

**CITY OF KENORA**  
**PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING**

**April 15, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Super 8 Conference Room**

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**In Attendance:**

Mayor Len Compton

Councillor David McCann

Councillor Charito Drinkwalter

Councillor Andrew Poirier

Councillor Rory McMillan

Councillor Wendy Cuthbert

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Karen Brown, Manager of Finance & Administration

Sharen McDowall, Human Resources Manager

Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager

Bill Preisenzanz, CAO

Warren Brinkman, Fire & Emergency Services Manager

Don Denver, OPP Detachment Commander

Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

Lori Nelson, Museum Director

Erin Roussin, Library Director

**Regrets:**

Councillor Van Wallegghem

Councillor Rory McMillan chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Councillor McMillan introduced members of Council and staff that were in attendance.

Karen Brown presented an overview of the 2008 Operating Budget and 2008 Five Year Capital Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached and shall form part of the minutes.

**Deputations:**

1. **Maureen Witherspoon, Museum Board Chair** – Ms. Witherspoon stated that their budget allocation is \$11,650.00 less than what is needed for the operating costs for the museum. She requested Council to reconsider giving the Museum their full grant of \$196,650.00

**Questions:**

2. Len Compton – Mayor Compton requested Karen Brown to address the PLT (Provincial Land Tax) reform. Karen explained that they (outlying area tax base) fall outside the municipal boundaries. The province is looking at reforming their system which would put part of their tax dollars flow into the local municipality.
3. Lori Nelson – the Municipal services survey what kind of response was there and how much weight was put onto the survey?
4. Jim Blight – the one million dollar surplus that KMTS is referring to what is that going to be allocated to?
5. Jim Blight – the prosperity trust fund – what is Council’s access to these funds?
6. Bob Stewart – 2008 salary increases for police and fire. Mr. Stewart stated that not putting something in the budget for something you know is coming is setting yourself up for dipping into reserves. Mr. Stewart questioned why Council and Administration would do something like this?
7. Jim Blight – will the detailed budget be posted to the City website?

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.