

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

**Held Tuesday, April 4, 2006
At 2:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:	Councillor Wasacase	Chair
	Councillor Compton	Council
	Councillor Parkes	Council
	Councillor McMillan	Council
	Rick Perchuk	Operations Manager
	Tara Rickaby	Planning Assistant
	Jennifer Rasmussen	Economic Dev. Officer
	Bill Preisenzanz	C.A.O.
	Jeff Port	City Planner
	David Canfield	(3 PM)
	Ted Szajewski	(3 PM)

ACTION

Regrets: Art Mior

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 April 10, 2006

A By-law to provide that the Line Fences Act does not apply to all or any part of the municipality

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 22 March, 2006
Moved by: Len Compton Seconded by: Rory McMillan
THAT the minutes of the 22March 2006 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - Report on training opportunity by Planning Assistant

E. DEPUTATION - None

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

The *Line Fences Act, R.S.O. 1990*, requires in Section 2 that “the council of every local municipality shall by by-law appoint such number of fence viewers as are required to carry out the provisions of this Act...”.

This Act was implemented as a method of deciding who builds what fence, where, and how the cost of such fence is divided. A civil matter. The former Town of Jaffray Melick did appoint fence viewers, however the By-law expired on December 31, 2005, with the five year sunset clause issued by Minister’s Order at the time of amalgamation. The process is onerous and one which could

HOLD

Tara

end with costs being affixed to the property tax roll, collectible in a like manner as taxes, or with one owner suing the other in Small Claims Court.

On January 28, 2002, Council passed the Fence By-law, being a by-law to regulate the erection and maintenance of fences in the City.

To date, the City of Kenora has not received a petition for a fence viewing.

Section 98 of the Municipal Act permits that "A local municipality may provide that the *Line Fences Act* does not apply to all or any part of the municipality. 2001, c. 25,

The Planning Department and Building Department are working together to recommend revisions to the current fence by-law.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council adopts a By-law to provide that *The Line Fences Act* does not apply to all or any part of the City of Kenora t

Recommendation on hold pending further research

2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jennifer Rasmussen provided highlights of her report, including statistics relating to employment of former Abitibi employees, and a reminder of the Municipal Cultural Planning workshops to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 which will include a keynote speech by Glen Murray, formerly the Mayor of Winnipeg.

Information only

3. Economic Development Officer – Reporting Relationship

Councillor McMillan indicated that the economic development committee is an effective resource and that there is a good working relationship between the committee, its Chair, and staff.

Councillor Compton questioned an economic development officer reporting through the Manager of Operations and suggested that six months was not adequate appraisal time and recommended an additional six months.

The Committee concurred and agreed that that time will be concurrent with the review period for the Economic Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby confirm that the reporting relationship for the Economic Development Officer remain with the Operations Department; and further

That the Economic Development Committee communicate to Council through the Property & Planning Standing Committee.

Approved with revision to add six month review period

4. Training – Ministry of Municipal Affairs Training: Thunder Bay

Tara Rickaby presented highlights of training in Thunder Bay including brownfield developments and community improvement plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora recognizes the need for information updating and training of staff and that annual budgets be reflected as such by including this training opportunity in the annual budget.

Bill P.

**Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:
Moved by Rory McMillan, Seconded by Len Compton , and
Carried:-**

**THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 3:36 p.m.; and
further
THAT Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the
following:
Disposition of Land.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.