

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S
Held Wednesday, June 7, 2006
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:

Councillor McMillan	Chair
Mayor Canfield	Council
Councillor Szajewski	Council
Art Mior	Member
Bill Preisentanz	CAO
Jeff Port	City Planner
Jennifer Rasmussen	EDO

Regrets: Councillors Wasacase, Compton and Parkes, Tara Rickaby

ACTION

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

A by-law to stop up and close the lane or parts thereof described as Parts 1 & 2 on Plan 23R-11263.

A by-law to establish a heritage registry in and for the City of Kenora.

A by-law to stop up and close the lane or parts thereof described as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 5 on Reference Plan 23R-11262.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 17 May, 2006

Moved by: **Seconded by: Rory McMillan**

THAT the minutes of the May 17, 2006 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -

E. DEPUTATION - None

1. By-law to provide that *The Line Fences Act* does not apply to all or a part of the municipality.

2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jennifer Rasmussen presented a report highlighting progress with respect to the **Paper Mill Task Force’s first meeting JUN 6**. The Kenora Paper Mill Task Force is a union-driven initiative modeled on Stephenville, Newfoundland’s efforts to find a buyer for the mill. Union members have invited people from the community to join them in this initiative. And updated the Committee on **developing a prospectus for the mill property which is to** be posted on the portal as well as shared with potential purchasers and developers,

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as well as **Common Land, Common Ground and the Northern Star Action Centre.**

Other reported items were **value added projects**, which are being monitored closely and assistance provided when necessary. These projects are a critical component of our Economic Development Plan, **downtown Revitalization, Vacant Buildings Project, a New Business Project** which is a partnership project with the Northwest Business Centre to provide a welcome gift on behalf of the City when a new business opens or an existing business expands and the posting of a story and photo on our City Portal in the "What's New" area of the Business Section. The Daily Miner & News has agreed to run a story about each business in their business column, the **Heritage Forum, held May 31, 2006** which 24 people attended. A list which was developed will become a guide for the Heritage Committee; work towards the development of complementary business incentive programs for businesses in the community is going forward. A **Small Business Training Series** has been developed in partnership with the Business Development Bank, the Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest Business Centre to create a business breakfast series. The first session, called *Gearing Up for Summer: Creating a Destination Culture in Your Business*, will be held at the Super 8 on JUN 20 from 7:45-10:00 a.m. The next three sessions will be held monthly through the fall from September – November 2006. In addition, further information was provided respecting **Business Attraction:** 1. New Office at the Lake web site is being developed. Check it out at www.officeatthelake.ca 2. We are creating a Business Investment Advisory Committee which will hold their first meeting in JUNE. Committee members will work with the EDO to develop and implement a business/industry attraction strategy based on a direct, targeted approach. The **Health Professionals Recruitment Committee** has announced the successful recruitment of four physicians. We have assisted in the community orientation portion of the recruitment campaign, taking potential physicians around the community and showcasing community assets such as the Recreation Centre. The **Economic Development Committee**

1. June meeting will include a Mining Presentation from Ministry of Northern Development & Mines and 2. Economic Recovery Forum with Rick Beaton from Cape Breton June 2006. With respect to **Communication**, the new *Kenora Stuff* magazine features a welcome message from the EDO. *TbNews* did an interview for a television feature about Kenora. Date TBA.

Information only

3. Stop up and Close Lane - Knopf

Jeff reported that the subject property was declared surplus at a previous Council meeting. A legal survey has now been completed, and the "stop up and close" process portion of the sale will now commence.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give three readings to a by-law to assume, stop up and close, and sell property described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 23R-11263,

to Lorne and Tanya Knopf.

Recommendation approved

**Tara/Joanne
/Mun.
Solicitor**

4. Transfer of property from Neniska to City of Kenora

On January 17, 2006, the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee gave conditional approval for the creation of two new lots on Black Sturgeon Lake. One condition of approval was that a .54 ha portion of property, which fronts lakeshore, which is designated with an "F2" – Northern Pike spawning and nursery, be transferred to the City of Kenora for environmental protection purposes.

The transfer of the property will protect key fishery habitat, and ensure the continued existence of a snowmobile trail which runs through the property during the winter months.

Recommendation:

THAT property described as Parcel 4664 Sec. DKF; Part of Broken Lot 10, Concession 2 of Melick, Part 2 on Plan 23R-4609, excepting thereout and therefrom Parts 1,2,3,4 and 5 on Plan 23R-11246 be transferred to the City of Kenora from Robert and Stacy Neniska and further;

THAT the subject property be designated EP – Environmental Protection

Recommendation approved

**Tara/Joanne
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Solicitor**

5. By-law to establish a heritage registry in and for the City of Kenora

The municipal register is the first step required in the designation process, although because a property is placed on the registry, does not necessarily indicate that it will be designated. It is a planning document which recognizes properties of cultural heritage value in a community, foster civic identity and pride by drawing attention to the heritage and development of a community, promote knowledge and enhance the understanding of a community's cultural heritage, provide easily accessible information about cultural heritage value for land-use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, and the general public. The register can be a central element of a municipal cultural plan that begins with the mapping of local cultural resources and then leverages these resources for economic development and community building.

Recommendation:

THAT Kenora City Council passes a By-law to establish a register of property situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest; and further

THAT the document listing the properties of cultural heritage value or interest shall be maintained and updated, from time to time, upon the recommendation of the City of Kenora Heritage Committee.

Recommendation approved

Joanne/Tara

6. Tourism Report

Jeff reported that the summer students have been hired for the Tourist Information Centres on Highway 17 E and the Thistle Pavilion. Work continues on the Lake of the Woods book as in previous years. Carol Davis will continue to provide monthly reports on Tourism and Visitor Services to this Committee.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by Ted Szajewski , Seconded by Art Mior , and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:55 a.m.; and further

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

Disposition of Land.

No action from in camera items.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.