

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S**

**Held Tuesday, April 17, 2007
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

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Councillor W. Cuthbert	Chair
Councillor D. McCann	Council
Bill Preisentanz	CAO
Councillor R. McMillan	Council
Chris Van Walleghem	Council
Joyce Chevrier	PAC Vice-Chair
Len Compton	Mayor
Jeff Port	City Planner
Tara Rickaby	Planning Assistant

Councillor Cuthbert called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

Take Notice that as required under Notice By-law No. 14-2003, Council hereby advises the public of its intention to adopt the following by-law at its **Monday, April 23, 2007 Meeting:-**

A By-law to transfer property described as Part 1, 23R-11380 from City of Kenora to James Ambbs

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 April, 2007

Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Len Compton

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Property and Planning Committee, March 20, 2007, be adopted as amended.

Amendment - item #3. Re: Addition to the last statement made by Councillor Cuthbert; "rezoning might not be a good idea due to the classification of Laurenson's Lake as "stressed".

CARRIED

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA - None

E. DEPUTATION – Mark Libitka

Mark Libitka presented an appeal of the maximum fence height for his property, located on the corner of Sixth Street South and Eighth Avenue South. He explained that because the property is located on a corner, with a bus waiting shack in close proximity, his family would like to be able to enjoy both more privacy and provide a safe environment for his children to play in. Dr. Libitka has approached the Roads Supervisor for his comments; the indication was that, because there is a 4-way stop at the intersection and because there is significant road allowance and room between the proposed fence and the road allowance, sight lines will not be an issue.

1) Application to Council to vary height of fence: Mark Libitka

Tara Rickaby explained that under the Fence By-law, appeals for height are heard by Council. The Committee requested that Dr. Libitka provide a letter from the neighbour, to the south, indicating no objection to the fence. If that is provided, based on the comments from the Road Supervisor, the variance will be allowed.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

T.Rickaby
/J.
McMillin

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

2) Application for Zoning By-law Amendment Z09/06 Beaucage – Update

Ongoing

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3) Application for Zoning By-law Amendment Z02/07 Victory Baptist Church

The Planning Department received a new site sketch late yesterday. Discussion arose with respect to holding the public meeting, in light of the new information. The new sketch will be circulated to external and internal departments for comments, and ask that they try and provide them before Monday, April 23rd, the date of the public hearing to be held under the *Planning Act*. The matter will come before the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee on May 15th, when a recommendation may or may not be made to the Property and Planning Committee. If there is a recommendation from the PAC, it will be on agenda for the May 22nd Property and Planning Committee meeting, and the Committee's recommendation then would go forward to Council at the regular meeting on May 28th, possibly for a decision.

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4) Kenricia Hotel – Designation under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

Awaiting statement of architectural value.

HOLD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

5) Community Improvement Plan – Review of Purpose and Intent

A four month timeline was discussed. The plan will be developed “in house”. The Planning Department will provide a work plan, including milestone dates, as soon as possible.

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6) Snowmobile Committee

Ads have been both on the radio and in the newspaper. The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 23rd.

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7) Downtown Revitalization Open House – Follow up

Jeff Port stated that there were a total of 114 people in attendance, between the afternoon and evening sessions. Wendy Cuthbert commented that she noted that people left seemingly more positive than when they arrived and added that the cenotaph proposal was not met with as negative a reception as first thought. The message was more clear that this project started as an infrastructure project and now includes upgrades/renovations to the downtown streets and sidewalks.

Mayor Compton indicated his support as long as there is still an opportunity to explore an internal traffic route, and as long as the consultants understand that if the roundabout doesn't work, they will be held accountable.

Councillor Cuthbert indicated that there was comment that the current traffic situation “doesn't work” so any improvement will be beneficial. Discussion ensued with respect to acceptance, by the public, of a new form of intersection.

Joyce Chevrier asked about the Ukrainian monument. Bill Preisentanz indicated that, at the agreement to locate the monument indicates that it may have to be moved, and relocation would not be at the City's cost.

Councillor Cuthbert summarized stating that the whole downtown revitalization plan is exciting and that this is an opportunity for the City. She commented that the changes won't make anything worse, but at the worst, situations may stay the same.

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8) Closed meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Chris Van Walleghem and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 11:09 a.m.; and further

THAT Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

Disposition of Land and an item of potential litigation

Moved by: Chris Van Walleghem Seconded by: Rory McMillan

THAT the closed meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING:

9) Declaration of certain lands to be surplus to the needs of the City of Kenora

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

**CAO/
Clerk**

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.