

CITY OF KENORA M I N U T E S

**Of a Committee of the Whole of Council
Thursday, December 17, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Operations Centre – Training Room**

Present:

**Mayor L. Compton, Councillor W. Cuthbert, Councillor C. Drinkwater (arrived late),
Councillor D. McCann, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor J. Parson, Councillor Van
Walleghem.**

Staff:

**Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Joanne McMillin, City Clerk, Richard Perchuk, Operations
Manager, Marco Vogrig, Municipal Engineer, Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator.**

Also Present:

**Marc Bissonnette
Bill Marr**

A. Public Information Notices

N/A

B. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature thereof

1) On Today's Agenda

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

There were none declared.

1. Review of Design plans - Phase II of Downtown Revitalization

Marco Vogrig provided an update on the project for the Phase 2, Stage 1 works at the plaza area and other work that is already underway, such as the event area at the closed roadway on First Street South from Bernier Drive.

Marco then outlined the proposed projects for 2010 and noted there is another meeting scheduled with the Consultant in January. Bill P. reviewed some of the budget items associated with the project.

It was noted a decision is to be made regarding the playground area and whether or not the cost of this item (\$300,000) be used towards the tent project. It was noted there will be a seasonal-use tent as well as a permanent year-round structure.

It was mentioned a service group/organization such as the Rotary may wish to contribute or take on the playground area as a project next year.

A discussion ensued on the Doner Block area and that a better configuration for pedestrian traffic is warranted at this location both for safety and accessibility. It was mentioned this will likely take place in 2010.

Reference was made to the 2011 project year and that possibly the grounds south of the Pavilion will be developed at that time, subject to cost and funding availability.

Committee agreed the \$300,000 cost for the playground area be dedicated to enhancing the tent structure/development at this time.

Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m. and Operations Staff left the meeting as well as Messrs. Bissonnette and Marr.

Committee reconvened at 11:00 a.m. for a presentation by Kelli Saunders, at which time Councillor Drinkwater attended.

Jennifer Findlay, EDO, welcomed and introduced Kelli Saunders and thanked her for attending today.

2. Presentation by Kelli Saunders regarding the health of Lake of the Woods and its implications

Ms Saunders, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, provided a Power Point presentation to Committee on the Lake of the Woods Watershed and the Stewardship Strategy.

Ms Saunders provided an overview, giving a background on the Lake of the Woods, and issues concerning water quality, planning, socio-economic matters affecting need for such review. Other key components of the stewardship strategy were discussed and the Ministry's strategy regarding compliance; science; data sharing/cross border cooperation; outreach/education; and partnerships.

Committee thanked Ms Saunders for her informative presentation, and she advised she will provide an electronic copy of her presentation to the Clerk for the public record and for the information of Council and staff.

3. Adjournment.

Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by D. McCann & Carried:

That this meeting be now declared closed at 11:55 a.m.