

City of Kenora

Committee of the Whole Agenda

Monday, April 11, 2011 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Public Budget Power Point Presentation

By Paul Derouard, Budget/Auditor General



2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A. Public information Notices

As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, the public is advised of Council's intention to adopt the following at its April 18 meeting:-

- The 2011 Municipal Operating and Municipal Five Year Capital Plan;
- The 2011 Solid Waste Utility Budget;
- The 2011 Water & Sewer Utility Budget;
- A recommended increase to the City's Water and Sewer Rates, effective July 1, 2011;
- The setting of tax ratios and tax rates for 2011.
 - 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

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes Motion:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 14, 2011 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations

3:30 p.m. – Dean & Derian Caron
Annual Kenora Hockey Kids for Cancer Research Hockey Tourney

E. Reports:

Community & Protective Services

Councillor Drinkwalter - Chair

Item Subject Disposition

Whereas the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (Federation) has submitted a funding proposal to both the Ministry of Tourism & Culture and the Ministry of Finance for public libraries; and

Whereas Ontario's public libraries need sustainable ongoing funding in order to properly plan and deliver services that support the priorities of the provincial government; and

Whereas public libraries must rely increasingly on municipal funding to support their operations resulting in significant variation in service levels across the Province; and

Whereas efforts to narrow the gap between provincial and local funding would help mitigate the effects of location as well as fulfill the mandate of the Public Libraries Act; and

Whereas the funding model proposed by the Federation uses a consistent per capita rate plus some fixed supplements for rural and northern libraries;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council City of Kenora hereby calls on the Provincial government to implement the funding model as proposed by the Federation for funding public libraries; and further

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture, the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Greg Rickford, MP (Kenora), Howard Hampton, MPP (Kenora – Rainy River), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

Corporate Services

Councillor McMillan, Chair

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1.	K.D.S.B. Report from Councillor Roussin	Monthly Update
2.	Councillor McMillan – seniors' Committee (no report)	
3.	Closed Meeting Investigator	

Disposition

Recommendation:

Item Subject

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby continues with the services of Paul S. Heayn as Closed Meeting Investigator, effective January 1, 2011 under the same terms and conditions set out in By-law Number 14-2008; and further

That once the new service agreement has been received, Council give three readings to a bylaw authorizing the entering into of an agreement with Paul S. Heayn for Closed Meeting Investigator services.

That Council hereby receives the report on attendance at the Lake of the Woods 8th Annual International Water Quality Forum held March 9th through 10th, 2011, and the Citizens Advisory Group Notes from that group's conference call held February 22, 2011, as provided

by Len Compton in his role as Community Liaison on the non-municipal Stakeholders Advisory Group for the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation; and

That Council hereby receives the Interim Report of the International Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Watershed Task Force.

That Mayor and Council review, approve, and sign the amended City of Kenora Occupational Health and Safety Policy Statement.

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby nominates Len "Kroppy" Kropioski for the 'Senior of the Year Award' for 2011; and further

That arrangements be made to forward the nominating information to the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture before the April 30, 2011 deadline.

That further to Council's September 13, 2010 meeting at which time authorization was given to lease the City's Fire Station #3 to Sunset Trail Riders Snowmobile Club Inc., Council hereby gives three readings to a by-law to formally authorize the lease agreement with Sunset Trail Riders Snowmobile Club Inc., on a month to month basis for property located at 241 Rabbit Lake Road.

That Council hereby adopts the following Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- January 18 & February 16, 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee
- February 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole
- February 15, 2011 Property & Planning Committee
- March 8, 2011 Audit Committee
- March 17 & 22, 2011 Budget Committee

That Council hereby receives the following Minutes from other various Committees:

- March 29, 2011 LOW Museum Board
- January 13, 27 & February 17 Kenora District Services Board
- February 8, 2011 Conventional Transit Authority Commission
- March 4, 2011 District of Kenora Home for the Aged
- March 14, 2011 Common Ground Research Forum

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

Economic Development

Councillor Smith - Chair

Item Subject Disposition

No Reports.

Finance Councillor Lunny - Chair

Item Subject Disposition

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2011 Municipal Operating and Municipal Five Year Capital Plan by by-law at the April 18 Council Meeting; and

That Council hereby approves the City of Kenora 2011 Municipal Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan as amended; and

That Council hereby authorizes City administration to proceed with the implementation of all budget related decisions in accordance with those reflected within the amended budgets; and

That Council hereby gives three readings to a By-law to approve the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget and the 2011 Municipal Five Year Capital Plan.

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2011 Solid Waste Utility Budget at the April 18th Council Meeting; and

That Council hereby approves the 2011 Solid Waste Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan, as amended; and

That Council give three readings to a By-Law to approve the 2011 Solid Waste Utility Budget.

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2011 Water & Sewer Utility Budget at the April 18th Council Meeting; and

That Council hereby approves the 2011 Water & Sewer Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan, as amended; and

That Council give three readings to a By-Law to approve the 2011 Water & Sewer Utility Budget.

Whereas at the budget meeting held on March 22, 2011, Council recommended a rate increase of 5% on water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2011;

Now therefore be resolved that following approval of a By-law to approve the 2011 Water & Sewer Utility Budget, Council hereby gives three readings to a By-law to amend Schedule "D", Table (i) to By-Law 168-2004, being a By-Law to establish water and sewer rates, to incorporate a 5% rate increase effective July 1, 2011; and further

Be it resolved that in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the City's water and sewer rates at the April 18th Special Council Meeting.

5. Capping Options – 2011

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Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the implementation of the following tools related to the capping process for the 2011 taxation year:

- Annualized Tax Limit of 10% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- Prior Year's CVA Tax Limit of 5% for each of the commercial, industrial and multiresidential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties related to increases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Clawed Back Properties related to decreases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax in 2010
- Cross Over CVA Tax in 2011; and

That Council hereby gives three readings to a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of both administering limits for certain property classes and excluding certain properties from the capping process.

6. New Construction or to Class

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Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the implementation of the minimum tax level of 100% for new construction / new to class properties for 2011; and further

That Council hereby gives three readings to a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for eligible properties within the meaning of Section 331 (new construction) for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for 2011.

7. Heads & Beds - Kingston Letter Recommendation:

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Whereas Ontario municipalities with post-secondary institutions and hospitals receive transfer payments from the provincial government in lieu of property taxes; and

Whereas the payments are transferred to the municipalities based on the number of heads (students) in post-secondary institution campuses and the number of beds in their local hospitals and jails (also known as the Heads and Beds payment in lieu of taxes); and

Whereas the current amount of \$75 per head / bed has not been increased since 1987 when it was adjusted from \$50; and

Whereas it is our position that the current Heads and Beds rate does not reflect a fair compensation for providing the local resources necessary to support these provincial services; and

Whereas this rate, if indexed to inflation, would be approximately \$135 per head / bed;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Kenora hereby requests that the provincial government of Ontario increase the Heads and Beds levy to at least the current rate of inflation and build in an automatic annual adjustment for inflation for future years; and further

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Howard Hampton, MPP (Kenora – Rainy River) and the City of Kingston.

That Council hereby supports the Keewatin Homecoming/Heritage Committee's request to name the City of Kenora as a sponsor in their application for funds from the Lake of the Woods regional Community Foundation for Keewatin Summer Splash 2011.

That Council hereby provides three readings to the following By-laws:

A By-law to set tax ratios and to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes and subclasses for municipal purposes for the year 2011; and

A By-law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to establish rates to be levied for same and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2011; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law #144-2007, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to set tax ratios and tax rates for 2011 at its April 18 meeting.

Operations Committee

Councillor McKay - Chair Item Subject

Disposition

That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to the Chairman and Committee Members of the Standing Committee on General Government with regards to Bill 151 advising of the lost opportunities of not holding consultations on this legislation in the Northwest; and

That the letter also outline the City's concerns on that proposed legislation with regards to Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs), the number of pilots, the time limits for evaluating the LFMCs and the increased government authority as outlined within that bill; and

That a copy of that letter be sent to the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development, Forestry and Mines and the Honourable Linda Jeffries, the Minister of Natural Resources; and further

That a copy of that letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities with a request for their support on this matter.

2. CAV ICross – 2011

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora acknowledge the 5th Annual Lewis Mackenzie Order of Canada ICROSS National Honour Ride to be held July 29th, July 30th & July 31st, 2011; and further

That approvals be granted as outlined below in conjunction with the above noted Special event:

That authorization be granted for the Canadian Veteran Motorcycle Units (CAV) to hold a Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday July 30th, 2011; and

That approval be granted for parking of the motorcycles during the flag raising ceremony in the City Hall parking lot and the metered parking spots in front of City Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; and

That authorization be granted for the Canadian Veteran Motorcycle Units (CAV) to hold a Memorial Service at the Lake of the Woods Cemetery on Saturday, July 30th at 11 a.m.; and further

That general vehicular traffic be prohibited in the Cemetery from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th, 2011, during the Memorial Service.

3. Endorsation of Resolution - Emerald Ash Borer Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports and endorses the following resolution from the Northwestern Ontario Emerald Ash Borer Task Force Steering Committee:

Whereas over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests; and

Whereas the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which provide services through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, and filtering storm water, as well as beautifying our communities; and

Whereas neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests; and

Whereas the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec; and

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting; and

Whereas Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focused on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management; and

Whereas other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area; and

11 April 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda Whereas Canada engages municipalities in a number of substantial infrastructure programs;

Now therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Kenora calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer and any future significant imported diseases and insects as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests; and further

Be it resolved that this resolution be distributed to The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; The Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; The Honorable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance; The Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Greg Rickford, MP (Kenora); Howard Hampton, MPP (Kenora –Rainy River); Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

That Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law to authorize a lease extension of the agreement between the City of Kenora and KC Refrigeration as provided for in By-law Number 182-2009, for land described as Keewatin Public Works Garage Part 1, PLC126 Plan 23RR6726, 23R4158, Unit A.

That Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby gives direction to the Facilities Coordinator to continue to negotiate a lease agreement between the City of Kenora and Ferometalcraft Ltd. for land described as Keewatin Public Works Garage Part 1, PLC126 Plan 23RR6726, 23R4158; Unit B.

That Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law to authorize a lease extension of the agreement between the City of Kenora and K C Refrigeration as provided for in By-law Number 35-2010 for land described as Keewatin Public Works Garage Part 1, PLC126 Plan 23RR6726,23R4158; Unit C.

That Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the entering into a contract with KMA Contracting Inc., to supply and erect the Tensile Fabric Structure at the Harbourfront, under the Downtown Revitalization Contract 500.

Other COW Business:

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 9, 2011.

Close Meeting.