



**MINUTES
of the
Property and Planning Committee
of Council**

**Held Tuesday, June 9, 2009
City Council Chambers 9 a.m.**

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PRESENT: Councillor W. Cuthbert, Chair
Bill Priesentanz, CAO
Mayor L. Compton
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor Chris Van Wallegghem
Art Mior, Chair, PAC
Councillor D. McCann
Councillor Charito Drinkwalter
Tara Rickaby, Planning Assistant
Lori Nelson, Museum Director

REGRETS: 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 amend the Heritage Kenora Committee Terms of Reference
- A By-law to add various properties to the Municipal Registry of Culturally Significant Properties

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 – None

C. STANDING COMMITTEE DEPUTATIONS: None

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA : #8, Rabbit Lake, #9 FedNor Community Adjustment Funding

E. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Rory McMillan **Seconded by:** Charito Drinkwalter **& Carried:**

THAT the Minutes from the last regular meeting of Committee held May 12, 2009 be confirmed as distributed .

CARRIED

F. REPORTS:-

1. Directional (highway) and way finding signage on Highway 17 and 17A – Update

Councillor Cuthbert reported that a letter was sent to both Ministers Gravelle and Bradley requested a status update.

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

Ongoing.

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3. Rest stop

Staff followed up with the Deputy Minister of Transportation, as well as with Minister Gravelle.

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4. Addition of Several Properties to the Municipal Registry of Culturally Significant Properties

Lori Nelson reminded the Committee of the purpose of adding certain properties to the municipal registry. She then described the process that Heritage Kenora uses to make decisions on what properties would be eligible for the registry, including contact with owners, and their

written permission to place the property on the municipal registry. Ms. Nelson then clarified, for the Committee members, the differences between a property being placed on the registry and being designated under the *Heritage Act* and reminded them that Council is the decision-making authority for both. Mayor Compton asked why the Best Western Lakeside Inn was being added. Ms. Nelson explained that there are 3 values used to determine heritage of cultural significance of a building or property; that building is contextually significant as it is a landmark by land and water, and its design is extremely unique. The fire hall, which has been designated under the *Heritage Act* was discussed. Ms. Nelson will circulate a link to the Ministry of Culture website, which will provide access to all the information respecting both addition of properties to the municipal registry and designation under the *Heritage Act*.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Kenora City Council passes a By-law to enter the following properties described into the municipal registry of properties of cultural heritage significance or interest:

- Kenora Courthouse: 216 Water Street PLAN 3 BLK 1 LOT 20 TO 21
- Del-Art Manor: 102 Government Road, PT MILL LOCATION RP 23R4158;PARTS 2 3 4 PCL 29906
- Knox United Church: 116 Fifth Avenue S., PLAN 25 LOT 258 TO 259
- Best Western Lakeside Inn & Convention Centre: 470 First Avenue S., WATER LOT LOC KM186 RP;KR1446 PART 1 LEASEHOLD;PARCEL 3087
- Keewatin Memorial Building: 102 Tenth Street, PART W PT BLK 57 PLAN 18;PLUS 2 S PT STRIP ADJ BLK 57;PCL 20362
- Moncrief Barn: 82 Redditt Road CON 7J PT LOT 4;RP23R 9070 PARTS 1 & 2;PCL 40758
- Stone House: 225 Main Street, PLAN 3 BLK 2 LOT 14 PT LOT;15

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

5. Application for Zoning By-law Amendment – Fehr

Awaiting further information.

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6. LOW Development Commission - 2009 Business Plan and Economic Development Plan (2009)

The Lake of the Woods Development Commission was incorporated on April 27, 2007. The Board of Directors is appointed by City Council. Its mandate, as set out in the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the City of Kenora, is to:

"Promote, facilitate and develop a strong unified community economic development presence for the City of Kenora and the surrounding Lake of the Woods region".

The work of the Board is supported by staff and financial resources from the City of Kenora. Each year, the Commission prepares an Annual Report and Business Plan. This report is the result of the work of the Commission in 2008, and the overall plan for its continued work in 2009.

The final draft of the Business Plan will be circulated after the LOW Development Commission on June 18, 2009. Council will accept the plan at the July meeting.

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Kenora accepts the Business Plan 2009 of the Lake of the Woods Development Commission.

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EDO

Economic Development Plan

The City of Kenora Economic Development Plan was adopted by Mayor and Council in August 2006. Since that time, many of the activities identified within that Plan have been completed. In addition, new information, plans and strategies have been developed by the Commission's Committees. The current major global economic downturn is impacting government policy, trends and opportunities. The Commission recognized that the Plan needed to be updated to reflect this new environment.

In April 2009, the Lake of the Woods Development Commission and members of its three standing committees from Business Attraction, Tourism and Education & Training, attended a ½ day workshop to update the Economic Development Plan. This updated Plan now includes the

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work from the Tourism Strategy (2008) and the Economic Recovery & Diversification Strategy (December 2008).

The final draft of the plan will be

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Kenora adopts the Economic Development Plan (June 2009) to replace the original Economic Development Plan of 2006.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

7. Appointment to the Heritage Committee, and Amendment to the Heritage Committee Term of Reference

Lori Nelson explained that there has been recent resignation from the Heritage Committee, and a replacement member is required. The Heritage Committee reviewed the most recent applicants during this term of Council as potential replacements. The Committee is recommending Riley Sleeman be added to the Committee, and she is extremely knowledgeable in heritage matters, and has been attending meetings regularly to assist the committee in their work. Ms. Nelson will be approaching the Harbortown Centre for a representative. The City will advertise, once again, for interested people to fill the two vacancies for members at large.

In addition to replacing a committee member due to resignation, the Heritage Committee is also recommending amending the Terms of Reference by adding the Building Inspector/Facilities Manger as a member of the committee. The Building Inspector/Facilities Manager has considerable experience in the building aspects of heritage preservation, and is directly responsible for maintaining the City's own heritage buildings. This person would be a great asset to the committee.

The Committee discussed the issue of municipal employees as committee members, and possible conflicts arising. Reducing the quorum required for a meeting, and possible implications of doing so, was also discussed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Kenora hereby appoints Riley Sleeman to the Heritage Committee, for a term concurrent with this term of Council, and;

It is further recommended that the Heritage Committee Terms of Reference be amended by adding the Building Inspector/Facilities Manager a staff member and resource to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

8. Sale of road/shore allowance – Rabbit Lake

Further discussion with respect to formulating policy for land disposition on Rabbit Lake will take place at a future meeting.

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9. FedNor Community Adjustment Fund Application

The Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) is a two-year, \$1-billion economic stimulus measure announced as part of the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. CAF is intended to provide economic stimulus to mitigate the short-term impacts of the economic downturn by creating employment opportunities and to address transitional and adjustment challenges in restructuring industries or communities. Many communities across Canada rely on industrial sectors that have been hit hard by current economic conditions, including forestry, mining, agriculture, fisheries and manufacturing. The Fund will give priority to communities that are severely affected by the global economic downturn such as resource-based communities that depend on a limited industry base. There is \$15.7 million for Northern Ontario* projects through an intake process, with projects to be completed by March 31, 2011. Any money not spent by that time will be lost.

Funding was recently announced for the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre, at Norman Park; the Heritage Transportation component of the project would be a showcase area of the City for residents and visitors alike.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby makes application under the FedNor Community Adjustment Fund for funding the Norman Park Heritage Transportation Park.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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

Moved by: Chris Van Wallegghem Seconded by: Rory McMillan and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 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 (10:19a.m.)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

Moved by: Charito Drinkwater Seconded by: Chris Van Wallegghem

THAT the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.