



Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2011

3:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Action

Present: Mayor D. Canfield
Councillor C. Drinkwalter (arrived late)
Councillor R. Lunny
Councillor R. McKay
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor L. Roussin
Councillor S. Smith
K. Brown, CAO
W. Brinkman, Fire/Emergency Services Manager
S. McDowall, HR Manager
C. Neil, Recreation Services Manager
J. Nabb, Bldg. Inspector/Facilities Coordinator
J. McMillin, City Clerk



2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Budget Presentation:

Paul Derouard, Budget/Auditor General, provided a Power Point presentation summarizing highlights of the 2011 Municipal Budget and Capital Plan, including the Water & Sewer Utility and Solid Waste Utility Budgets. It was explained the final rate impact for 2011 is 1.61% and that for example purposes, a 1% increase equals \$200,000 in incremental tax revenues.

It was explained that Kenora's rate remains low in comparison to other Northwestern Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the Power Point Presentation forms part of these Minutes.

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

Councillor McKay made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest on Item #7 on today's Agenda under Community Services relating to the lease with Sunset Trail Riders as he is currently an STR Member.

Councillor McMillan made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest on Item #'s 1 and 9 on today's Agenda under Finance regarding municipal budgets as they relate to the Kenora Police Services Board as his spouse is a Member on the Board.

Councillor Smith made a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest on Item #8 on today's Agenda under Finance as it relates to the group that she works with, Keewatin Summer Splash.

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes

1) Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-

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

Dean introduced himself, and his son Derian, a Grade 7 TA Student. They attended to give a presentation to Committee on the Annual Kenora Hockey Kids for Cancer Research Hockey Tournament. He explained the reason they organize the tournament is because of the amount of cancer that has not only touched their lives, but because it touches nearly everyone in one way or another.

The Caron's goal is to see this tournament grow both locally on an annual basis and to be replicated elsewhere. In 2009 they raised \$5,700 and in 2010 they raised \$12,500. This year their goal is to raise a number closer to or exceeding \$15,000. The plan is being worked on to expand the tournament in 2012, and Dean suggested that City Council could help by spreading the word on Kenora's tournament; encourage duplication elsewhere; encourage more out of town participation; encourage others to attend the games and make donations, as well as sending out challenges to other neighbouring municipalities.

Dean questioned if there isn't a third sheet of ice available in 2012 they would like to run the tournament either on Good Friday or Easter Monday next year and he referred to overtime costs as a concern as that can be quite expensive. He further asked if there is a way to minimize the overtime costs, such as requesting City staff/Union to volunteer to work at straight time for the event, or use minimal arena staff as a way to help offset costs associated with running the tournament. He also asked if there are any special municipal grants they could access for this next year's event. Dean explained they do not require any answers today as they are looking at 2012, and in closing he encouraged everyone to come out to the rink for this year's tournament taking place April 21 to 24, 2011.

In response to a question about the fundraising dollars, Dean advised that while the funds can be earmarked for pediatric cancer, funds are not retained at the local level.

Dean and Derian were thanked for their presentation and they left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

E. Reports:

Community & Protective Services

Councillor Drinkwalter, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-

1. Library Federation Funding Support Sample Letter to MPP's Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

A copy of the resolution will also be forwarded to Deputy Minister Steven Davidson of the Ministry of Tourism & Culture as well as to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Corporate Services

Councillor McMillan, Chair, reviewed the reports:

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1. K.D.S.B. Report from Councillor Roussin Monthly Update

Councillor Roussin gave a summary of comments from the Board, and specifically referred to municipal funding. He mentioned one of the biggest items the Board is faced with is the present CAO Sten Lif will be retiring as of May 13, 2011. Councillor Roussin advised that following completion of the recruitment process, the Board has hired Dan McNeil, Municipal Treasurer for Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls and he brings with him a great deal of experience. Councillor Roussin indicated that prior to Sten leaving they will be dealing with an item under their marketing and communications Task Force and would like someone to make presentations to all the KDSB municipalities.

Councillor Roussin also advised that Peter Marshall, EMS Director has resigned; the Board will also be recruiting for a new Human Resources Officer; and they have also been experiencing an IT problem which is being enhanced. He advised the budget process was completed on February 17 and we should have received that information. Councillor Roussin noted the Board has a fairly large budget and believes the KDSB is well managed; he stressed that the Board Members are fairly aggressive to ensure money is spent wisely and they are doing an excellent job. The main problem with KDSB is funding as a result of numerous things; there has been no audit or review of various practices, and the direction coming from municipalities is that something has to be done ASAP.

Non-emergency patient transfers were referred to and that changes have to be made and support is needed from such municipal associations as NOMA and AMO. Councillor Roussin referenced Bill 140 that will affect social housing and implications are huge for municipalities; there will be a 1% increase in this regard with other such major issues affecting District Services Boards with proposed changes to the Municipal Act and the Planning Act with impacts to the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws. Councillor Roussin indicated he has reviewed Kenora's Official Plan and Zoning By-laws and that Kenora will likely be saved a lot of work as the City did an excellent job with those documents.

Councillor Roussin advised he has been elected to prepare a report as a result of his review of Bill 140 and eventually there will be a need to establish a date to invite KDSB reps. to Kenora and provide a presentation to Council.

2. Councillor McMillan – Seniors' Committee

Councillor McMillan advised he had been approached by Ralph Mosher of the Seniors Coalition to see if Council would appoint a rep. or have a Member of Council attend their meetings as a liaison, and to re-establish a relationship. Councillor McMillan suggested that their concerns could flow through a Committee of Council and he indicated he would be prepared to attend the Seniors' meetings as a liaison, Councillor Drinkwalter advised she is also interested.

Councillor McMillan will find out when the meetings are held by contacting Mr. Mosher, and to determine what the Coalition is looking for, and will report back to Committee of the Whole.

**Councillor
McMillan**

HOLD for more information.

3. Closed Meeting Investigator

Recommendation:

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 by-law authorizing the entering into of an agreement with Paul S. Heayn for Closed Meeting Investigator services.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

4. LOTW Water Quality Forum

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

5. Amended Occupational Health & Safety Policy

Recommendation:

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

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

6. Nomination – Senior of the Year

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

7. Sunset Trail Riders – Lease

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

8. Various Committee Minutes

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

Economic Development

Councillor Smith, Chair, reviewed the reports:

1. Celebrate Ontario Funding Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to authorize execution of the Celebrate Ontario Funding agreement in the amount of \$40,000; and further

That Council hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to sign the Celebrate Ontario Funding agreement in the amount of \$40,000.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

2. TD Canada Green Streets (Tree Canada) Funding

Recommendation:

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to authorize execution of the Tree Canada agreement in the amount of \$15,000, and further

That Council hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to sign the Tree Canada funding agreement in the amount of \$15,000.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

Finance

Councillor Lunny, Chair, reviewed the reports:

Councillor McMillan left the meeting at 4:24 p.m. while the following items were discussed:

Councillor Lunny read a prepared Press Release regarding the budget, noting the various budget by-laws will be presented for adoption at Council's April 18 meeting.

1. Approval Municipal Budgets 2011

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

2. Approval Solid Waste Utility Budget 2011

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

3. Approval Water & Sewer Utility Budget - 2011

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

4. Approval of 2011 Water & Sewer Budgeted Rate Increase

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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Councillor McMillan returned to the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

5. Capping Options – 2011

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 multi-residential 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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

6. New Construction or to Class

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

7. Heads & Beds – Kingston Letter

Recommendation:

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

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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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

8. Keewatin Summer Splash - 2011

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

9. Tax Ratios and Rates

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

Operations Committee

Councillor McKay, Chair, reviewed the reports:

1. Bill 151–Forest Tenure Modernization & Crown Forest Sustainability

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

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.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

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

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.

Councillor McKay explained this matter has already been dealt with, so forwarding the motion to Council would be somewhat redundant, and Committee agreed.

This item is to be filed.

File

4. KC Refrigeration Lease Extension (Unit A)

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

5. Lease Agreement former Keewatin PW Yard (Unit B)

Recommendation:

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.

It was questioned if there was another lessee interested in this unit or in all units. It was explained that there was another party interested however it would require the City carrying out various leasehold work if we continued with that request. It was further noted the City was already in discussions with the other party prior to receiving further interest. This lease is the best revenue stream for the City and does not require us to expend dollars on improvements.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

6. KC Refrigeration Lease Extension (Unit C)

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

7. Tensile Fabric Structure (Tent) Agreement

Recommendation:

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.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

It was noted the Harbourfront tent should be completed by Labour Day.

Other COW Business:

Canadian Aboriginal Gathering in Thunder Bay

Councillor McMillan suggested it would be appropriate to send a couple of representatives from our Common Ground Conservation Organization to this session in Thunder Bay next month; noting the deadline to register is May 2, 2011.

Recommendation:

That authorization be hereby given for up to two Members of the Rat Portage Common Ground Conservation Organization to attend the Canadian Municipal Aboriginal Gathering in Thunder Bay, May 24 to 27, 2011; and further

That all eligible expenses in accordance with Council's Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby authorized.

Recommendation approved.

Councillor McMillan will advise the Clerk who will be attending.

Budgeting Process

Councillor Roussin spoke to the budget and Council's role in setting policy and looking at past budgets. He questioned if while away he might have missed where Council reviewed various policies and procedures and how or if they impact the budget. Karen advised there is no detailed review to this extent; staff work through the budget process in as much or as little detail as deemed by Council and that generally the Capital Budget is reviewed in more detail because the items contained in that budget are of a higher level. Councillor Roussin believes there should be an opportunity for Council to review policies and procedures that deal with operations in specific areas to determine if there is a cost savings to the City.

NOMA – AGM

Mayor Canfield mentioned the Thunder Bay NOMA Agenda is almost finalized and that so are only two Ministers are confirmed for the Bear Pit session; they are still pursuing inviting others to attend.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 9, 2011.

The meeting closed at 5:12 p.m.

JMcMillin

**Councillor
McMillan**