



Minutes

*Of a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Friday, February 1, 2008 – Super 8 Conference Room
4:00 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 Wallegghem, Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk.

Mayor Compton called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **Public Notice**

Mayor Compton advised the purpose of today’s meeting is for Council to accept a proposal for city-wide policing in the City of Kenora.

### **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 was none declared.

### **DEPUTATIONS:**

#### **1) Nancy Morrison**

Ms Morrison had several questions regarding the Policing Review process and spoke in favour of the Kenora Police Service providing city-wide policing in Kenora and provided a copy of her Deputation to the Clerk for the public record.

#### **2) Lee-Anne Carver**

Ms Carver addressed concerns on the City’s Procurement Policy as it relates to the RFP process on policing and spoke in favour of the Kenora Police Service to provide city-wide policing in Kenora.

#### **3) Shaun Clifford**

Mr. Clifford, on behalf of John Balkwill, presented Council with the balance of the Petition in support of the Kenora Police Service and provided a copy of the Petition together with his Deputation to the Clerk for the public record.

#### **4) Robert McMillin**

Mr. McMillin, spoke in favour of the OPP providing city-wide policing in Kenora and congratulated Council for keeping their commitment to examine the policing issue for the City, and provided the Clerk with a copy of his Deputation for the public record.

**5) Terry Armstrong**

Mr. Armstrong, on behalf of Madeline Skead, spoke in favour of the OPP providing city-wide policing in Kenora and provided a copy of the Deputation to the Clerk for the public record.

**6) Sharon Smith**

Ms Smith referred to policing at the time of the amalgamation process with previous Council's. She noted that once this Council is no longer in office the citizens of Kenora will have to live with the decision made this evening.

**7) OPP C/ Superintendent Mike Armstrong**

C/Superintendent Armstrong spoke in favour of the OPP and wished to provide clarification to some of the issues that have been raised and repeated during this process. C/Superintendent Armstrong provided a copy of his Deputation to the Clerk for the public record.

**8) KPS Chief of Police Dan Jorgensen**

Chief Jorgenson spoke in favour of the Kenora Police Service, and commended Members of both his Service and the Kenora OPP during this process, and thanked the public for their response to the issue and the support they've shown to the Kenora Police Service. Chief Jorgensen provided a copy of his Deputation to the Clerk for the public record.

**9) Mercedes Alarcon**

Ms Alarcon spoke in favour of the Kenora Police Service providing city-wide policing in Kenora, noting the interaction she has experienced with the municipal police force through her work. While she has no personal connection to either force, she advised she supports the local Kenora Police Service.

**Decision on City-Wide Policing****1. Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by W. Cuthbert:-**

THAT as recommended by the Council Police Costing Review Committee, Council of the City of Kenora receives the January 10, 2008 Final Report and Recommendation of the Police Costing Review Committee, as prepared by J.E. Watkins, Project Consultant; and

THAT Council hereby accepts the Ontario Provincial Police, operating an integrated detachment model, as the recommended police service provider for city-wide policing in the City of Kenora; and further

THAT Administration be directed to develop a work plan to effect the transfer of policing responsibility from the Kenora Police Service to the O.P.P.

**Discussion:**

Councillor McCann requested a Recorded Vote on the motion following discussion. He then spoke to reasons why he will be voting in favour of the OPP, and provided a copy of his speaking notes to the Clerk for the public record.

Councillor Cuthbert spoke to the reasons she will be voting in favour of the OPP.

Councillor McMillan spoke to the reasons he will be voting in favour of the OPP.

Councillor Van Wallegghem spoke to the reasons he will be voting in favour of the Kenora Police Service.

Councillor Drinkwalter spoke to the reasons she will be voting in favour of the Kenora Police Service.

Councillor Poirier spoke to the reasons he will be voting in favour of the Kenora Police Service.

**The Clerk then called for the Vote as follows:-**

**RECORDED VOTE Motion #1: ~**

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

**Motion #1 Carried** ✓

**Adjournment**

**2. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-**

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:11 p.m.

***THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:***

**CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN THIS .....DAY OF.....2008**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**