CITY OF KENORA MINUTES

Committee of the Whole of Council With Representatives of Dovetail Resources Tuesday, May 5, 2009 9:25 a.m.

PRESENT:

WITH Mayor L. Compton in the Chair, Councillor W. Cuthbert, Councillor C. Drinkwalter, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor C. Van Walleghem, Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk.

REGRETS: Councillor D. McCann, Councillor A. Poirier

Call to Order

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order.

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.

Kenora Community Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Cuyler Cotton from Dovetail Resources presented to Council a report on the Kenora Community Strategy.

Cuyler explained the steps that he and his associates took to reach a variety of target groups through the community meetings. The goal was to find consensus in the diversity and to honour all perspectives and ideas brought forward.

Council expressed concern that possibly in addition to the people who attended the sessions, there may be a lack of representation from a variety of members of the public.

Despite the diversity of attendance, the visions for Kenora were remarkably similar. Working together to build a better community was the overall feeling.

Out of the session seven Strategies for building and maintaining the kind of Kenora community people want were developed. These include:

- 1. Organizing for change
- 2. Creating social capital
- 3. Building a positive culture
- 4. Investing in sustainable economic development
- 5. Communicating community
- 6. Sharing responsibility
- 7. Recognizing new realities

Council was concerned that by adopting or receiving the report that they are agreeing with all the contents or the suggestions in the report. Clarification was provided that this is not the intent of accepting the report, nor does it provide an obligation to support all of the suggestions.

Members in attendance were in favour of receiving the report as presented from Cuyler Cotton from Dovetail Resources on the Strategic Planning process and recommend the report be placed on the Finance and Administration Agenda for May 11, 2009.

Adjournment

1. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:50 a.m.