



**CITY OF KENORA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

(RE: Rescue North Service Agreement)

Friday, August 14, 2009

9:00 a.m.

ACTION

PRESENT:

Mayor L. Compton, Councillor W. Cuthbert, Councillor C. Drinkwalter, Councillor D. McCann, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor Van Wallegem.

STAFF:

Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Joanne McMillin, City Clerk.

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 144-2007

N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Mayor Compton then asked if any Member had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof pertaining to any items as follows: -

1) On Today's Agenda

2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

There were none declared.

D. DEPUTATIONS:-

Jaymie Penny, Director, Rescue North

Ms Penny explained Rescue north is staffed with paid employees as well as several volunteers, explaining there are a number of services capable to being offered at their 5,000 sq. ft. recently renovated facility. She respectfully requested Council consider entering into a one year lease with Rescue North to provide Animal Control services for the City of Kenora.

Ms Penny was thanked for her deputation which she filed with the Clerk for the public record.

Rescue North Service Agreement

Bill gave a summary review of his August 12 report on this matter which outlined Rescue North's proposal, financial impacts to the City, and issues regarding the unincorporated areas. He noted that Rescue North will require a response from the City on their proposal as they have to vacate their premises if their proposal is turned down by the City.

Councillor Cuthbert stated she would be prepared to introduce a motion for the City to set up a Committee comprised of various community stakeholders to look at animal welfare and related issues within the municipality and suggested representatives from Council, Rescue North, It's a Dog's Life, and City Resource Staff such as the CAO and By-law Enforcement participate on the Committee.

1. Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by D. McCann and Carried:-

THAT Council hereby establishes an AdHoc Committee to oversee Animal Welfare within the City of Kenora with participation from appropriate stakeholders on the Committee together with two Members of Council and applicable Administrative Staff as Resource; and further

THAT a Terms of Reference be developed for this purpose.

The following recommendation contained in the CAO's report was then discussed:-

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby support the continued use of the animal control facilities on Highway 596 and respectfully decline the proposal of Rescue North to provide animal shelter services at its Highway 17 West location.

Recommendation approved.

This matter will be referred to an upcoming meeting of Council for ratification once the Terms of Reference is prepared.

Adjournment

2. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McCann and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 9:10 a.m.

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