



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

**Held Tuesday, May 12, 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 Wallegem
Art Mior, Chair, PAC
Jeff Port, City Planner
Tara Rickaby, Planning Assistant

REGRETS: Councillor D. McCann, Councillor Charito Drinkwalter

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 enter into an agreement with the Minister of Tourism for Celebration Ontario 2009 funding
- A By-law to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the Lake of the Woods Labour Adjustment Centre

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: Lake of the Woods Labour Adjustment Committee

Alec Faulds and Glenn Morrison were in attendance. Mr. Faulds provided a detailed review of the background and function of the LOW Labour Adjustment Committee. Mr. Faulds thanked the City of Kenora for being the contract-holder, thus enabling the Centre to be created. The Action Centre has assisted 117 workers in finding employment; all but three of these people have stayed in Kenora. Kenora's above-average unemployment rate and mean age of the affected workers has lead to the Action Centre lobbying for the development of different training opportunities for the workers. Mr. Faulds discussed the possibility of staged resumption of production at Kenora Forest Products and the impact there will be on workers. He indicated that the success of the Centre is due to Glenn Morrison's efforts, and those of the staff and peer volunteers, as well as to the support of Council.

Staff will provide Mr. Faulds and Mr. Morrison with the contact information for Wilco. They thanked the Committee for the opportunity to address the members and left at 9:17 a.m.

Lillian Zvanovec – Rabbit Lake

Lillian and George Zvanovec were in attendance to indicate their interest in purchasing the shoreline reserve abutting their property and Rabbit Lake. Ms. Zvanovec gave a brief history of her recollection of how three Rabbit Lake residents were able to purchase their shoreline in the early to mid-1990's. Discussion took place of property ownership around the lake and the, now abandoned, consideration to a public trail along the Rabbit Lake shoreline, on the publically owned shoreline reserve.

Ms. Zvanovec asked whether or not there will be a policy developed specifically for Rabbit Lake. Councillor Cuthbert explained that the Committee will be discussing how to address the possibility of selling the reserve around Rabbit Lake and the City Planner explained the general process for application to purchase municipal property.

Mr. and Mrs. Zvanovec left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA : Item 8 – Parking at McLeod Park Item 9 - Norman Park

E. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Chris Van Wallegghem **Seconded by:** Rory McMillan **& Carried:**
THAT the Minutes from the last regular meeting of Committee held April 7, 2009 be confirmed as distributed .

CARRIED

F. REPORTS:-

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

City Staff will follow up with the Ministry of Transportation to determine when the new signage will be erected.

FOR FOLLOW UP

Planning

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

Draft by-law is not yet complete – will be available for the June meeting.

HOLD FOR JUNE MEETING

Planning

2) Rest stop

Staff to follow up with the Deputy Minister of Transportation, as well as with Minister Gravelle. Staff will also contact the individual who is preparing a report and recommendation, on behalf of and to the Ministry of Transportation, with respect to appropriate locations for rest stops to determine the status of the report.

FOR FOLLOW UP

Planning

3) Sale of road/shore allowance – Rabbit Lake

The City Planner presented two issues which should be considered; (i) the concept of a walking trail, following the shoreline along public property was considered a number of years ago; the clear message from the public meeting associated with the plan was that the concept was not something the property owners would support; and (ii) Rabbit Lake is a small lake, without a lot of flushing. Water quality could be improved if lands were left in a natural state. Discussion took place on how to determine what is best for Rabbit Lake, as well as the precedent set by the Official Plan Amendment No. 2: Black Sturgeon Lake, and implementing Zoning By-law Amendment.

Staff will prepare a report and recommendation for the June meeting.

FOR FOLLOW UP

Planning

4) Celebrate Ontario 2009 Funding - Agreement

The City of Kenora applied for funding to the Province, under the “Celebrate Ontario 2009” program, for the fresh air cinema – Movies Under the Stars program. The application was successful and the City has been awarded \$12,974.48 to enhance the event this year. This amount represents 75% of the total eligible expenses of \$17, 299.31

The City of Kenora is proposing to increase “Movies under the Stars” to a 5 (five) evening film festival (Tuesday – Saturday). The theme of this year's event will be Past, Present and Future – providing for a wide variety of films to be shown.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora enters into a funding agreement with the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Tourism for the Celebrate Ontario 2009 program which will provide funds for “Movies Under the Stars”; and further

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into the agreement on behalf of the City of Kenora.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Clerk/TDO

5) Application for Sign Permit – CJ Edwards & Son

HOLD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

6) Lease – Lake of the Woods Labour Adjustment Centre

LOWLAC has operated for the past year from a large office space in the Kenora Legion building at a cost of \$1200/month. Because LOWLAC was originally scheduled for only 12 months of operation, the Kenora Legion has found a new long term tenant for that space. However, LOWLAC has recently received approval for an extension of their operations to October 31,

2009. Therefore, LOWLAC has found new operating space in Kenora Market Square.

The new location is somewhat smaller than the original location at the Kenora Legion, but will allow LOWLAC staff to continue to serve their clientele. The new location will cost less at a total cost of \$410/month + GST + common costs. These costs are well within the recently revised budget and Agreement to October 31, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement to Lease with #3734661 Manitoba Limited for the time period from Jun 1-Oct 31, 2009, with an option for early possession prior to Jun 1st, 2009, at a cost of \$34.17 per day.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

7) Parking at McLeod Park – Councillor Van Walleghem indicated that since the hospital implemented a new parking charge system, the parking lot at McLeod Park is being utilized by people who are going to the hospital as visitors, outpatients or staff. This item will be referred to Operations. The Committee discussed a requirement for a minimum of 3 hours permitted parking in order to ensure that visitors have time to visit the downtown or use the trail network.

8) Norman Park Redevelopment - Councillor McMillan indicated that there should be a public meeting held soon with respect to plans to redevelop the park. Discussion took place with respect to timing of invitations to local contacts for aviation and marine displays, as well as to the Railroad Museum. Staff will contact those people by Friday, at the latest. A public meeting will be set up before the next meeting of this Committee.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting: (9:48 a.m.)

Moved by: Chris Van Walleghem Seconded by: Len Compton and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 9:48 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 (10:36 a.m.)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

1) Variance to Fence By-law

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a variance to Section 4.1 of By-law No. 94-2006, being the Fence By-law, be approved for property at 637 Eighteenth Avenue North, PLAN M103 LOT 74 PCL 29529, to permit the erection of a fence, not more than .9 metres in height, to the front lot line.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Rory McMillan Seconded by: Chris Van Walleghem

THAT the May 12, 2009 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee be adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Clerk/EDO

Operations

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Planning/Clerk