Vice Chair
	Councillor McMillan	- Member
	Art Mior	- Member
	Jeff Port	- Planner
	Tara Rickaby	- Asst. Planner
	Jennifer Rasmussen	- EDO
	Ian Sgambelluri	- LOWBIC
	Carol Davis	- LOWBIC
	Buck Matowski	- LOWBIC

ACTION

Regrets: Ingrid Parkes, Bill Preisentanz, Rick Perchuk

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, January 16 Meeting:-

A By-law to assume a road as a highway for municipal purposes and to name Parts 1-7, inclusive, on Plan 23R-10935 “TJ Way”.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 1 December 2005

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA

E. DEPUTATION

1. LOWBIC - 3rd and 4th Quarter Report

Ian Sgambelluri introduced himself and indicated that the 2005 financial statements are complete to November 30th. He will distribute them to Bill Preisentanz. The complete financial statements should be complete within the next week.

The LOWBIC Service Agreement will be discussed with Bill Preisentanz.

Carol Davis presented a consolidated annual activity report respecting Tourism and Marketing. The number of visitors was down in 2005, however in climate weather in May and June and accessibility to the

Tourist Centre due to a maintenance project are both factors for consideration.

Ms. Davis addressed this Committee's request for a recommendation with respect to the overnight parking ban, specifically at Walmart. Her research indicates that any evidence to indicate that the Kenora area is suffering as a result of the ban is anecdotal and she has not been able to find empirical evidence to support a drop in tourism in any locality. She has worked with Jeff Port and the recommendation is to maintain the status quo. The Kenora Hospitality Association has no issues.

Carol

Carol will be investigating several opportunities which may exist to include information on the Kenora area in publications which are either at no charge or minimal charge. There are several excellent publications which would be beneficial but the cost of submission is very high.

Buck Matiowski presented his annual report on Special Events and Attractions and all the associated program delivery. Highlights include the year-round operation of the Thistle Pavilion for various uses, the Bottle Project, Street Brigade and Green Team. These programs reduce pressure on the City for service delivery while fostering relationships with the "marginally disadvantaged". Two awards have been presented to the programs; "The Outstanding Aboriginal Achievement Award, 2005" and the "Communities in Bloom Award for Community Involvement".

2006 will see an emphasis on planning for the centennial celebration of the Kenora Thistles Stanley Cup victory.

Chairman Wasacase thanked all three for attending.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Jeff/Bill

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

Recommendation to be discussed with CAO.

Tara

2. Service Agreement with Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls

The Planning Department has suggested a 5% rate increase for 2006; from \$70 per hour to \$73.50. The agreement and 2005 invoicing is to be distributed.

Tara/Joanne

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Kenora enters into a service agreement for the provision of planning, engineering and building advisory services, for the year 2006, and;

Further that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into said agreement with the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls.

THAT By-law No. 23-2005 be repealed; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Kenora are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement between the City of Kenora and the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls in accordance with the

terms and conditions therein and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Recommendation to Council.

3. Economic Development – Monthly Report

Jennifer Rasmussen reviewed the report which was previously distributed. She highlighted the Northern Star Action Centre, which has enjoyed success so far, and is fully funded by the Federal and Provincial governments. Additionally, work is progressing in terms of physician recruitment. Councillor Compton questioned Ms. Rasmussen’s role in liaising with Abitibi Consolidated. The issue will be discussed by the Executive Committee.

Councillor Compton asked about new contacts or opportunities which may be forthcoming. Ms. Rasmussen explained that while there has been no external marketing completed to date, target markets for specific businesses and industries will be identified through the “Office by the Lake” campaign.

Chairman Wasacase thanked Jennifer for her report and noted that people he has spoken to are enthusiastic about her work so far.

4. Planning Reforms and the Role of Council

Jeff Port indicated two key points to the proposed reforms: 1) The Province wishes to change the jurisdiction of the OMB with respect to decisions on boundary adjustments and growth proposals (this aspect is more particular to the southern regions of Ontario); and 2) Consideration is being given to the abolition of appeals of decisions on minor variance applications.

Both Art Mior, as Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, and the City Planner believe that there should always be an appeal mechanism in place.

5. Transfer of Road from Hydro One and Weyerhaeuser to City

Jeff Port indicated that Council passed a resolution in 2003, indicating that a by-law to formally accept and assume the road would be brought forward after certain conditions were met. The conditions have now all been met and the recommendation is to accept transfer of the lands, assume and name the road.

That the City of Kenora accepts the transfer of the lands, names the road and assumes it for municipal/public purposes.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Kenora deems it expedient and necessary to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the acquisition of certain lands.

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Kenora has reached an Agreement with HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. to purchase certain lands for Municipal purposes.

AND WHEREAS HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. has agreed to sell and transfer to The Corporation of the City of Kenora the property described as Parts 1, 2 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Plan 23R-10935, Township of Jaffray now the City of Kenora, District of Kenora.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:-

1. **THAT** The Corporation of the City of Kenora shall enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and shall purchase from HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. the property described as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Plan 23R-10935, situate in the Township of Jaffray, now the City of Kenora, District of Kenora.
2. **THAT** WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY LIMITED has undertaken and agreed to pay all related costs including , the purchase price of \$16,460.64 plus GST, appraisal fees, advertising fees (if any), legal fees, survey fees (if required), and any other disbursements related to the transfer of the above-noted property.
3. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to complete this transaction.
4. **THAT** this By-Law shall come into force and be in effect from and after the final passing thereof.

And

1. **THAT** The Corporation of the City of Kenora shall purchase from WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY LIMITED the property described as Part 7 on Plan 23R-10935, situate in the Township of Jaffray, now the City of Kenora, District of Kenora.
2. **THAT** WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY LIMITED has undertaken and agreed to pay all related costs including , the purchase price of \$514.40 plus GST, appraisal fees, advertising fees (if any), legal fees, survey fees (if required), and any other disbursements related to the transfer of the above-noted property.
3. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to complete this transaction.
4. **THAT** this By-Law shall come into force and be in effect from and after the final passing thereof.

And

WHEREAS that The Corporation of the City of Kenora wishes to establish certain lands within the City of Kenora as a public highway;

WHEREAS Subsection 31 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O., 2001, provides that a Council of a local municipality may, by by-law, establish a highway; and

WHEREAS after January 1, 2003, land may only become a

highway by virtue of a by-law passed under The Municipal Act, R.S.O., 2001 subsection (1); and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Kenora has acquired the property described as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Plan 23R-10935, Township of Jaffray, now the City of Kenora, District of Kenora from Hydro One Networks Inc. and Weyerhaeuser Company Limited for Municipal purposes and more particularly for a highway.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:-

1. **THAT** The Corporation of the City of Kenora shall use the following acquired lands described as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Plan 23R-10935, Township of Jaffray, now the City of Kenora, District of Kenora as a highway for public\municipal purposes.
2. **THAT** the highway is hereby named TJ Way.
3. **THAT** this By-Law shall come into force and be in effect from and after the final passing thereof.

Recommendation to Council.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

**Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Len Compton
and Carried:-**

**THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 11:33 a.m.; and
further
THAT Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the
following:**

- **Disposition of Land.**

Motion to adjourn closed meeting

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

Action from closed meeting:

9. Application to Purchase Municipal Property – Southview Motel

THAT the City of Kenora Council of the City of Kenora declares surplus the property described to be described as (legal description will be inserted here), abutting property described as Lots 7, 8 and Part of 9, Plan 18, Block 24 and;

THAT all property owners abutting the described lands, to the south and west, be offered the opportunity to purchase a portion of the lands; 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 further;

THAT once the advertising process has been completed, Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of land to the prospective purchasers as a lot addition (consolidation), at the market value, as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus survey

**Tara/Joanne/Municipal
Solicitor**

Tara/ Joanne

and all other associated costs.

Recommendation approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Tara/Joanne