

**City of Kenora**  
**Minutes**  
**Of a Committee of the Whole of Council**  
**January 31, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Councillor C. Drinkwater, Acting Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. Lunny, Councillor R. McKay, Councillor R. McMillan (arrived at 10:20 a.m.), Councillor L. Roussin, Councillor S. Smith, K. Brown, CAO, H. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

**Regrets:**

**Mayor D. Canfield**

**Staff:**

**Jennifer Findlay, Economic Development Officer, Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator, Charlotte Edie, Municipal Treasurer, Paul Derouard, Budget/Auditor General**

**Members of Business Development Committee of the Lake of the Woods  
Development Commission:**

**Thelma Wilkins-Page, Chair, Marc Bissonnette, Mort Goss, Fred Wright**

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**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.

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**1. Webinar Presentation with FoTenn Consulting**

Jennifer Findlay, Economic Development Officer outlined the purpose of the meeting to give Lake of the Woods Development Commission as well as members of Council an outline of what a Community Improvement plan is.

Nadia DeSanti from FoTenn Consulting went through a webinar presentation to the members present. The presentation reflected that a Community Improvement Plan is a tool under the Planning Act to encourage and stimulate economic development and community revitalization through financial incentives. The Community Improvement Plan is a separate document that describes the nature of eligible projects, funding programs, and timelines. It allows municipalities to direct funding programs towards projects and issues that are unique to the individual community. It involves land owners and the community to ensure there is program uptake. It stimulates private sector investment through municipal incentive based programs and developed by a municipality and implemented through an Official Plan Amendment. In 2007 the City

of Kenora embarked on a Community Improvement Plan for Harbourtown Centre signage, landscaping and property improvements. These were facade improvements that businesses could apply for funding to assist in the costs of these improvements to their buildings.

The City has designated a Community Improvement Plan area in the Official Plan Section 5.4 Future Development Area and Section 8.2, Community Improvement for the Abitibi lands.

Various Council members present had several questions for Ms. DeSanti and Deputy Mayor Charito Drinkwalter thanked her for her presentation.

## **2. Adjournment**

**Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

**That** this meeting be now declared closed at 11:00 a.m.