

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S**

**Held Wednesday, July 12, 2006
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:	Councillor Ted Szajewski	Chair
	Councillor McMillan	Council
	Art Mior	Member
	David Canfield	Mayor (10:25 a.m.)
	Bill Preisentanz	CAO
	Jeff Port	City Planner
	Tara Rickaby	Planning Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Parkes, Jennifer Rasmussen, Councillor Wasacase, Councillor Compton

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 July 17, 2006:

A by-law to amend the terms of reference for the Harbourtown Centre Committee.

B. DEPUTATION – None

C. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

D. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 21 June May, 2006

Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Art Mior

THAT the minutes of the June 21, 2006 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Item 5. Accept transfer of property into Lakeview Drive allowance

1. Economic Development Officer Report

Jeff Port gave regrets on behalf of Jennifer Rasmussen, and reported on the status of the Kenora Paper Mill Task Force, the development of a prospectus for the mill property and Tunnel Island.

He updated the Committee with respect to the expansion of the Kenora Forest Products operation. The company's investment into the project is in the range of \$50 million and it is projected to create between 40 and 60 new jobs.

Mr. Port reported on activities relating to Downtown Revitalization and the Fellowship Committee on Homelessness, indicating that there is a public forum in the planning stages for one of August 22, 23 or 24th. CMCH and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will also be involved. Jeff will review the national data base, for similar projects, to determine whether or not there is one in Winnipeg, from which the City of Kenora could draw information.

There was an open house held dealing with the proposed Rabbit Lake Trails. After hearing the concerns of the area residents, the Committee will modify its scope of work. It is anticipated that work will begin later this summer.

The Economic Development Committee will meet tomorrow to complete work on a final draft of the Economic Development Plan. The plan should be ready for presentation to Council by the end of August.

The "Winnipeg Free Press" article in the July 18, 2006 issue promoted Kenora as a destination and provided excellent coverage.

ACTION

Jeff

HOLD

2. Harbourtown Centre Committee - Amendment of Terms of Reference

Jeff Port explained that the Harbourtown Centre Committee reviews its goals, objectives and mandate from time to time. As a result, there have been two changes recommended to the terms of reference of the Committee: i) Membership: Change from LOWBIC Special Events Coordinator to Special Events Coordinator for the City of Kenora; ii) Add "Homelessness, Vagrancy and Vandalism" to "Role of the Committee".

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby approves the attached terms of reference for the Harbourtown Centre Committee.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

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3. Rogers Wireless – Proposed Telecom Tower

Rogers Wireless has made an application to the City of Kenora for the construction of a new telecommunications tower. The proposed location of the tower is southeast of the existing CBC tower, between Casey's Restaurant and the CPR mainline.

The City of Kenora has a policy for the installation of new telecommunications towers that was approved by Council on October 14, 2003. The policy sets out the technical information requirements and public consultation process for the proponent.

The City of Kenora has received a report from Rogers Wireless entitled "Request for Municipal Concurrence for Installation of a Guy Wire Supported Communications Tower". The report was prepared by Standard Land Company Inc., of Calgary Alberta.

The proponent is also required to conduct a public meeting on the proposed tower installation. The prescribed notice procedure, meeting format and recording requirements are set out in the City's policy.

Once the public meeting is completed, and a record of the meeting is forwarded to the City of Kenora, the application and supporting materials will be reviewed, and a recommendation to support, or refuse, the issuance of a license will be made to Industry Canada.

Hold for results of public meeting

4. "A New Deal for Planning in Northern Ontario" – Submission to MMA

Jeff Port referred to the document, previously circulated and explained that it is a submission, drafted by the Planning staff of North Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, and Kenora, on behalf of all northern municipalities and planning boards.

The submission addresses the discrepancy between planning legislation, which was passed in order to mitigate over-development, by controlling development in the "golden triangle" area, and ignores the requirement for policies to stimulate growth in northern and Northwestern Ontario.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby supports the following resolution, and respectfully requests that "Northwestern Ontario" be added after each reference to "Northern Ontario".

"WHEREAS Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario communities experience a different social and economic circumstance than other regions of the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the current program of planning policy and legislation adopted by the Province does not appear to recognize our circumstance and economic or growth issues; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario communities are under extreme challenges and dire forecasts regarding employment and growth for the future; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario communities desire

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to work within a positive and supportive planning policy and legislative system in effect in the Province of Ontario; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby petitions the Government of Ontario (and the Minister of Municipal Affairs) to support Northern Ontario communities in preparing a package of policy and legislation in support of a “New Deal for Planning in Northern Ontario”.

FURTHER, that the Government and the Minister commence a series of consultations with representatives from Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario communities to implement this request, using the “New Deal for Planning in Northern Ontario (June 2006)” document as a starting point for discussions.

FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministers of Northern Development & Mines, Transportation, Natural Resources, Public Infrastructure Renewal and Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario MPPs.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

5. Accept transfer of property into Lakeview Drive allowance

Council adopted By-law No. 171-2005, to enter into a development agreement with Twin Eleven Investors Limited, as part of a condominium project. One of the provisions of the agreement was a transfer of property from the owner to the City for the purposes of construction of a sidewalk along Lakeview Drive, north of the development.

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Solicitor**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Corporation of the City of Kenora assumes as a highway for public/municipal purposes, lands acquired from Twin Eleven Investors Limited, particularly, Part 2 on Plan 23R-11272, PIN 42161-0464 LT , now in the City of Kenora, District of Kenora;
2. THAT the portion of the road forms part of the Lakeview Drive;
3. THAT the purchase price of the said road shall not exceed the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00);
4. THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to complete this transaction.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Jeff Port reminded the Committee of the Northern Development Council workshops being held today, in the Rotary Room, with respect to youth retention in Northern Ontario.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by Rory McMillan , Seconded by Art Mior , and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:50 a.m.; and further THAT Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following: Disposition of Land.

Closed meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Action from closed meeting:

Lease Agreement – Mrs. D’s Chips –

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT** the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby extends the Lease

Agreement with Bob Bell & Sons Ltd. for that portion of Harbourfront green space immediately west of the Patio currently used by their Chip Truck, on the terms and conditions as contained in the said Agreement for the year 2006.

2. **THAT** said agreement shall be in effect to December 31, 2006 at a rent of \$5.00 per square foot, plus applicable taxes, payable at the passing of this by-law.
3. **THAT** Bob Bell & Sons Ltd., provide the City with the required insurance.
4. **THAT** all other terms and agreements contained in said agreement shall continue to be in effect for 2006.
5. **THAT** this by-law shall take effect and come into force upon third and final reading.

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Sale of Road Allowance – Laurenson Lake

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora declares a portion of the road allowance property abutting property described as PLAN M14 PTBLK H DESGN RP;KR847 PART 3 PCL25054 & ROW;OVR PARTS 5 & 6 RP KR613;PART 1 RP KR847, 1313 Rocky Heights Road as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

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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 Jeff and Candace Wetendorf, as a lot addition, 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.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.