



CITY OF KENORA
PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 22, 2005

City Hall Council Chambers commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Wasacase, Compton and McMillan, Jeff Port, Tara Rickaby, Ian Sgambelluri, Bill Preisentanz
Regrets: Art Mior, Jennifer Rasmussen

Councillor Wasacase opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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 meeting on February 27, 2006:

- **A By-law to amend Section 5.1.1(4) of Zoning By-law No. 160-2004** by exempting the RR – Rural Residential and R – Rural Zones from this provision of the Zoning By-law.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 8 February, 2006

Moved by: Len Compton Seconded by: Rory McMillan

THAT the minutes of the Property and Planning Committee meeting of February 8, 2006 be adopted as presented.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

E. DEPUTATION – Chuck and Maryann King – Mr. King spoke from a prepared statement to express his extreme dissatisfaction with respect to the handling of a building project and home occupation on his property. He explained the situation from his point of view. Councillor Wasacase thanked Mr. King for his presentation and the Kings left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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<p>1.</p>	<p>Resolution re. Exemption of all energy projects from requirements of the Planning Act The Planning Department and the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee have researched and discussed the proposal to remove local planning authorities from the process by which energy projects are given approval. Both the Planning Department and the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee recommend that the City of Kenora should be able to have a direct role to play in the development of every project. The Official Plan and Zoning By-law are the planning tools which provide local authority and public consultation in this process. The following recommendation was made by the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee at the regular meeting on February 21, 2006:</p>	
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Moved by: Joyce Chevrier Seconded by: Wayne Gauld

THAT the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee recommends that the Council of the City of Kenora supports the position of the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Grey Highlands to ensure that local control, through planning documents, be continued with respect to all energy projects.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the City of Kenora considers the establishment of new renewable and non-renewable energy projects to have significant local land use and planning implications;
AND WHEREAS section 23 of Bill 51 proposes to exempt all energy projects in Ontario from the requirements of the Planning Act if they are an undertaking or class of undertakings within the meaning of the Environmental Assessment Act;
AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Council that the Environmental Assessment Act and the associated proponent driven screening process does not adequately address matters of municipal interest;
AND WHEREAS sections 17 (Official Plans), 24 (Zoning By-laws) and 41 (Site Plan Control) of the Planning Act provide municipalities with the necessary authority to establish policy and regulations for new energy projects;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Kenora does not support the position of Bill 51 and its concern be submitted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/026868ea.htm>.

2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jeff Port explained that Ms. Rasmussen was involved in meetings with FedNor and various local forest industry companies today.

He reported that one of the employees of the Northern Star Action Centre has been offered a full time position with a local company and therefore a replacement will be sought.

A workshop, previously scheduled for this coming weekend, with Treaty 3 and other partners has been rescheduled. Abitibi Consolidated also plans on attending.

Terms of reference for branding and theming have been sent to possible bidders in the marketing business for creative ideas which will then be brought forward to the public for consideration. Once this is accomplished, the “preferred” brand/theme will be chosen and once again brought to the public for consideration. Councillor Compton encouraged opportunities for broad public input.

Winter tourism is a key component of the economic development plan which will be developed by the new Economic Development Committee.

3. Economic Development Committee – Appointments to Committee

Jeff Port indicated that he and the EDO have met with Dennis Wallace and recommend the following. The Committee discussed membership and absenteeism from the current committee.

Bill Preisentanz reminded the Committee that the reporting relationship for the EDO was based on a six month review period. He stated that he will bring forward a recommendation for the permanent reporting relationship.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora re-appoint the Councillors and current Chair of the Executive Steering Committee to sit on the City of Kenora Economic Development Committee for the remainder of the term of the current Council; and

THAT the City of Kenora advertise for two (2) representatives from business and industry to sit on the City of Kenora Economic Development Committee in accordance with the terms of reference.

4. LOWBIC Report

Ian Sgambelluri indicated that the LOWBIC Board has been polled for a decision on a request to extend the deadline for LOWBIC to divest itself of “Special Events” for approximately two months. The Board members seem open to the idea, but the official decision will be made at the next board meeting. Ian stated that the Board acknowledges the importance of a good working relationship with the City.

Ian asked for an update on the transfer of Tourism Services to the City. Bill Preisentanz stated that the City would like as seamless a transition as possible, but that a report and recommendation will be going forward to Council. Jeff Port explained that he has met with staff to be briefed on the plan for 2006 and that he feels it is satisfactory with some minor modifications.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

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

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:45 a.m.; and further

THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

- Disposition of land.

Adjourn from closed meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Action from Closed Meeting:

Sale of Municipal Property – Portion of Eighth Street road allowance

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora declares a portion of the lane property described on Plan M.18 and abutting Block 24, Lot 1 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 further

THAT once the advertising process has been completed, Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of land to Dean Moss, as a lot additions of 10 feet by approximately 72 feet, at the appraised value as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus all associated costs;

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.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.