



CITY OF KENORA
PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2005

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

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

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

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003 -

None

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 22 February, 2006

Moved by: Rory McMillan **Seconded by:** Ian Sgambelluri

THAT the minutes of the Property and Planning Committee meeting of February 22, 2006 be adopted as presented.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Deletion of #4 Tourism Services Officer Position as it was dealt with at Finance & Administration Committee, March 7, 2006. Moved item 4 to closed meeting.

E. DEPUTATION – None

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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1. Heritage Committee – New member

In order to fill a vacancy, the Heritage Committee determined the best approach would be to have Council appoint one of the applicants that had originally expressed interest in committee membership. At the February 27th meeting of the Heritage Committee, a resolution was passed that Murray McDonald be appointed by the City as a representative to fill the vacancy left by Shalene Rawluck.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council accepts the nomination by the Heritage Committee that Murray Donald be named as a the Community-at-large member to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Shalene Rawluck.

2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jennifer presented the following highlights of her report: **Common Ground Workshop** Workshop will be held on March 9/10 at the Super 8. An orientation session and tour will be held on March 8 at 4:30 p.m. to allow workshop participants to become more familiar with the lands. Participants will include City of Kenora Mayor, Council, staff and volunteers; Representatives of Dalles, Rat Portage and Washagamis Bay Bands, the three First Nations who originally formed the Rat Portage Band and representatives of Grand Council Treaty #3. Abitibi will have two representatives participating in the workshop. The workshop is expected to develop a vision and work plan for implementation of the vision of the lands. **At the Crossroads:** Forum #2 will be held during the week of April 24. Rick Beaton from Enterprise Cape Breton has been invited as a

panel speaker. Mr. Beaton is one of the country's best economic development practitioners – *Jennifer will try and re-schedule the forum.* **Economic Development Committee:** 1. The Economic Development Committee will meet March 17 to discuss the development of an Economic Development Plan including the following elements: a. Investment Prospecting Strategy b. First Nations Partnership Development c. Tourism and Winter Tourism Strategies d. Adaptive Re-use and Marketing of the Abitibi site. The Committee will develop a workplan which will become Jennifer's mandate. **Branding:** The Branding project proposals are due March 10. The Branding project committee will review proposals on March 15. Several firms, including locals have indicated an interest in the project to date. **Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership Forum** Kenora will be the host site for a regional Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership Forum on Wednesday, April 5 2006. Keynote speaker will be former Winnipeg Mayor Glenn Murray. He will speak about creating culturally dynamic urban centres. He will discuss the importance of maintaining the 3 P's of municipal government (pipes, potholes and police), and talk about the essential need for municipalities to also make room in their planning and budgeting for advancing the arts, culture, and heritage aspects of a community. Afternoon workshops will include Downtown Revitalization and Cultural Tourism.

3. LOWBIC – Special Events Program Extension

Bill Preisenz commented on LOWBIC's agreement to the contract extending the special events program and thanked Ian for bringing the issue forward to the LOWBIC Board. He commented on the importance of the program, citing the recent Snow X event as an example.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorize funding to LOWBIC for Special Events and Community Social Service programs as outlined in 2005 budget based on actual costs incurred for those program costs to May 31, 2006.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by Rory McMillan Seconded by Dave Canfield 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.

Moved by: David Canfield Seconded by: Rory McMillan

THAT the Committee adjourn from the closed meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Action from Closed Meeting:

Sale of Municipal Property – Portion of Road Allowance, Dufresne Island

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora declares an additional 20 foot 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 further

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 50 feet by 100 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.

7. Report re. Chuck and Marianne King

Bill Preisenz reported on a recent meeting between the King's and the Chief Building Official and himself. The Building Department will be writing a letter to the Kings explaining what is required, under the Building Code Act, for a partition wall. The Kings will also be given, once again, the requirements to bring their property into compliance.

8. 17 Birchwood – Gym

The Committee discussed the ongoing problem. The Planning Department is to write a letter explaining that legal action will be taken and discussing the matter with the Municipal Solicitor and police.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.