

City of Kenora
Minutes
Of a Special Committee of the Whole of Council - BUDGET
February 1, 2012
1:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

City Representatives Present:

**Councillor R. Lunny, Deputy Mayor, Councillor C. Drinkwalter,
Councillor R. McKay, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor L. Roussin, Councillor
S. Smith, Karen Brown, CAO, Sharen McDowall, Human Resources Manager,
Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager, Lisa Oakes, Budget/Auditor General,
Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

Regrets:

Mayor D. Canfield

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

Councillor McMillan made a Declaration with respect to the capital budget presentation that may reference anything to the Police Services Board budget as his wife is paid remuneration through the Police Services Board.

Councillor Roussin made a Declaration with respect to the capital budget discussion that may reference the Library budget as his wife is an employee of the Library.

1. Budget Review – Solid Waste
Appendix #1 – System Funding

The 2012 operating budget projects a net surplus from operations of \$556,255. With the shift of solid waste disposal to the Kenora Area Landfill, the City has experienced a stabilizing of the solid waste reserves. There was a continued reduction in the reserves in 2010, largely as a result of capital expenditures incurred for operational improvements.

Appendix #3 – 2012 Capital Projections

Transfer Facility

Rick indicated that they are looking to add a storage building to the transfer station for records retention.

They are looking to replace the three main doors at the Transfer Station to make it safer and more convenient for customers and staff. There have been a lot of incidents with the three doors and we have huge structural issue with the design of the building.

They would like to add a camera system to the transfer station where the customers dump their garbage into the bins. The intent is to keep an eye on the public as there have been concerns over safety of the public and need to monitor a little closer the activities in the bin and transfer area.

After the success of the Big Belly recycle compactors that were installed in the downtown area in the fall of 2011, we are looking to add garbage compact bins similar to the recycle ones in 2012.

Kenora Area Landfill

We require source material for the Jones Road Landfill aggregate area. We have material on site but we will run into a time where we will need to get it from elsewhere and are looking to acquire crown land for this purpose.

Solid Waste Vehicles & Equipment

This again is a fleet replacement program of the solid waste vehicles.

2. Budget Review – Water & Sewer Appendix #1 – System Funding

The 2012 operating budget projects total combined revenues of \$4.98 million and expenditures of \$4.68 million, resulting in a system operating surplus of approximately \$0.3 million before local improvement revenues and capital expenditures. Proposed capital expenditures for 2012 are \$1.9 million, with significant reductions in the proposed capital expenditures for the following four years.

Karen reviewed the overall analysis of system funding available-actual and projected. The projected surplus is only \$296,336 for 2012, even with the 10% increase built in. Going into 2013 we will start to see an increase to build capital of approximately \$1,251,089.

Manager Rick Perchuk noted that there is a direct link to when the water rates go up, the water usage goes down.

Appendix #3 – 2012 Capital Projections

Sanitary System

\$450,000 is included for the Sanitary Sewer program the Coney Island forcemain and the replacement of aging sewer mains. The Operations department is looking at replacing the hospital water line and the Keewatin water main that goes across Portage Bay in Keewatin. It is the most cost effective to tender out all the water line replacements at one time.

Sewer Lift Stations

The Water department has hundreds of grinder pumps that are placed on a grinder pump replacement program. We have a program to upgrade and replace these pumps

as required. Technology has changed and as these pumps fail we have to replace them.

Replace existing pump

The Sultana station sewage pump has all of the city sewage going through it. It was built in the 70's and we have been looking at the replacement for years. There is a lot of sand that passes through the system as the sand goes through, it eats away at the inside of the pumps.

Replace pumps - River Drive

These are two sewage pumps that are on schedule to be replaced.

Replace Lift Station – 8th Avenue

With the development of the East Highway, South Park subdivision and growth in the Lakeside area, the 5th Street and 8th Avenue lift station has become too small and it is in need of replacement. This is one of our big capital projects for 2012.

3. Council Direction

Council agreed to move forward with the proposed budgets.

4. Draft Budget Schedule

Council agreed to move forward with the Operational Budget review on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. following the Property & Planning meeting.

5. Motion to Adjourn

That this meeting be now declared closed at 2:07 p.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

Reconvened to Open Meeting with no Reports.

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

That this meeting now be declared closed at 2:48 p.m.