



Minutes
of the
Property and Planning Committee of Council
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
City Council Chambers
9:00 a.m.

Action

Present: Councillor R. Lunny, Chair
Councillor C. Drinkwalter
Councillor S. Smith
Councillor R. McMillan
Karen Brown, CAO
Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager
James Tkachyk, Planning Advisory Chair
Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Mayor D. Canfield
Councillor L. Roussin
Councillor R. McKay
Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator

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 March 21st meeting:-

- A by-law to amend the Official Plan

B. Declaration Of Pecuniary Interest And The General Nature Thereof:

- a) On today's agenda
- b) From a meeting at which a Member was not in attendance

There were none declared.

C. Confirmation of Previous Standing Committee Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the last meetings of the Regular Standing Committee meetings held February 15, 2011 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Standing Committee Deputations:

None

E. Addition(s) to Agenda:

N/A

F. Presentations:

Kenora Community Garden Group

Three presenters from Women's Shelter Saakaate House include Bernice Dubec, Executive Director, Jessica Collinson, Child Care Worker and Christie Savage, Mental Health Worker. A community garden is defined as a plot of land where community volunteers from a non-profit society produce food, flowers, native and ornamental plants, edible berries, and food perennials on public or private lands. Community gardens promote urban agriculture, food security and food production. They utilize a parcel of land in order for the community to produce organic vegetables, fruit and flowers for the use of its members through allotments or shared plots and can be an ornamental, native plant and perennial food producing garden for community enjoyment. These gardens ensure that the public has access to the community garden areas and donates surplus produce to local food banks organizations and encourages partnerships with other community organizations. There are many community partners to the Kenora Community Garden project who oversee the planning, development, organizing and sharing to implement the project. The proposed community garden activities include seed exchanges, educational sessions, community kitchens, cultural teachings, traditional medicines, community feasts, healthy eating and active living and safe food handling and injury prevention. The Committee is seeking Council's support in the program and to provide a community garden pilot project at Central Park in Keewatin. They would also like the City to provide a water connection for the community garden, assist with building a fence around the garden plots, provide signage for the site and designate parking, provide benches and picnic tables for teaching areas, provide landfill for garden plots. Councillor Lunny thanked the group for their presentation which concluded at 9:18 a.m.

F. Reports:

1. Proposal for Sign on CPR Property – Report from Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora approves the request of Pattison Outdoor Advertising, agent for Canadian Pacific Railway for the following variances to Sign By-law No. 115-2010:

- 1) To section 8.1.1(b) to permit the location of a static digital billboard to be located at a specific site, east of McLeod Park, within the Harbourtown Centre Area; and
- 2) To section 4.1(h) to permit the location of a sign which does not relate to any uses, or uses, of the premises located on the same property;
- 3) To 7.3.1. Table D – Ground Sign - To permit the area and height of the sign; and
- 4) To 8.1.2. Table E – Ground Sign - To permit the area and height of the sign; and

That the variance is conditional upon the following;

- 1) The materials used to construct the sign include granite and pine, or a pine look, which are consistent with the materials used in the revitalization projects associated with the Harbourtown Centre;
- 2) The utilities required for the sign be located underground;
- 3) Samples of the proposed materials be submitted, together with a site plan and building permit application, to the City of Kenora Building Department; and;

4) The final location of the sign be approved by the City of Kenora in consideration of underground utilities and proximity to snow clearing area; That this variance is for one static digital billboard only and that all other billboards and their foundations be removed;

That the proposal of February 1st, 2011, submitted by Rob Sedgwick of Pattison Outdoor Advertising, forms the basis for the agreement by the City of Kenora, notwithstanding that a destination sign will not be permitted; and

This variance is being approved because the static digital billboard, per Section 2 Intent, of the Sign By-law:

- (a) is appropriate in size, number and location to the type of activity or use to which it pertains
- (b) provides reasonable and appropriate means for the public to locate and identify facilities, business, services and events without difficulty or confusion;
- (c) is compatible with surrounding activities or uses
- (d) protects and enhance the aesthetic qualities and visual character of the City
- (e) is consistent with the City's planning, urban design and heritage objectives
- (f) does not create a distraction, or safety hazard, for pedestrians and motorists
- (g) minimizes adverse impacts on nearby property; and
- (h) balances the public's right to expression with the purpose and intent of this By-law.

Discussion: From reading the report of the Ad Hoc Committee all areas of concerns that have been brought forward previously have been addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee. Pattison Signs will be offering the businesses that currently have signage located on the Harbourfront complimentary signage on the new message board for a period of 3 months. The City also receives one spot on the signage board at no charge at all times on the board.

Recommendation approved.

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2. Application to Variance of Sign By-Law-Festival of the Arts

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the Kenora District Festival of Arts variance request provided;

- the signs are placed and removed as per the requested dates on the application.
- that a copy of the location approval letter from the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board be submitted to the City.
- that the banner sign is located so as to not cause a distraction at the Lakewood School entrance or when approaching the round-about.

Recommendation approved.

HKasprick

3. Planning Advisory Member Appointment

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora appoints Wendy Cuthbert as a member of the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee, until November 30, 2012.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Other Business:

None

Motion - Adjournment to Closed Meeting:

That this meeting be now declared closed at 9:51 a.m.; and further

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

- i) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual**
- ii) Proposed Acquisition of Land**
- iii)**

Which will move to the Closed meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Public Meeting pertaining to an amendment of the Official Plan.

Committee convened to a Closed Session at 10:13 a.m. immediately following the closure of the Public Meeting.

Committee reconvened at 10:53 a.m. with three (3) reports as follows:

1. Request to Purchase Municipal Lands – East Melick Road

Recommendation:

That Staff be directed to indicate to John Drygasuk, that the road allowance property (Part 1 on Plan 23R 7282 and a portion of Part 3 on the same plan), adjacent to lands described as CON 1 M N PT LOT 5LESS PT 6 23R5620 PCL 35195 & RP 23R7282 PARTS 2 & 4 PCL 37689 PT 1 23R3759 and the East Melick Road, will not be declared surplus by the City of Kenora as the lands may be required in the future for municipal (road) purposes.

Recommendation Approved.

2. Environment Canada – Location of Hydrometric Monitoring Gauge

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora approves in principle and directs staff to negotiate a lease arrangement with Environment Canada/Water Survey of Canada, to provide lands for the location of a hydrometric monitoring gauge in the Norman Headpond.

Recommendation Approved.

3. B’Nai Brith Lease – Town Island

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes a two year lease agreement with B’Nai Brith Jewish Community Camp Inc; and

That the appropriate by-law be passed for this purpose.

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Recommendation Approved (resolution & by-law).

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The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.