Emergency Service Committee

27 January 2006 8:30 A.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Meeting called by: **COMMITTEE** Facilitator: Ingrid Parkes

Type of meeting: REGULAR Note taker: Warren F.

Brinkman

Attendees:

Timekeeper:

I. Parkes

Chair

Mayor Canfield

C. Wasacase

L. Compton-regrets

R. McMillan

B. Preisentanz

W. F. Brinkman

Dan Jorgenson

Don Denver

John Tressor

Agenda Item: Action:

Safer Communities-1000 Police Officers Partnership Program: Kenora Police Service's Chief Dan Jorgenson and O.P.P. Staff Sergeant Don Denver presented the Safer Communities Program to the Emergency Service Committee. For details of the two presentations, please contact Chief of Police Dan Jorgenson and Staff Sergeant Don Denver.

Staffing/Recruiting Report: Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman reported that consistent and in line with Council's acceptance of the Staffing Plan for the City of Kenora Fire and Emergency Services, recruiting for vacancies will be completed by 31 January 2006. Recruiting for additional Volunteer Firefighters was also discussed.

Format for Committee Agenda: Consideration/discussion ensued in respect to the Emergency Service Committee of Council receiving regular reports from all emergency services, i.e. Kenora Police Services, Ontario Provincial Police, and Northwest Emergency Medical Services. There was no resolution to this proposal.

911/Options to deliver: The 911 cut over target date with Bell Canada was forecasted for July 2006. Because data processing has experienced delays, a more realistic cutover consideration is in the 4 th quarter of 2006 or in the 1 st quarter of 2007.
The 911 Committee approached the Ontario Provincial Police in North Bay, an existing 911 provider, to give the City of Kenora a costing for this service. Should the OPP CERB Centre in North Bay become the 911 provider for the City of Kenora, the City would have the option of being the sole signatory to such a 911 agreement. Another option would see the other communities involved in this initial 911 cutover, namely the Dalles and Rat Portage First Nations and Kirkup Township, to enter into their own proprietary 911 agreements with the OPP.
A report on 911 costings will be forwarded to the Emergency Service Committee.
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