



**Budget Committee  
MINUTES**

**Held Tuesday, October 30, 2007  
City Council Chambers  
4:30 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor R. McMillan, Chair  
Councillor D. McCann  
Councillor W. Cuthbert  
Councillor C. Drinkwater  
Councillor A. Poirier  
Councillor C. Van Walleghem  
Mayor L. Compton  
B. Preisentanz, CAO  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
B. Reynard, Community Services Manager

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

N/A

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

N/A

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

N/A

**D. DEPUTATIONS**

N/A

**E. REPORTS**

**1. Kenora Public Library**

Wendy Voth and Marge Curtis-Poirier presented the Kenora Public Library Budget on behalf of the Library Board. The Board is requesting \$492,169 from the City for 2008.

Following the presentation, the Library Board provided Council with a copy of their Business Plan for the Provision of Quality Library Service in the City of Kenora. This document forms part of the public record. Marge Curtis-Poirier reviewed the document at a high level for Council's information. It was noted that total donations received to date towards the Keewatin Library Branch has increased since the printing of the business plan to \$14,352.33, before accounting for the recent fundraiser held at the Lakeshore. The Board noted that a portion of these funds is restricted and must be returned if the Keewatin library is not kept open.

In closing, Marge Curtis-Poirier requested that Council get back to the Board as soon as possible with regards to the budget allocation and the decision on the building in Keewatin.

Following this review, Erin Roussin distributed a copy of the Library's 2008 budget to Council for their review.

## **2. Lake of the Woods Museum**

Lori Nelson distributed a copy of the Museum's 2008 budget request and presentation to Council. Maureen Witherspoon made the presentation on behalf of the Lake of the Woods Museum. The request for 2008 is \$182,000. A copy of the presentation is attached and forms part of these minutes.

In response to Council questions, the Museum Board provided some clarification on the balance and purpose of museum reserves, as well as information on what services the museum currently charges for.

Councillor McMillan indicated that the City hopes to have its budget ready for January 2008.

## **3. Kenora Handi Transit**

Bob Fairfield distributed a copy of the draft 2008 Kenora Handi Transit Budget to Council. Margaret Maybank presented on behalf of the Handi Transit Board. The Board reviewed the draft budget sheet with Committee, noting significant impacts to the budget in 2008. The Handi Transit Board is currently facing a projected deficit for 2008 of close to \$30,000 based on anticipated City funding levels. The Board noted that there are a number of areas they are hoping to explore further to assist with their budget, including automotive insurance and vehicle repairs.

Bob Fairfield closed in saying that the Handi Transit Board is holding the line on staff salaries, and asked if there was any way to change the current relationship with the City to help access reduced liability insurance costs.

Bill Preisentanz noted that he has gathered some information from various handi transit operations from across the province, and hoped to meet with the Board soon to share this information. Margaret Maybank noted that she had also been gathering info on other handi transit operations.

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## **4. Lake of the Woods Development Commission**

Dennis Wallace provided a presentation on behalf of the LOWDC. A copy of the presentation is attached and forms part of these minutes.

In closing, Mr. Wallace referred to the Myers Norris Penny study, noting that it focused on skills and advised that the Development Commission is looking, in conjunction with Confederation College, for expanding education

and training opportunities and are hoping for a First Nations partnership.

Councillor Poirier noted that the presentation did not provide detail on the \$143,000 operating costs included in the budget, and requested that Council receive a breakdown of that budget amount.

**KBrown**

Committee held some further discussions with regards to a number of related issues, including staff resources for the commission, tourist developments in another municipality, level of funding received to date and the availability of crown land south of the City.

#### **5. Kenora Assembly of Resources – Special Programs**

Bill Preisenz circulated a copy of the Kenora Assembly of Resources (KAR) – Special Programs 2008 budget request. He provided Council with a high level overview of the budget and related operations, including the various programs included in that budget, noting that for 2008 KAR is prepared to retain the 2007 level of funding.

The Committee held a detailed discussion on these operations, including the related revenues and expenses.

In closing, there was some discussion as to whether the closing request from the Library Board should be dealt with as a consolidated package or on a separate basis. The Committee agreed to review the proposal submitted by the Library Board and make a decision on the Keewatin Library Branch building by December 31, 2007.

#### **ITEMS ON HOLD:**

N/A

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

N/A

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Budget Deputation Meeting – November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.