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MINUTES
Public Meeting
Proposed Location of New Fire Hall
Kenora Municipal Council Chambers
Monday, April 22, 1996
7:45 p.m.

In Attendance: Mayor & Council
 Bill Preisentanz, Clerk Administrator
 Ed White, Fire Chief
 Rick Belair, EMO
 Rick Perchuk, Engineer
 Ken Peterson, President KPFFA
 Members of the Public

Opening Remarks

Mayor Chevrier provided opening remarks, advising the public of the intent of the meeting and the opportunity for discussion on the proposed site of a new fire hall.

Background Information

In 1991, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office recommended that consideration be given to constructing a new fire hall. Bill Preisentanz provided background information relating to the formation of the New Fire Hall Committee and the steps taken by the Committee to establish criteria and ratings for potential fire hall sites. The site north of the subway received the highest rating. Chief White provided an overview of a new 1 1/2 storey fire hall, with four bays and a training area encompassing an area of 100'x150'. Estimated cost of a stand alone fire hall was \$1 million. There is currently \$ 400,000 in reserve. At the Committee's final meeting, three potential fire hall sites were presented to Council; i) north of subway ii) Public Works Building area iii) remain at current site . In addition, Committee recommended a public meeting be held to discuss various options.

Council Presentation

Councillor McMillan recognized the work of the Committee and the Fire Department in bringing forward information relevant to any final decision on the fire hall location. Rationale was provided for Council's decision in selecting the Public Works site;

- i) fiscal restraints
- ii) land owned by the Town
- iii) opportunity to co-locating with other Departments
- iv) area north of subway may require expropriation of property
- v) supported the concept of unifying the Fire and Police under one administration

Councillor McMillan explained that the concept of one administration for Fire and Police was at the exploratory stage only and that prior to pursuing the idea any further a joint committee would be formed to explore the concept.