



Minutes

(Amended)

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Action

Present:

- Mayor D. Canfield
- Councillor C. Drinkwalter
- Councillor R. Lunny
- Councillor R. McKay
- Councillor R. McMillan
- Councillor L. Roussin (arr'd at 4:00 p.m.)
- Councillor S. Smith
- K. Brown, CAO
- R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
- W. Brinkman, Emergency Services Manager
- C. Neil, Recreation Services Manager
- C. Edie, Treasurer
- J. McMillin, City Clerk

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 October 17 meeting:-

Amendments to the Tariff of Fees & Charges By-law #147-2007 to establish new rates for the following:

- i) Recreation Centre Advertising
- ii) Personal Training & Private Swimming Lesson
- iii) Seasonal Docking

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.
There were none declared.

C. Motion for Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes: Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by S. Smith, & Carried:-

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held September 12, 2011 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Deputations

3:30 p.m.
Youth Group

The Youth Group provided a Power Point Presentation to Committee; explaining that as youth they can sometimes feel very alone in the community. In many cases they are not given the chance to let their light shine. They need help in finding opportunities to build positive assets in their lives; and when they shine, the community shines. They are not sure where they should turn when they need help; where do they go and who are the adults in the community who are here to help. Kenora no longer has a youth help line and they no longer have a community centre for youth. Who and what is here to help when they feel desperate and alone. The essence of their message was to have a place of their own; needing a place to go such as a Youth Centre in Kenora. The Recreation Centre was mentioned but it is really out of the way with a cost to use the facility, such as the pool, and gym. Colleen Neil mentioned it costs the same to go bowling, but there may be a reason why they may not feel comfortable coming to the Recreation Centre. While the Recreation Centre has tried in the past to accommodate some type of youth centre it hasn't worked out. It was noted the youth don't necessarily like the Bowling Alley as alcohol is served for adults and there are children there at the same time. There were some connections recently made at a Leadership Conference about getting applications going to get a Centre started up but it is difficult to find an ideal location for everyone plus there is no budget at this time for the group.

The Youth Group was thanked for the excellent presentation.

3:45 p.m.
Northwestern Health Unit

Judy Underwood and Chelsea Lecain provided a Power Point Presentation on creating a healthy Kenora together. They reviewed the Community Engagement process that started in 2010 across the region with the first meeting in May and the Health Unit provided an overview on how the consultation was received in the community with the health priorities. There was a variety involved in the Kenora session from such areas as Social Services, Health Care, Government, Grassroots and Private Sector. Priorities identified for Kenora included: social deterrents, such as health, housing, and inclusion for example. The actions taken to-date include, implementation of a parent/caregiver survey; delivery of strengthening families and diversity training; other initiatives: Making Kenora Home, August BBQ at Fellowship Centre, Hunger Doesn't take a Vacation, Food Bank, and in the Spirit of Sharing. The Health Unit is looking to municipalities to continue to advocate for affordable housing; support a Municipal Youth Council; and to participate in next month's Community Engagement Session on November 16 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Discovery Centre.

Judy and Chelsea were thanked for their presentation.

4:00 p.m.
Dean Caron

Dean Caron introduced his kids and other kids involved with organizing the 4th Annual Kenora Hockey Kids for Cancer Research Hockey tournament taking place March 26 to April 1, 2012. He explained why the tournament is held; want the tournament to grow annually. Their goal for 2012 is to see a number closer to or exceeding \$25,000; in 2011 they raised \$20,300.

The organizing group requested Council to consider a Triple Gold Sponsorship (Gold is \$1,000 or greater) to help offset ice rental costs. They reviewed the various costs associated with participating in the tournament, particularly with various challenges. Dean suggested that Council could help by spreading the word on Kenora's tournament; encourage duplication elsewhere; encourage more out of town participation; and for the community to attend the games and make donations as well as challenges to other neighbouring municipalities. Dean commented they would like more ice time and for tournaments such as this, twinning or tripling of ice pads would be ideal.

Dean and his group were thanked for their presentation.

4:15 p.m.

Barb A. Skead (Pahpasay)

Ms Skead advised she is a Kenora resident and would like the City to contact the provincial government to have the liquor store and beer store re-located. She explained that as an Aboriginal person it is difficult to shop at the local Mall and it is quite scary for most Aboriginal shoppers. She referred to the various panhandlers that are aggressive against their own people so she has resorted to shopping in Winnipeg to avoid that confrontation, and it's safer. She suggested the stores could be moved to either the Redditt Road area by the OPP Office off the By-pass or on Hwy. 17 East near Jones Road. Ms Skead explained she wants her and her children to be safe when going to the Kenora Mall and that she'd like to help in any way she can, perhaps with a petition.

Ms Skead was thanked very much for attending and addressing the subject with the City.

E. Reports:

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Community & Protective Services

Councillor Drinkwater, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-

1. KPFFA – Collective Agreement 2011 - 2013

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law, authorizing an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and the Kenora Professional Fire Fighters' Association Local 943 for the term January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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2. Recreation Department – 2011 Quarterly Report

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the 2011 Third Quarter Report for the Recreation Department.

Recommendation approved.

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3. Amendment to Tariff of Fees By-law – Rec. Ctre. Advertising Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora approve the advertising rates for recreation facilities in the City of Kenora; and

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend Schedule "B" to Tariff of Fees By-Law at its October 17, 2011 meeting; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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4. Amendment to Tariff of Fees By-law – Personal Training and Private Swimming Lessons Rates Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora approve the Personal Training Fees and the Rate for Private Swimming Lessons in the City of Kenora; and

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend Schedule "B" to Tariff of Fees By-Law at its October 17, 2011 meeting; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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Corporate Services

Councillor McMillan, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-

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

Councillor Roussin advised the Land Ambulance base plans are coming along and plans are being finalized however it will be expensive, approx. \$3 million dollars for the much needed facility. KDSB is also going through an Operational Review which is expected to be completed by year-end and zero-based budgeting will not begin until 2013. KDSB Staff and Board training is taking place next Tuesday, and a new logo has been unveiled for the Board.

2. AMO Workshop – Thunder Bay

Recommendation:

That authorization be hereby given for up to four (4) Members of Council to attend AMO's EMCP 2 Workshop on Challenges of 2011 & Beyond – An Overview, taking place in Thunder Bay on Friday, December 9, 2011; and further

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

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Recommendation approved.

Members are asked to let Heather know as soon as possible who would like to attend so that reservations/registrations can be arranged.

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3. Local Government Week & Proclamation

Recommendation:

That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of October 16 to 22, 2011 as "Local Government Week" in and for the City of Kenora; and further

That authorization be hereby given to the City Clerk's Office to arrange various activities involving Members of Council with local schools and the media as deemed necessary in order to advertise, promote, and engage the citizens of Kenora to recognize local government in our community.

Recommendation approved.

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Various activities will be organized through the Clerk's Office and Members advised accordingly on what events will be planned for their participation.

4. Endorsation of Resolution - Sale of Liquor-Convenience Stores

Recommendation:

Whereas the City of Kenora has received a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Ontario Public Health Association and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, expressing concerns about the current campaign to allow beer and wine to be sold in Ontario convenience and grocery stores for off-premise consumption; and

Whereas proliferation of these types of outlets being authorized to sell such products provides more opportunity for youth to have access to alcohol, as well as having the potential for an increase in crime rates at all night convenience stores;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby opposes allowing alcohol products to be sold at convenience and grocery stores and appeals to the provincial government to veto the approval of any legislation that would authorize such sales in any type of stores other than the LCBO; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health Promotion & Sport, the Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, the Minister of Children & Youth Services, all municipalities in the Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay Districts, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Kenora's MPP.

Recommendation not approved – file.

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It was discussed that as this may not currently be an issue before the Legislature that it be removed from the agenda at this time.

5. Receipt/Approval of Various Committee Minutes

Recommendation:

That Council hereby adopts the following 2011 Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- June 7, July 29 & September 9 – Deer & Wolf Conflict Task Force
- August 16 & August 25 – Planning Advisory Committee
- September 12 – Committee of the Whole

- September 13 – Kenora Urban Trails
- September 23 – Environmental Advisory Committee
- September 28 – Lake of the Woods Museum Board

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

- June 29 - Kenora Police Services Board
- August 19 – Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health
- August 26 - District of Kenora Home for the Aged; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

Recommendation approved.

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6. Youth Council (NWHU)

Recommendation:

That Council hereby directs administration to develop a terms of reference for the development of a Youth Council; and further

That the proposed terms of reference be brought back to the November Committee of the Whole meeting for Council consideration.

Recommendation approved.

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Economic Development

Councillor Smith, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-

No Reports.

Finance

Councillor Lunny, Chair reviewed the Committee reports:-

1. Accounts Receivable Write offs

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the write off of accounts totalling \$32,010.75 including applicable taxes; and further

That City staff be directed to continue collection efforts on these accounts.

Recommendation approved.

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2. AMO – Request of Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA).

Recommendation:

Whereas the Government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

Whereas the Canada-European Union relationship holds great potential for growing Canada’s trade and collective prosperity; and

Whereas the Council has been made aware that some members of our community have concern regarding the impact of CETA negotiations currently underway between Canada and the European Union; and

Whereas the City of Kenora supports the guiding principles as set out by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and endorsed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Be it Resolved that the City of Kenora requests the Federal Government and the Province of Ontario to continue to ensure that the municipal sectors’ interests are represented in the ongoing negotiations; and

That the federal government’s negotiations ensure that the FCM guiding principles will be fully reflected in any trade agreement reached between Canada and the European Union; and

That the federal and Ontario governments provide FCM and AMO with regular, detailed updates on the status of the European Union trade negotiations to the fullest extent possible; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of International Trade; the Ontario Minister responsible for Trade and Economic Development, our local MP and MPP, FCM and AMO.

Recommendation approved.

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Councillor Roussin suggested that possibly this issue be studied and followed by the Economic Development Officer and LOWDC for potential economic development opportunities as he would rather see the City ready to pursue the opportunities as soon as possible once the trade agreement is approved. Mayor Canfield explained that with our motion going forward we have one unified voice with all other municipalities.

3. Appointment of Tax Collector Trainee

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora authorize the hiring of a Tax Collector Trainee for succession planning purposes prior to the retirement of the Tax Collector in June, 2012; and

That this appointment be in effect until June 30, 2012, the effective date of the retirement of the current Tax Collector; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to appoint the new Tax Collector at that time, and thereby repealing By-law Number 78-2010.

Recommendation approved.

It was mentioned this will be a large learning curve for a new person and also to train for the bi-annual tax billing. Committee indicated they were pleased that Pat provided adequate notice so that the transition can be implemented seamlessly and that this is very proactive for the City.

Karen advised that while the position is Non-Union it will be posted internally and externally, and there is no staff person who has been mentored to step into the position. Charlotte Edie also acknowledged and thanked Pat for giving as much notice as she did in order to hire a replacement.

4. Financial Statements – August/2011

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora as at August 31, 2011.

Recommendation approved.

5. Sunset Trail Riders – Donation Receipt (Groomer)

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the issuance of a donation receipt for the donation of a Bombi groomer based on the year, model and condition of the equipment following the receipt of the donated groomer; and

That Council has approved the proposal as attached to the October 5, 2011 report of the CAO from the Sunset Trail Riders for the acceptance of a new groomer, including the long-term responsibility for that groomer, as well as how that new groomer

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would be used to expand the Sunset Trail Riders grooming abilities, enhancing snowmobiling in and around the City of Kenora and ultimately promoting winter snow machine related tourism to the Kenora area; and

That the City will not be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of the donation of this groomer; and

That the donated groomer, as well as the ongoing responsibility for the groomer, including all ongoing upkeep, maintenance, expenditures, liability and all other

related operations shall be the sole property/responsibility of the Sunset Trail Riders; and further

That since the proposal from the Sunset Trail Riders has been approved by Council at its August 15, 2011 meeting, the City will issue a donation receipt related to this equipment.

Recommendation approved.

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Operations Committee

Councillor McKay, Chair reviewed the Committee reports:-

1. Sault Ste. Marie Resolution – Support of Bill 206

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the following resolution adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie:

Be It Resolved that City Council express its full support of Bill 206 – TransCanada Highway Improvement Act, legislation introduced by David Oraziotti, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, which proposes that the Federal and Provincial governments develop a plan to improve Highway 17 in a variety of ways that address the concerns of Northern Ontario motorists; and

That former federal funding levels be reinstated; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM for endorsement.

Recommendation approved.

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2. Ontario Good Roads Association - Call for Board Nominations

While names could go forward for the Northern Zone, it was agreed that no names be submitted at this time as there is a sufficient slate of members.

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3. Tariff of Fees & Charges – Docking

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law to authorize the Seasonal Docking Fees and Rates for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 seasons, set out in the report of the Facilities Coordinator dated October 6, 2011; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees By-Law at its October 17, 2011 meeting for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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Property & Planning Committee

Councillor Roussin, Chair reviewed the Committee Reports:-

1. STR – Proposed Snowmobile Trails

Recommendation:

Whereas the Sunset Trail Riders (STR) has identified an acceptable through town route for a proposed Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) snowmobile corridor through the City of Kenora; and

Whereas a public consultation session was held on September 26, 2011 with regards to a proposed OFSC snowmobile corridor; and

Whereas all comments received, both at the public consultation session, and subsequent to that session, on this matter have been compiled and provided to the STR for their comment; and

Whereas this route has been adjusted as appropriate to improve the trail based on the comments received from the public and City staff; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police has committed to regular patrols for the purposes on an approved OFSC trail through the City;

Now therefore, let it be resolved that Council hereby approves the Sunset Trail Riders (STR) to implement a through town OFSC snowmobile corridor with the following conditions:

- All costs to be borne by the Sunset Trail Riders
- Written permission and / or written agreements with all landowners as required, including written approval by Treaty 3 for use of their lands
- STR agrees to provide the City with proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00 related to the trail

- The use of “tune pipes” prohibited within City limits
- The hours of use for the trail be prohibited between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Karen advised that STR will be coming forward with the finalized information and maps outlining the trails for Monday night’s meeting.

Mayor Canfield suggested it would be good to start the process with the above motion as our intent and that the by-law would come forward at a later date. It was noted that STR would expect the guardrail re-location to be at the City’s cost. It was discussed there could be two routes through town; the groomed trail and the route the machines have been using to access town at this time. Councillor Smith indicated there should be a way to get to the service stations but that a trail permit fee shouldn’t be required. It was noted there is a large percentage of residents in town who do not support the trail system. With respect to any accident reports, it was confirmed that for the 4 k/m of trail, no accidents were reported to OPP; there could be a signage issue as some persons may get lost but no accidents. It was explained it has been documented that we don’t have tourism and snow-machining and the trail permit system directly affects it, and that there should be a permit reform that will make both tourists and residents happy, otherwise we will only create animosity throughout the community. Councillor Smith would like to continue to lobby the government. Mayor Canfield stated there has been very little negative feedback on the trail and that most comments are positive. He stated we want and need a corridor and we should also be prohibiting ‘tune pipes.’

Councillor McKay noted that warm-up shelters really don’t help tourism and we need tourists to be able to access our services and businesses (outside the downtown core) and it is important to have a trail to bring people and snow-machining back to our community.

Councillor McMillan is concerned that the permit fee is high and the trail may not be used. Councillor Roussin stated a trail permit would only be needed to drive through and that’s all the city has control over and that we should have a trail through town for tourism and safety.

Recommendation approved (resolution only at this time).

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Other Business:

AMO Board Meeting

Mayor Canfield gave a report from various meetings he recently attended at the AMO Board Meeting (as a matter of interest he noted that utility and hydro poles are not covered by municipal insurance), and that the AMO Board is looking at three priority items for 2012.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, November 14, 2011.

Motion - Adjournment to Closed Meeting:

1. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-

That this meeting be now declared closed at 5:50 p.m.; and further

That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Committee to move into a Closed Session to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

i) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual

Reconvene to Open Meeting:

2. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter & Carried:-

That Committee hereby reconvenes to Open Session at 6:35 p.m. with the following from its Closed Meeting:

- Committee gave direction to Administration on the following:

- i) Direction to Administration to develop a job description for recruitment of an Administrative Assistant support position for the Operations Department;
- ii) Direction to Administration to refer information to the Lake of the Woods Development Commission regarding a possible partnership with another municipality.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:40 p.m.

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