



Minutes

*Of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, December 22, 2008 – City Council Chambers
12:00 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, and Councillor C. Van Walleggem.**

**Staff: Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order.

**Public Notice under By-law #144-2007**

**N/A**

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

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**

**Mayor Compton read excerpts from Council’s Procedural By-law with respect to hearing Deputations and that while there will be repeat Deputations from previous meetings, he advised these will be allowed provided everyone respects the five minute time limit.**

**Chief D. Jorgensen, KPS**

Chief Jorgensen addressed Council and referred to the recent calculations on the police costing formula and specifically the need for five (5) additional officers under the OPP contract as set out in the OCCPS Order. Chief Jorgensen requested Council’s consideration to hold off on their decision and allow the Kenora Police Service to re-submit a costing, based on the 47.5 officers.

Chief Jorgensen provided the Clerk with a copy of his Deputation for the public record.

**Colin Wasacase, KPSB Chair**

Mr. Wasacase stated the OPP should be required to submit a revised costing that will reflect the additional five (5) officers as set down by OCCPS in order to provide

adequate and effective policing. At the same time, he would like the KPS to be invited to submit a revised costing as well based on the 47.5 officers, and only then can an informed decision be made, and with the public being informed of the revised estimates. Mr. Wasacase suggested a Committee be struck involving all parties to review the revised proposals.

In closing, Mr. Wasacase requested Council to re-consider this matter and to defeat the motion. He provided the Clerk with a copy of his Deputation for the public record.

**Shaun Clifford**

Mr. Clifford requested Council to re-consider disbandment of the Kenora Police Service and their decision to enter into contract with the O.P.P. He referred to retaining the hybrid model which seemed to be working well.

**Joyce Chevrier**

Mrs. Chevrier requested Council to take the sixty days that they have available to them under the OCCPS decision and to again review the costing calculations prior to voting on this matter today.

**Shane Miles**

Mr. Miles stated that a decision to move forward is unacceptable, and he referred to the unknown numbers for the cost-savings; noting that we don't know what they are but realizes what the losses will be. He asked Council if the decision is about cost and if so what is the cost, if not, what it is about. He believes that OCCPS has now given a baseline for even comparison and the City must look at it again.

Mr. Miles hopes Council will re-consider this matter for cost and for our community, and until they have that information, he requested they not make a decision today.

**Hayley Smith**

Ms Smith felt the O.P.P. proposal should have been rejected based on the information set out in the request. She referred to the significant costs to be added to the O.P.P costs with wages for the additional 5 positions in excess of \$600,000.00. In hindsight, she suggested OCCPS should have been consulted beforehand. Ms Smith referred to the way in which the public has expressed their concerns to Council over the last year pertaining to the process and the decision to accept the O.P.P. proposal. She indicated she can't understand why Council would relinquish local control of one of the biggest portions of the municipal budget.

Ms Smith urged Council to re-examine the decision, or at the very least request the two services to re-submit based on 47.5 officers and all associated costs including building and severances. She suggested a municipal referendum be held on the matter.

**Lee-Anne Carver**

Ms Carver indicated she has stated her case clearly, and she believes in her position and her community. She explained that members of both Police Services and their families are part of this community and the City has been pitting brother against brother. In reality she cited it is about money but that it has cost this community so much more. She stated her platform has been disregarded, and she referred to

comments made at the February 1, 2008 meeting when Council held its first meeting to accept the O.P.P to provide city-wide policing in Kenora.

### **Approval for City-wide Policing**

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

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby give three readings to a by-law to enter into an agreement for police services for a five (5) year term in accordance with the original proposal submitted by the Ontario Provincial Police and modified as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services; and

THAT the Kenora Police Service be disbanded effective June 30, 2009; and further

THAT the Kenora Police Services Board be hereby directed to take all steps necessary to effect a smooth transition and comply with the directions of the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services.

#### **RECORDED VOTE:~**

| <b>COUNCIL</b>            | <b>AYE</b> | <b>NAY</b> | <b>Dec. of Interest</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Councillor Cuthbert       | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Drinkwalter    |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor McCann         | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor McMillan       | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Poirier        |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor Van Wallegghem |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Mayor Compton             | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |

### **Adoption of By-law to Disband K.P.S. and Contract with O.P.P.**

#### **2. Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**

**THAT** the following **By-law** be now read a **FIRST & SECOND TIME**, and approved in its present form and presented for **THIRD & FINAL** Reading:~

**#191-2008** – To disband the Kenora Police Service, and to Contract for City wide policing with the Ontario Provincial Police.

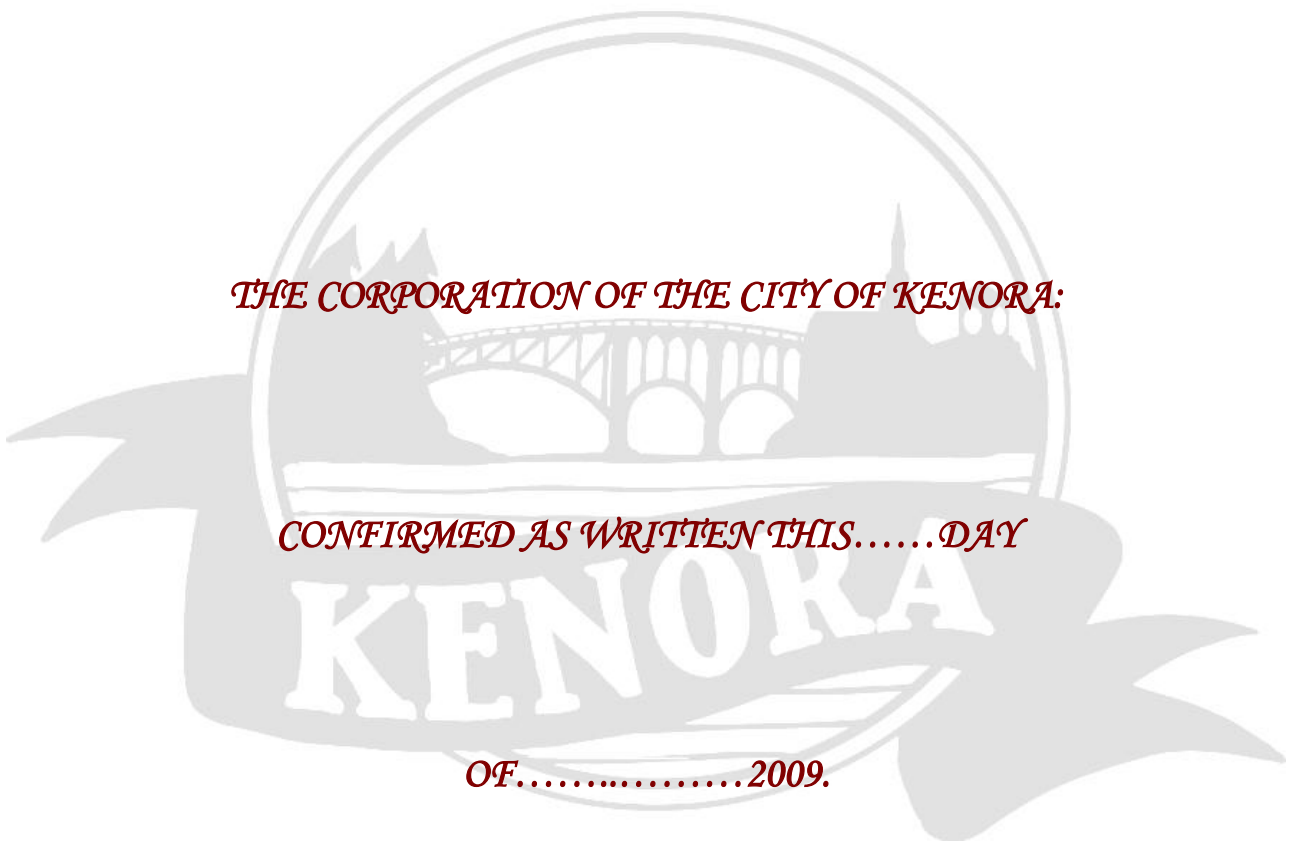
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| Councillor Cuthbert       | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Drinkwalter    |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor McCann         | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor McMillan       | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |
| Councillor Poirier        |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Councillor Van Wallegghem |            | <b>X</b>   |                         |               |
| Mayor Compton             | <b>X</b>   |            |                         |               |

**Adjournment**

**3. Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Walleggem, & Carried:-**

THAT this meeting be and is hereby adjourned at 12:53 p.m.



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*MAYOR*

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*CITY CLERK*