



PROCEEDINGS

Of a Public Meeting to discuss
A Tourism Exemption By-law under the Retail Business Holidays Act
Monday, November 16, 2009 - City Council Chambers
At 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor L. Compton
Councillor W. Cuthbert
Councillor C. Drinkwalter
Councillor D. McCann
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor J. Parson
Councillor C. Van Wallegghem
Bill E. Preisntanz, CAO
Joanne L. McMillin, Clerk

Mayor Compton advised the public meeting is being held by Council in accordance with Section 4(6) of the Retail Business Holidays Act to consider a new Tourism Exemption by-law for the development and maintenance of tourism.

Ms McMillin, City Clerk, advised the Notice pertaining to this public meeting appeared in Kenora Miner & News on October 31, November 7 and November 14 in the Kenora Enterprise, as well as on the City Portal from October 27 to November 16, 2009.

Mayor Compton asked if there was anyone who wished to receive written notice of the adoption of the By-law, to leave their name and address with the Clerk. Mayor Compton mentioned that any person may express his or her views of the by-law and a record will be kept of all comments.

Joanne McMillin, City Clerk then reviewed the details of the new by-law:

Upon request from the Chamber of Commerce, Council adopted a resolution to include "Family Day" in the list of exemptions under (a new) by-law for the maintenance and development of tourism. In consultation with Mr. Ormiston's office, it was determined that because we are preparing a new by-law, all previously exempted holidays should be included or the by-law would only apply to Family Day (as we cannot just amend a former Town of Kenora by-law). Subsequently, the Chamber requested the other five Holidays be included in the by-law, in addition to Family Day.

Should Council adopt the by-law at its regular meeting today, under legislation the by-law does not come into effect until thirty-one (31) days after its passing, or on December 17, 2009.

Mayor Compton asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour or opposition to the by-law. There were no comments.

Mayor Compton asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Mayor Compton the declared the Public Meeting closed at 4:34 p.m.