



Minutes

*Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, April 23, 2007 – City Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.*

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WITH Mayor L. Compton in the Chair, Councillor W. Cuthbert, Councillor C. Drinkwater, Councillor D. McCann, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor A. Poirier, Councillor C. Van Walleghem, Bill Preisenzanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.

## Call to Order

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order and Councillor McMillan read the Prayer.

## Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by C. Drinkwater, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:-

THAT the Minutes of the regular and closed meetings of the Council of the City of Kenora held Tuesday, April 10, 2007, be confirmed as written and ordered filed.

## Public Information NOTICES as per By-law Number 14-2003

Mayor Compton then read the following notices:-

As required under Notice By-law No. 14-2003, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following at tonight's meeting: -

1. The 2007 Tax Ratios and the 2007 Tax Rates.

2. Council will declare the following lands surplus:-

- 8 acres north the Kenora Police Station on Hwy 17 East;
- 35 acres at west end of Keewatin Beach Road.

## Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Compton then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest with respect to any items on the Agenda. There were none declared.

## DEPUTATIONS:

### Mil Davis

Ms Davis expressed concern on the proposal by Council to close the Keewatin Branch Library in order to pass a zero tax increase. Ms Davis presented a petition to Council containing 1,425 names to re-consider the planned closure of the Keewatin Public Library. The petition states the closure will have a negative effect on the Keewatin patrons, including children, youth, adults and seniors who have no other means of accessing library materials, and that it will also have a negative affect on surrounding businesses.

### Hayley Smith

Ms Smith expressed concern on the proposal by Council to close the Keewatin Branch Library in order to pass a zero tax increase. She referred to the City's 'Guiding Principles' and in particular three of them as they relate to the action by Council in declaring the building that houses the Keewatin Branch Library and Seniors' Drop-in Centre as surplus, and closing the doors.



The three principles include "Kenora will provide quality of life amenities and services for citizens and visitors; Kenora will understand and respect its citizens; and Kenora will provide fairness in taxation." Ms Smith trusts Council will take the information they have received regarding budget discussions from the public and use it to inform future decisions regarding city services and she challenged them to follow their Guiding principles. In closing, Ms Smith asked that Council allows the Library Board some time to complete a review of library services and to research options for maintaining a library branch in Keewatin. Ms Smith presented a copy of her presentation to the Clerk for the public record.

### **Ingrid Parkes**

Ms Parkes expressed concern on the proposal by Council to close the Keewatin Branch Library in order to pass a zero tax increase. She explained the Amalgamation process was not to cause a decrease in service, but residents have seen many losses in service since that time. She expressed concern that a zero tax increase to the citizens is not always that, and by choosing to cut funding from the Library and then 'surplus' the building will in effect pass on a huge increase to those people who can least afford it. Ms Parkes stated that by implementing a zero tax increase with a decrease in funds to the Library and other programs is not a zero budget increase to those who use those programs. Ms Parkes presented a copy of her presentation to the Clerk for the public record.

### **Josie Christensen**

Ms Christensen, a Grade 11 Beaver Brae Secondary School Student, expressed concern on the proposal by Council to close the Keewatin Branch Library, explaining that growing up the Library was a major part of her life. She feels the Keewatin Library should be there for coming generations to encourage literary education and to help give kids the chance to grow socially while close to home. On behalf of her sister Clara Christensen, Josie read that kids cannot afford books, let alone a bus ride to the Kenora Library when their parents work all day, seven days a week. She questioned how they are going to read in the summer, and that books are a learning tool and kids need books to learn. In closing she asked Council to think about this before they make their decision.

### **Emily Tacknyk-Roulston**

Ms Tacknyk-Roulston advised that in reviewing the City's budget for 2007 she noted another former JM staff member is being targeted to lose their job to part-time with the possibility of a full dismissal and she questioned why this is happening. She stated those who came over from the former towns of JM and Keewatin were provided positions with the new city as a result of amalgamation. Ms Tacknyk-Roulston referred to various part-time work that is available and that the present Deputy Clerk should be retained and allowed to do that work. In closing she stated the former Town of Jaffray Melick spent money on training and educating its staff so that a position would be permanent until retirement, and she is disappointed with Council regarding this staffing matter.

### **Appointment to Kenora Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee**

**2. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:-**

THAT Chantel Beacham be hereby appointed as the Aboriginal Youth Representative on the Kenora Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee with a term to expire November 30, 2010.

### **Appointments to Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**3. Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-**



THAT the following be hereby appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee with a term to expire November 30, 2010:-

Rene Burelle  
Bert Alcock  
John Maybank  
Margaret Maybank

**Approval of Accounts**

**4. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-**

THAT the Reports dated **April 13, 2007** of the Finance and Administration Committee, submitting for approval and authorization for payment, invoices, accounts and payroll summaries, including transfers to Boards and Commissions for municipal and utility listings, totalling **\$2,985,388.91** be hereby authorized for approval.

**Proclamation – “Naturopathic Medicine Week”**

**5. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-**

WHEREAS Naturopathic medicine is a distinct system of primary care that addresses the root cause of illness or disease and promotes health and healing using natural therapies; and

WHEREAS Naturopathic doctors are highly educated primary care providers who integrate standard medical diagnostics with a broad range of natural therapies; and

WHEREAS Naturopathic doctors across Canada will be opening their office doors or going into their communities to inform and educate people on the benefits of naturopathic medicine; and

WHEREAS a significant number of residents of Ontario are turning to naturopathic doctors for valid, science-based complementary healthcare;

NOW THEREFORE authorization be hereby given for Mayor Len Compton of the City of Kenora to hereby proclaim the week of April 28 to May 6, 2007 as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" in and for the City of Kenora.

**Tax Ratios & Rate Reductions and Tax Rates**

**6. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-**

THAT Council provide three readings to the following By-laws:

By-law #49-2007 – A By-law to set tax ratios and to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes and subclasses for municipal purposes for the year 2007; and

By-law #50-2007 – A By-law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to establish rates to be levied for same and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2007; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to set tax ratios and tax rates for 2007.

**Capping Options and Optional Tax Tools**

**7. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:-**



THAT Council hereby approves the implementation of the following tools for the 2007 taxation year: -

- Annualized Tax Limit of 10% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes;
- Prior Year's CVA Tax Limit of 5% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes;
- CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties related to increases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes;
- CVA Tax Threshold for Clawed Back Properties related to decreases in the amount of \$250 for each of the multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes; and further

THAT the appropriate By-law be approved for this purpose.

**Vehicle Lease for KMTS**

**8. Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorize the acquisition of a 2007 ¾ ton truck for KMTS through a lease, with option to purchase arrangement, in accordance with the KMTS Purchasing Policy.

**Loan Advance to Kenora Health Care Centre**

**9. Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:-**

WHEREAS Council of the City of Kenora previously ratified Bylaw Number 14-2006, Bylaw Number 127-2006, and Bylaw Number 47-2007 being bylaws to authorize a repayable loan up to \$2,800,00.00 to establish a community medical clinic through the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation; and

WHEREAS the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation now requires funds from the approved City loan for capital purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby authorize the following loan advances to the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation in accordance with the terms and conditions of Bylaw Numbers, 14-2006, 127-2006, and 47-2007:

1. \$200,000 effective April 10, 2007

**Authorization to purchase former Adam's Block Property**

**10. Moved by W.Cuthbert, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorize the purchase of property formally known as the Adam's Block and legally described as North 25 feet of Lot 182 Block 2 Plan3 in the amount of \$50,000.00; and further

THAT Council amend the 2007 Municipal Budget to authorize withdrawal of funds from the City Contingency Reserve for the purchase price and legal costs.

**Winterlights Report & Evaluation Grid**

**11. Moved by C. Van Wallegghem, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby accept the 2006 Winterlights Report and Evaluation Grid; and further

THAT Council hereby supports the City of Kenora's participation in the development of the 5-10 Year Beautification Strategic Plan.



**Development of a Master Fire Plan**

**12. Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-**

THAT Council hereby investigates the development of a Master Fire Plan for the City of Kenora.

**Support of W. Brinkman – Re-election to OAFIC Board**

**13. Moved by C. Drinkwater, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-**

THAT Council support the OAFIC's Nominating Committee's nomination to have Warren Brinkman let his name stand for re-election to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs 2007/2008 Board of Directors.

**OAFIC's Position – Bill 111 (Workplace Safety & Insurance Act)**

**14. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

Whereas firefighters provide an invaluable service to the public and may risk their own personal safety in order to protect the lives of residents in the City of Kenora; and

Whereas studies have shown that firefighters suffer from an incidence of some cancers and other diseases that is significantly greater than the normal population, and that this may be due to firefighters' exposure to toxic chemicals and carcinogens during the course of fighting fires; and

Whereas in response to these studies, the Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia have amended their Workers Compensation legislation to include a presumption that, for identified types of cancer in firefighters, the disease is attributable to work as a firefighter; and

Whereas the Fire Chief and the City's Emergency Service Committee commend the Kenora Professional Firefighter's Association for its efforts and wish to demonstrate their support for a comprehensive review of the Ontario's Workers Compensation Scheme as it specifically relates to firefighters;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council for the City of Kenora call on the Ontario Provincial Government to review Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Act in order to ensure that firefighters and their families receive fair and timely compensation for illness or disease that is attributable to their work as firefighters; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**Approval for change in Fence Height**

**15. Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by C. Van Walleggem & Carried:-**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves an increase in permitted fence height to six (6) feet, at property described as 513 Eighth Street South, PLAN M40 LOT 47 PCL 16782.

**Declaration of Surplus Lands (Beach Road & Hwy. 17 E)**

**16. Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by C. Drinkwater & Carried:-**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby declare the following lands to be surplus to its municipal needs and requirements:

1. Parcel 1 – being approximately 8 acres immediately north of the Kenora Police Station on Highway 17 East, partly described as Plan M63, Lots 13-33, Lots 80-89, Lots 74-78 and Lots 34-37, including



parts of Chaloner Street, McCrae Street and a lane, indicated on Plan M.63;

2. Parcel 2 – being approximately 35 acres at the west end of Beach Road – partly described as Plan 18, Part of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and part of associated road allowances; Plan M269, Blocks A & B and Lot 4, Part of Location 274P, Remainder, Parcel 15635.

**By-laws – First & Second Reading**

**17. Moved by C. VanWalleghem, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-laws** be read a **FIRST & SECOND** Time: ~

**#48-2007** – to confirm proceedings of Council at its Standing Committee Meetings held April 16, 17 & 18, 2007;

**#49-2007** – to set Tax Ratios and Tax Rate Reductions for the year 2007;

**#50-2007** – to adopt estimates for all sums required and establish Tax Rates to be levied for 2007;

**#51-2007** – to adopt Capping Options and Optional Tax Tools for 2007.

**By-laws – Third & Final Reading**

**18. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-laws** be now approved in their present form & be presented for **THIRD & FINAL** Reading: -

**#48-2007** – to confirm proceedings of Council at its Standing Committee Meetings held April 16, 17 & 18, 2007;

**#49-2007** – to set Tax Ratios and Tax Rate Reductions for the year 2007;

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**Announcements**

**First Quarter Report – 2007 Kenora Hydro**

Councillor Poirier reviewed the report with Council, as prepared by David Sinclair.

**Call for Volunteers for Committees**

Councillor McMillan encouraged interested residents to apply for vacancies on the following Committees: -

- Handi Transit – 2 vacancies
- Performing Arts – 1 vacancy

Application forms are available on-line and at City Hall and may be submitted to the City Clerk's office.

**Adjournment**

**19. Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by C. VanWalleghem & Carried:-**

**THAT** this meeting be now declared closed at 6:00 p.m.



*THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:*

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THIS .....DAY OF

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**