

City of Kenora
Minutes
Of a Special Committee of the Whole of Council
November 28, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor D. Canfield, Councillor C. Drinkwater, Councillor R. Lunny, Councillor R. McKay, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor L. Roussin, Councillor S. Smith, S. McDowall, Human Resources Manager and H. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

Lake of the Woods Development Commission Members Present:

D. Wallace, Chair, G. McEwan, D. Denver, T. Wilkins-Page, R. Nickle

Ministry of Northern Development & Mines Member Present:

Theresa Stephens

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. Northwest Business Centre Reporting

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines representative sent an e-mail dated November 21 to Karen Brown, CAO indicating that to fulfill the obligations of the Agreement with the Province, the Northwest Business Centre Manager is to report directly to the City of Kenora, not the Commission, and the reporting relationship is with the signatory on the Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to.

In the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Agreement under "Termination" it states that in the event that the Ministry is of the opinion that there has been a breach by the recipient of any term or condition contained in the Agreement, the Ministry shall give notice to the recipient of the particulars of the breach and the reasonable time period in which to remedy the breach. The Ministry recently participated in the recruitment of the new Northwest Business Centre Manager which was lead by the City Economic Development Officer, and no notice was provided to the Commission or the City that they were in breach of any aspect of the Agreement.

The Lake of the Woods Development Commission is providing service throughout its service area. It is expanding services via electronic and other means in Red Lake, Sioux Lookout and Dryden. The agreement approved for the current fiscal year has data showing where the Northwest Business Centre exceeded its contract obligations in Kenora and other communities in the service area. The Northwest Business Centre was also part of the process in partnering with Treaty 3 and municipalities across the Northwest in a First Nations conference and outreach to these communities.

The Commission feels that the Northwest Business team members benefit from the collaboration with the Lake of the Woods Development Commission staff and the leadership of the Economic Development Officer. Further there is clear separation not only in the programs that the Centre delivers, but with the physical location as they are co-located with the Business Development Bank with its own identity. This is the same for the sub-office that is located in Dryden.

The Commission is requesting that the City talk with Ministry officials to reinstate the reporting relationship with the Lake of the Woods Development Commission and not directly to the City of Kenora.

1. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-

That this meeting be now declared closed at 9:15 a.m.; and further

That pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session for the purpose of:-

i) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual

2. Reconvene to Open Meeting

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

That Committee hereby reconvenes to Open Session at 10:15 a.m. with no reports from the Closed Session; and further

That this meeting be now declared closed at 10:15 a.m.