



MINUTES

of the Property and Planning Committee of Council

Held Tuesday, November 10, 2009
City Council Chambers 9 a.m.

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PRESENT: Councillor W. Cuthbert, Chair
Bill Priesentanz, CAO
Councillor R. McMillan
Art Mior, Chair, PAC
Councillor Jim Parson
Councillor D. McCann
Councillor Charito Drinkwalter
Tara Rickaby, Planning Assistant
Jeff Port, City Planner

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

Take Notice that Council intends to approve the following at its next meeting:

- A By-law to assume portions of the Essex and Beauty Bay Roads

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

- a) On today's agenda - None
b) From a meeting at which a Member was not in attendance – Councillor Cuthbert indicated that she declared a conflict, as a business competitor, to an item on the closed agenda of the October 14, 2009 closed meeting and had left the meeting during the discussion of same.

C. STANDING COMMITTEE DEPUTATIONS:

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA : 10. Proposal by Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee to Re-vamp Snowmobile Registration/Trail Permit System.

Councillor Cuthbert indicated that, because a specific property is being discussed, item 2 will be moved to the closed meeting agenda.

E. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Jim Parson **Seconded by:** Charito Drinkwalter **& Carried:**

THAT the Minutes from the last regular meeting of Committee held October 14, 2009 be confirmed as written and ordered filed.

CARRIED

F. REPORTS:-

1. Signage – a) Amendments to Sign By-Law

The Committee discussed various manners of control of billboard signs, in both on-site and off-site situations. The City of Toronto is currently considering a proposal to tax off-site billboards in order to recoup enforcement costs. Enforcement is key to the sign by-law being effective; requirement for permits and maintenance being confirmed and kept up would also control the numbers of billboards. The City Planner explained the process if a legal non-conforming billboard advertiser changes; the billboard would then be required to be removed.

The billboards along the CPR right of way are not on Crown land, but on land owned by a real estate holding company and are therefore subject to the sign by-law.

The members of Council present discussed billboard signs and agreed that they should not be permitted under the new sign by-law.

The by-law will be reviewed once more by staff and sent to the Municipal Solicitor for review, comments, and short-form wording.

Hold for Solicitor Review

b) Themed signage – for municipal purposes – Nothing to report

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M. Solicitor

c) Posters on municipal utility poles/light standards

The kiosk, to be located at the corner of Main and McLellan, has been ordered. This will provide the required alternative to signs being taped to the new utility poles downtown. The design for the Lake of the Woods Plaza will include at least one more kiosk, and there may be one or two more located in the downtown. A Keewatin location will be part of discussions with the consultant hired to propose a new design for the Beatty Park area.

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2. Rest stop

HOLD

3. Official Plan/Zoning By-law Review – Update

The City Planner indicated that the draft Official Plan should be delivered by the end of this week, for review by the steering committee (PAC and Councillor Cuthbert). The mapping for the Official Plan was completed in house. The Engineering Department was acknowledged for excellent mapping work, both for this specific project, and in general. The City Planner indicated that the maps provided are every bit as professional as those of a consultant.

The public consultation, originally scheduled for the last week of November will take place in the first week of December.

Information Only

4. Zoning By-law Amendment Z02/03 Queen

The City Planner reviewed the process of review for this application, to date. Comments have been received from both the Northwestern Health Unit and the Ministry of the Environment. A site plan has been prepared for the proposed development which indicates there will be no net increase in storm water that would negatively affect abutting properties. However, the MOE states that a "grit and oil separator" should be installed to prevent any off site contamination from surface water. The City staff concurs with this recommendation. It is recommended that this be included in a Site Plan Agreement as a condition before a building permit will be issued for the proposed development.

Discussion took place with respect to the mechanics of such a sceptor, or grit and oil separator.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT application Z02/09 (Queen) be approved, and it be noted that no building permit shall be issued until such time as the developer enters into a Site Plan Agreement with the City of Kenora, to the satisfaction of the City Planner and City Engineer.

Recommendation to Council

5. Changes in Latitude Marina/Parking

Councillor Cuthbert reviewed the issue, to date. Art Mior explained that the second application, by the Owner/Developer, for a variance to the parking stall size was refused as the area is too small to accommodate both parking and adequate turning radii without 4-6 three point turns.

Discussion took place with respect to the number of docks currently on site; all have been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, however the number does not comply with the agreement between the developer and the City. Time lines for compliance was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Bruce Krawicki limited be advised that a site plan indicating a ratio of 1:1 parking stalls and dock slips be provided to the City of Kenora, and that the actual number of slips and parking stalls, painted out to the permitted size (per approval of application for Minor Variance A06/09 – 2.89m wide x 5.79 m long and a drive aisle width of 6.09 metres) by December 1, 2009).

ACTION ITEM

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6. Request for Resolution of Support – Forest Tenure

Nothing to report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold for Report at next meeting

EDO

7. Request for refund - Withdrawal of application for zoning by-law amendment Z03/09 Thorburn

Art Mior explained that Kirby Thorburn applied to rezone a property on Kay Street from R2 – Residential Second Density, to R3 – Residential Third Density in order to construct

There has been a vacancy on the Committee for a representative of the Lake of the Woods Development Commission's Tourism Committee representative; Tina Brookes has volunteered to fill that vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby appoints Tina Brookes, representing the Tourism Committee of the Lake of the Woods Development Commission, to fill the vacancy on the Kenora Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee.

Recommendation to Council

Planning/Clerk

10. Proposal by Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee to Re-vamp Snowmobile Registration/Trail Permit System

Councillor Cuthbert reviewed the history of the proposals, and the reasons behind it:

The City of Kenora's Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee has been working diligently to address the issue of the high cost of trail permits, issued by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. The substantial cost of these permits has had an effect on the snowmobile tourist in District 17 (from Kashabowie in the east then west to Kenora to connect to Manitoba, or south to the Minnesota border).

The decline in snowmobile tourism began in the late 1990's and has continued to a point of almost nonexistence. Our local OFSC Club (Sunset Trail Riders) sold 647 permits this year (2008/2009 season) with about 45% of them being purchased by Manitoba cottagers. Of the resorts named above, two remain open for the winter and one other is open occasionally (week-ends or by reservation). These resort closures are but one indicator of a significant drop in snowmobile activity. Local hotels are feeling the decline as well. To put the decline in perspective, statistics gathered from the Ministry of Transportation, and the local OFSC Club affiliate, indicate that of all snowmobiles in Northwestern Ontario (district 17, OFSC) only 8% purchase an OFSC permit.

The following issues have been identified; 1) the cost of trail permits at \$250.00/ season (2009 new price) or a 7-day permit at \$140, or the 3-day option at \$100.00, is simply too expensive; 2) the resulting loss of reciprocity agreements with Manitoba and Minnesota, 3) discontinued grooming to destinations such as open resorts and camps in District 17 4) District 17 can no longer compete with our competition; Manitoba and Minnesota. The District's westerly border is shared with Manitoba and its southerly border is that of Minnesota.

Councillor McMillan suggested that the wording be changed to proposal/request.

Recommendation:

That Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora, supports the proposal/request, of the Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee to various Provincial ministries, to amend the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act to authorize MTO to collect trail permit fees through a registration fee for owners of snowmobiles in District 17.

Recommendation to Council

Planning/Clerk

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting: (10:04 a.m.)

Moved by: Jim Parson Seconded by Rory McMillan and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:04 a.m.; and further THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

- Disposition and Security of Property Matters, Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual

Reconvene to Open Session (10:59 a.m.)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Staff was directed to advise a property owner that the City will not incur costs to assume a roadway.

Moved by: Dave McCann Seconded by: Jim Parson
THAT the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee be adjourned
at 11:02 a.m.