

CITY OF KENORA M I N U T E S

**Of a Committee of the Whole of Council
June 14, 2010
4:00 p.m.**

Present:

Mayor L. Compton, Councillor W. Cuthbert, Councillor C. Drinkwalter, Councillor D. McCann, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor J. Parson, Councillor Van Walleghem.

Regrets:

N/A

Staff:

Bill Preisentanz, CAO, Karen Brown, Manager of Finance and Administration, Rick Perchuk, Manager of Operations, Colleen Neil, Recreation Services Manager, Sharen McDowall, Human Resources Manager and Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

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

None Declared.

1. Environmental Advisory Committee Presentation –

Dave Schwartz was present at the meeting to discuss the annual report from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr. Schwartz noted that the City is to be commended for a variety of green initiatives that they are lead on including its early adoption of an Environmental Policy along with the appointment of an Environmental Advisory Committee. It is one of a very few cities in Ontario to have done so.

The City's Official Plan, now being finalized, is very progressive on a number of environmental issues which include energy conservation, open spaces, interconnected active transportation routes and habitat protection.

The design and construction of the City's new fire-hall incorporates a number of energy conservation features including some use of solar energy and water conservation.

The Big Green Clean, an annual city-wide clean-up by volunteers continues to be big a huge success. Literally hundreds of citizens come together to cleanup up litter and garbage around the City.

The recently-held e-waste day was a very positive demonstration of leadership and environmental commitment.

City employees continue to find innovative ways to meet the demands and challenges of waste management. Specifically, improvements to the City Transfer station have made it easier to sort and recycle wastes and the introduction of a "waste exchange" on the City's web-site are just a few of the innovations of note. Also, substantial energy conservation measures have been implemented and continue to be implemented at the Recreation Centre.

Mr. Schwartz noted that the committee had several recommendations for Council to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.