17 May 2006 **Emergency Service** 8:30 A.M. **Committee CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES** Meeting called by: Type of meeting: COMMITTEE REGULAR Note taker: Warren F. Facilitator: Ingrid Parkes Brinkman Timekeeper: Attendees: I. Parkes Chair C. Wasacase L. Compton R. McMillan B. Preisentanz W. F. Brinkman R. Lunny D. Jorgenson

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Agenda Item: Action:

Additions to Agenda:

- 1. Obashkagadagaang First Nation (Washgamis Bay) Fire Protection Agreement
- 2. Volunteer Firefighter recruiting
- 3. 911 and Keewatin rural addressing
- 4. Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

One In Camera matter

Emergency Service Facility: **Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman reviewed the merits of the Emergency Service Facility.** Partnerships with the Kenora District Service Board and the Kenora Police Service are being explored on an ongoing basis. Committee recommends deferral until partnerships with the above noted agencies have either been confirmed or decisions have been made to otherwise forward this project in another framework.

Obashkagadagaang First Nation (Washagamis Bay) Fire Protection Agreement: **Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman received a request from Meyers Norris Penny the Third Party Manager of Obashkagadagaang First Nation to pursue the possibility of the City providing fire protection to the First Nation Community. Committee recommends that Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman proceed and action this request from Meyers Norris Penny.**

911 and Keewatin Rural Addressing: In reviewing the City of Kenora's forecasted 911 "cutover" with Bell Canada Operations identified the rural areas of the former Town of Keewatin as being without "civic addresses. This may impact the 911 "cutover date". To this end, Emergency Services Manager Warren F. Brinkman will inventory the affected area and provide a report to Council as to deficiencies and costs to implement addressing in rural areas of the former Town of Keewatin.

Volunteer Firefighter Recruiting: The City of Kenora Fire and Emergency Services advertised for Volunteer Firefighters and by closing date on 1 May 2006, 13 prospective candidates applied. The recruiting process focuses on three areas of evaluation, with each area requiring a minimum grade to move on to the next phase of this process. The City of Kenora Fire and Emergency Services hopes to complete these evaluations within one month.

Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs: Emergency Services Manager Warren F. Brinkman was elected for a one year term to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

Next Meeting 21 June 2006, Council Chambers, 0830 hours