

Emergency Service Committee

20 September 2006
8:30 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Meeting called by:
COMMITTEE
Facilitator: Ingrid
Parkes
Timekeeper:

Type of meeting:
REGULAR
Note taker: Warren F.
Brinkman

Attendees:
I. Parkes
Chair
C. Wasacase, regrets
L. Compton
R. McMillan, regrets
B. Presentanz
W. F. Brinkman
S. McDowall

Agenda Item: Action:

Additions to Agenda:

1. Thunder Bay and Region Protective and Emergency Services Training Corporation
2. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Kenora and the Kenora Professional Firefighters Association

Emergency Service Facility: **Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman was tasked with seeking out independent costing options for a new or renovated Emergency Service Facility. Options to include the renovation costs to Station 1 or other similar existing buildings that have the potential to accommodate a Fire Station.**

911 Addressing: **The citizens residing within the City of Kenora and our surrounding neighbours have ready access to a wide range of emergency services. Our first and most vital link to all of these agencies is the City of Kenora's "911 Call Centre". This service is located and operationalized from the Kenora Police Service. The 911 Call Centre is the "backbone" to all of our emergency services. From this Centre, Fire, Police, Ambulance, Lake of the Woods Search and Rescue and other allied emergency services are alerted and dispatched. On 13 May 2002 Council for the City of Kenora approved a letter of intent indicating the City's intention to implement the Bell 911 system. Portions of our present 911 community, although within the 548 exchange falls outside of City boundaries.**

It is the desire and intention of the City of Kenora to pursue options for ways to ensure that the present 911 service is continued for the portions of the 548 exchange that fall outside of the boundaries of the City of Kenora. The affected areas include the unincorporated communities of Kirkup, parts of Haycock, Lemay and Coyle and the First Nation Communities of Dalles and Rat Portage. In as much as it is the City of Kenora's intention to continue to provide 911 Emergency Dispatching Services to these communities that fall outside of the City of Kenora's boundaries, mapping, addressing and signage of the Kirkup, Haycock, Lemay, Coyle and the First Nation Communities of Dalles and Rat Portage will need to be upgraded to meet Bell Canada requirements. It should be noted that the portions of the 548 exchange that fall within the City of Kenora's boundary (the former Jaffray and Melick) presently comply with Bell Canada's enhanced 911 prerequisites. The mapping and addressing in these affected communities has been completed. What remains is the purchase and installation of appropriate signage. The cost associated to signage is approximately \$20,000.00. Accordingly, Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman has been tasked with investigating options to purchase the required signage. Options although not limited to include the City of Kenora purchasing the remainder of the signage with a view to entering into repayment agreements with the communities of Kirkup, Haycock, Lemay, Coyle, Dalles and Rat Portage.

Repair to Aerial 1: Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman reported on the required repairs to Aerial 1. The estimated cost is \$14000.00. Because of the vintage of the Aerial, repairs would take approximately 3 weeks in the City of Winnipeg. It should be noted that the City of Kenora would be without this asset for an extended period of time and as such is exposed to the risks inherent to the City's high rise building stock. Recent discussions with an apparatus supplier reveal that the costs to repair Aerial 1 would likely not be recovered at the time when this apparatus is replaced. Moreover 2007 emission standards are reported to add, depending on engine size, an additional cost of \$6000.00 to \$20000.00 per piece of apparatus. Given that Aerial 1 was due to be replaced on a 25 year replacement plan in year 2003 and further, on a similar replacement plan, Pumper 7 in year 2007, Councillors of the Emergency Service Committee tasked Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman with investigating costs associated to the acquisition of a Pumper and an Aerial that comply with the present emission standards.

Thunder Bay and Region Protective and Emergency Services Training Corporation: Emergency Service Manager Warren F. Brinkman reported on the Thunder Bay and Region Protective and Emergency Services Training Corporation. In part, the intent of the Corporation is to develop a "northern emergency service college". With this proposal the costs associated to training and other related matters will significantly be reduced. Based on the overall plan for this Corporation, Emergency Service Councillors inquired into the viability of the City of Kenora submitting a resolution to the Province of Ontario via a vis NOMA/AMO to fund this "concept" on an equitable and comparable basis to that of the funding allocated to the Ontario Fire College situated in Gravenhurst. Emergency Service Manager recommended that the Emergency Service Committee table this resolution until some form of direction is provided by the Thunder Bay and Region Protective and Emergency Services Training Corporation.

Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Kenora and the Kenora Professional Firefighters Association: Human Resources Manager Sharen McDowall presented the "agreement" and report, both of which were accepted by the Emergency Service Committee. The "agreement" and report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Next Meeting 18 October 2006, Council Chambers, 0830 hours