MINUTES COUNCIL POLICE COSTING REVIEW COMMITTEE October 24, 2007 8:00 a.m. KENORA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

In Attendance:

Dave McCann, Chair Wendy Cuthbert, Councillor Chris Van Walleghem, Councillor Charito Drinkwalter, Councillor Bill Preisentanz, CAO Dan Jorgensen, Chief, KPS Reg Clayton, Miner and News Councillor Rory McMillan Tim Davidson, 89.5 Mix FM Colin Wasacase, Police Services Board Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk Bob Spencer, KPS Association Moe Hodgson, Consultant, KPS Paul Van Bellenghem, OPP Mayor Len Compton Rory McMillan, Councillor Lee-Ann Carver, Citizen Brian Neufeld, Deputy Chief, KPS

Regrets:

1.0 Call Meeting to order

Chairman McCann called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem, to accept the Minutes from the Public Council Police Costing Review Committee meeting held October 4, 2007 as circulated. Carried.

Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem, to accept the Minutes from the regular Council Police Costing Review Committee meeting held October 9, 2007 as circulated. Carried.

3.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

• None declared.

6.0 Deputations

6.1 Moe Hodgson, Hodgson Associates, For the Kenora Police Service

Mr. Hodgson identified himself as the consultant that has been retained by Kenora Police Service to assist with the RFP process. He identified that he was present to address five specific areas of concern, but there are several others that are not part of the record.

 What are the expectations of the Committee relative to the format of our <u>Policing Proposal</u> in response to the RFP? Should our response be in chronological order <u>with</u> the Sections, criteria and questions as contained within the RFP?

- 2. What is the reasoning behind Section 24, when in fact the majority of the 8 points have been covered and explained in any previous OPP Municipal Contract Costing Proposal?
- 3. Again in reference to Section 24, would the Committee consider posing these additional questions for 'OPP respondent only'?
 - a) How many communities under contract with the Province for OPP Policing have entered into a protracted negotiation process due to a double-digit percentage increase in cost at contract renewal time?
 - b) Have any communities under contract with the Province for OPP Policing have reverted to 5.1 non-contract Policing?
- 4. Why did the Committee include certain specifics in Section 7.3? The RFP is a public document; the case referenced is still in the Civil Court litigation process. They have sought legal advice on this matter, and this document was provided to the Clerk to be discussed in-camera.
- 5. We find it very subjective indeed that there is no similar question directed to the OPP relative to the Ipperwash Inquiry considering the impact of that event on OPP First Nations relationship and the fact that any police service policing Kenora can be expected to deal extensively with First Nations. Could you please explain this disparity?

Mr. Hodgson questioned if it is the practice of when Kenora City Council issues an RFP that they focus different sections of the RFP to potential bidders. This RFP specifically asks some questions to the OPP specifically, and others to Municipal Policing.

He further stated that this RFP is a public document and is available to anyone. Given that tourism is a major factor in this area, why would the steering committee and City Council approve the document, especially Section 18, "the tolerance for illegal consumption of alcohol and for public intoxication is greater than any other Ontario city"? He feels that this is a broad statement and is painting our city with a very negative brush. Mr. Hodgson left a copy of his deputation with the Clerk for the record.

5.0 Items for Discussions

5.1 Weighted Rating for RFP's

Councillor Cuthbert felt that once Council gets to the point of receiving the tenders we would then get to a weighted system. She feels that there is not one in place as of yet, because we do not require it at this point in time.

Councillor Van Walleghem added that even if Council had a weighting system, he felt it would not be released until the RFP's came in.

Bill informed the committee that the last time the police costing process took place at amalgamation, in order to stay objective, he had submitted to the committee a weighted system before RFP's. He offered that the Committee could look at this from last time as a starting point.

Chairman McCann does not feel that the Committee should be discussing a weighted system until the RFP's are in. There are minimal requirements in the RFP and they do not want to do create any reason to interfere with that.

6.0 Workplan Update – Consultant

None

8.0 Other Business

9.0 Items for Discussion - In Camera

• Potential Litigation Matter

10.0 Next Meeting

The next regular Police Costing Review Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded C. Van Walleghem & Carried

THAT this meeting now be declared closed at 8:22 a.m.; and further THAT the Committee adjourns to a closed meeting to discuss the following:

Potential Litigation Matter

12.0 Matters arising from the In-Camera meeting:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Request for Proposals that was issued to the Kenora Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police for the Police Costing Review be amended to remove section 7.3.

Recommendation Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.