



Minutes

**Of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Kenora
Monday, August 13, 2012 – City Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.**

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**WITH Mayor D. Canfield, Councillor C. Drinkwater, Councillor R. Lunny,  
Councillor R. McKay, Councillor R. McMillan, Councillor L. Roussin, Councillor S.  
Smith.**

**Staff:**

Karen Brown, CAO, Sharen McDowall, Human Resources Manager, Warren Brinkman,  
Fire & Emergency Services Manager, Colleen Neil, Recreation Services Manager and  
Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk.

**Call to Order**

**Mayor Canfield called the meeting to order and Councillor Lunny read the  
Prayer.**

**Public Information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007**

**Mayor Canfield then read the following notices:-**

**As required under Notice By-law #144 -2007, Council hereby advises the public  
of its intention to adopt the following at tonight’s meeting:-**

- Amend the parking rates for the North and South Harbourfront parking lots
  - Rename a portion of Fourth Avenue South to Fourth Street South

**Presentations:**

**At 4:30 p.m. prior to Council the Fellowship Centre presented the following:**

The Kenora Fellowship Centre Chair Colin Wasacase along with fellow board members and Director Henry Hildebrandt were present to present the Kenora Fellowship Centre action plan. The hostel is open 365 days per year and serves up to 22 people a night with an average of 15. The day time drop in shelter receives up to 100 people daily and over the summer supplies a lunch to up to 75 people 6 days per week. While the centre meets the basic needs of those who come into the centre, they are not able to address secondary concerns individuals may have such as job training or pregnancy information. As a result they have developed partnerships with other groups who do offer a variety of other supportive services. This allows them to work as a team and to fulfill many needs of the community. The centre has received generous volunteer and funding support from the businesses and citizens of Kenora, however, the needs have not been met. With the proper funding and support of City Council, they will succeed in this joint venture. The

staff at the centre have a very close relationship with Kenora's homeless. The goal is to put the patrons into permanent housing and develop them into contributing citizens. Having homeless in permanent housing will greatly reduce their time on the streets, a desire of the citizenry. The board members present expressed that they are anxious to work with the City to develop a local housing and homelessness plan. Council thanked the board members for their presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following Minutes of the Council and Committee Meetings of the Council of the City of Kenora, be confirmed as written and circulated:-

- Regular Council Meeting held July 16, 2012

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

Mayor Canfield then asked if any Member of Council had any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof pertaining to any items as follows:-

- i) On Tonight's Agenda or from a previous Meeting
- ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance.

**Councillor McMillan made a Declaration of Interest on the following items as they relate to the Kenora Police Services Board as his wife is a member of that Board:**

### **Motion # 10**

### **Deputations**

**Diane Orihel, Coalition to Save ELA** – Ms. Orihel is Research Scientist who has conducted research for water and fisheries in the ELA for years. It studies the impacts of human resources on our freshwater lakes. The ELA is being terminated in March of 2013 as it is far too important to our lakes not only here but across Canada. Diane advised she is here to work with Council in a way to bring the message forward in order to send a strong message regarding the importance of the Experimental Lakes Area. Council thanked Ms. Orihel for her deputation.

**Sue Devlin-Siwak, Daycare** – Ms. Devlin-Siwak advised that daycare acts as an alternative parent and it is where children will spend the bulk of their waking hours and it's not a choice to be made lightly. For many families daycare is the only means possible to make ends meet and already face challenges in accessing quality affordable care. She expressed that being the first municipality in northwestern Ontario to withdraw from providing day care services is setting a precedent especially given that there is no assurance of spots or provincial funding. There are many unanswered questions and questioned how Council can determine if there are adequate daycare providers to take all of the children who will be displaced. Without any signed agreements with local agencies, how can Council assure the public that current daycare spots will be assumed. Ms. Devlin-Siwak requested Council to reconsider its decision to close the daycare, or at a minimum, delay the vote to hear the needs of families, consider the facts, explore other

alternatives. Council thanked Ms. Devlin-Siwak for her deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**Jennifer Barton, Daycare** – Ms. Barton spoke as a parent of two children who is advocating for the children in our community. She questioned the actual deficit for the daycare and if there are grants, fundraising and other methods to meet that difference. This decision should not be a question of money but a question of what we want Kenora to be viewed as. Council thanked Ms. Barton for her deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**Devon Schneider, Daycare** – Ms. Schneider is an employee of the Castle of Learning and discussed her passion for the daycare and the jobs that her and her fellow co-workers do to care for the children. Ms. Schneider spoke to the process and how the employees and families were advised. She further spoke to the relationships that have been formed with the children and it is not only as an employee that she is concerned but the future of our City without this daycare. This closure will affect a large percent of the population and she feels that decisions are being made without opportunity to voice their opinions. She requested Council to slow down the process and allow for opportunity for public consultation and input. Council thanked Ms. Schneider for her deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**Carole Bruneau, Daycare** – Ms. Bruneau was present to advocate as a parent and a taxpayer. She expressed her experience with the 2003 potential closure of the daycare and how working together saved the Castle of Learning at that time. She provided Council with the stakeholders modernized the municipal child care programs financial information that speaks to the financial situation of the daycare and after care programs since the potential closure in 2003. Council thanked Ms. Bruneau for her deputation and a copy of the financial information was left with the Clerk and Council.

**Ray Lindquist, Daycare** – Mr. Lindquist is President of CUPE Local 191 and represents the 17 day care staff. Mr. Lindquist expressed his emotion on how this process has taken place and how it will affect families, children and staff. Mr. Lindquist referenced the collective agreement in place and sections that he feels have not been adhered to during this process. Mr. Lindquist requested Council to not vote on the closure tonight and have all the stakeholders come together to make an informed decision. Mr. Lindquist thanked the Daycare staff for caring for the children and doing outstanding jobs. Council thanked Mr. Lindquist for his deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**Erika Olson, Daycare** – Ms. Olson stated that the closure is not in the best interest of our community and a thorough review of the implications should take place. Ms. Olson spoke of her personal experience with daycare challenges in the City and the similar challenges that many families will face if the daycare is closed. She urged Mayor and Council to defer the decision to allow for adequate public engagement and to allow time to fully understand the implications of the decision. Council thanked Ms. Olson for her deputation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

## **Motion to Defer**

**1a. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by S. Smith:-**

I, Councillor Rory McMillan do hereby request that Resolution Number 2 on this evening's agenda proposing that the City of Kenora withdraw from the delivery of child care services be deferred indefinitely in keeping with Section 7.5 of Council's Procedural By-law #200-2010.

I believe that Council should await the completed review of child care that is presently underway and then address the issue at that time. Should the results of the review not be satisfactory to council then Council could make the decision at that time. As of this date, there are enough questions and enough unknowns about this issue. Further, I am of the belief that it would be prudent and wise to wait and see what the future for child care holds.

**Motion Defeated.**

### **Childcare Services**

**2. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by R. McKay & Carried:-**

That the City of Kenora withdraws as a direct service provider of Child Care programs as of December 31, 2012 based on the changes and opportunities related to provincial directions in Early Learning and Child Care.

### **Disaster Response Agreement**

**3. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora enters into a Disaster Response Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purposes of Registration and Inquiry, Emergency Lodging, Emergency Food, Personal Services and Health Care, and Emergency Clothing; and further

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

### **Kenora Soccer Association Proposal**

**4. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby directs the Recreation Services Department to develop a three (3) year agreement with the Kenora Soccer Association for the re-development and use of the Jaffray Melick Community Centre for the purposes of an indoor soccer and sports training facility.

### **Whitecap Pavilion User Guide**

**5. Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby adopts an internal and external Whitecap Pavilion User Guide that promotes fire and life safety that will be used for City Staff reference; and further

That each user group of the Whitecap Pavilion shall provide the Chief Building Official and Chief Fire Official for the City of Kenora a detailed floor plan, including dimensions, for their event no more than 30 days prior to the event date; and further

That the Chief Building Official and Chief Fire Official or designate for the City of Kenora shall authorize each Whitecap Pavilion use prior to the event taking place and the internal booking form shall be circulated for approval to the parties through the approval process.

### **Trillium Grant Bicycle Trail Funding Agreement**

#### **6. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of an Ontario Trillium Grant agreement in the amount of \$15,000 over 6 months to install bicycle route signage in the City of Kenora; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute these agreements.

### **Ignace Grand Opening – Council Attendance**

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

That authorization be hereby given for Councillor Louis Roussin to attend the Grand Opening of the Ignace World Hub taking place in Ignace on August 16, 2012; and further

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

### **Mooring Balls on Harbourfront**

#### **8. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council approves the Lake of the Woods Development Commission to assume the responsibility for reservations, fee collections and monitoring the Mooring Balls on the Harbourfront effective August 14, 2012 and that all fees collected be allocated as Tourism Revenue for the Development Commission.

### **Naming of the Whitecap Pavilion**

#### **9. Moved by S. Smith, Seconded by R. McKay & Carried:-**

That as recommended by the Kenora Brand Leadership Team (BLT) and subsequently announced on June 28, 2012, the Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts and officially names the permanent Harbourfront tent structure as "Whitecap Pavilion" which will continue to enhance working towards putting Kenora on the map as North America's premiere boating destination; and further

That the City looks forward to a grand opening celebration being organized by the BLT for this purpose.

### **June 2012 Financial Statements**

#### **10. Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by R. McKay & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora as at June 30, 2012.

**Abstention: Councillor McMillan**

**Kenora Citizen's Prosperity Trust Fund**

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

That Council hereby accepts the report on the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund as prepared by the Municipal Treasurer, Charlotte Edie.

**Keeping of Animals Bylaw Amendment**

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

That Council hereby approves amending By-Law 150-2010, being a by-law to regulate the keeping of animals within the City of Kenora, to permit changes to the following sections as set out below:-

Section 1. "Definitions"

Add: "Guide Dog"

Any dog specifically trained for and actually used by any person whose sight is impaired or is blind, or whose hearing is impaired or who is deaf, or who, that because of a handicap (within the meaning of the Human Rights Code) relies upon a dog as a guide.

To be numbered 1.10 and all definitions to follow renumbered accordingly.

Section 4. "Dogs at large"

Amend:

4.14 The owner of a dog shall remove forthwith and dispose of any excrement left by the dog on any property other than the owner's property.

To Read:

4.14 Controlling Dog Waste within the City

(a) The owner of a dog shall remove forthwith and dispose of any excrement left by the dog on any property other than the owner's property.

Add:

(b) That subsection 4.14 (a) shall not apply to a person with a disability who is reliant on a guide dog.

That three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

**Professional Consulting Services – DTR Phase 3**

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

That the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald (formerly known as ENL) to provide consulting services for the design and tender for Phase 3 of the Downtown Revitalization; and further

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

### **Long Term Parking Strategy**

#### **14. Moved by R. McKay, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That Council hereby accepts the City's 2012 Parking Strategy; and further

That Council hereby approves the vision contained within that report of shifting longer term parking away from the Harbourfront through implementing the following recommendations, as outlined within that report:

- One half (40) of the long term leased parking spots in the South Harbourfront parking lot be eliminated as of May 1, 2013 and these spots be converted to hourly parking;
- One quarter (20) of the long term leased parking spots in the South Harbourfront parking lot be eliminated as of May 1, 2014 and these spots be converted to hourly parking;
- The remainder (20) of the long term leased parking spots in the South Harbourfront parking lot be eliminated as of May 1, 2015 and these spots be converted to hourly parking;
- The longest term renters be given the opportunity to be the last one impacted by this phase out;
- The monthly rate for long term parking rentals at the South Harbourfront Parking lot be amended as follows:
  - \$60, plus applicable taxes, effective October 1, 2012;
  - \$70, plus applicable taxes, effective April 1, 2013;
- The monthly rate for long term parking rentals at the North Harbourfront Parking lot be amended as follows:
  - \$68, plus applicable taxes, effective October 1, 2012; and further

That Council hereby gives the following direction to City administration:

- Development of a communications plan, including an education program, to implement the approved changes to parking at the Harbourfront parking lots as outlined within this resolution, including a press release to be read at the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council meeting;
- Review of the 2012 Parking Strategy, including the remaining recommendations as contained within the that strategy, following the implementation of the recommendations as contained within this report, or on an as needed basis, with the vision of an amended parking strategy and recommendations to be brought before Council as appropriate based on the success of the strategy implementation;
- Investigate the options for a review of downtown traffic flows as part of the Downtown Revitalization Phase III works to ensure any potential recommendations are included as part of the design for those works; and further

That the appropriate by-law be passed authorizing the amended rates for the North and South Harbourfront Parking lots; and further



That in accordance with Notice By-law #144-2007, notice is hereby given that Council intends to pass a by-law to amend its monthly parking rates for the North and South Harbourfront parking lots at its August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council meeting.

**Street Name Change – Portion of Fourth Avenue South**  
**15. Moved by R. McKay, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That a section of Fourth Avenue South approximately 100 feet in length located between First Avenue South and the Entrance to the Canada Safeway property, in the City of Kenora, be hereby renamed to Fourth Street South; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

**June 2012 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report**  
**16. Moved by R. McKay, Seconded by R. Lunny & Carried:-**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the June 2012 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by Biman Paudel, Water and Sewer Supervisor, Jim Campbell, Water Treatment Plant Operator and David Nachuk, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

**Norman Park**  
**17. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That Council hereby directs the Planning Department to prepare an amendment to the City's Official Plan to develop a specific policy for Norman Park and an associated special designation on Schedule A; and further

That Council further directs the Planning Department to develop any resulting and required zoning by-law amendment; and further

That Council further directs the Planning Department to provide a draft policy for Norman Park on or before the September 2012 Property & Planning Committee meeting for Committee consideration.

**2012 Screened Winter Sand**  
**18. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried**

That the following and only tender for the 2012 Supply and Delivery of 8,000 tonnes of Screened Winter Sand be received:

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| Joe Neniska & Sons | \$15.50 per tonne, plus HST |
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That the tender submitted by Joe Neniska & Sons, in the amount \$15.50, plus HST, per tonne, be accepted.



**Approval of By-Laws**

**19. Moved by L. Roussin, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-**

That the following **By-laws** be now read a **First & Second Time**, and approved in their present form and presented for **Third & Final** Reading:~

**#89-2012** - To confirm the proceedings of Council

**#90-2012** – Authorize a funding agreement for bicycle route signage

**#91-2012** – Authorize an agreement with the Canadian Red Cross Society

**#92-2012** – Amendment to the Keeping of Animals by-law

**#93-2012** – Authorize an Agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald

**#94-2012** – Amend Parking Lot Rates for North and South Harbourfront lots

**#95-2012** – Authorize a street name change from Fourth St S to Fourth Ave S

**Adjournment**

**20. Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:-**

That this meeting be now declared closed at 6:44 p.m.

**The Corporation of the City of Kenora:**

**Confirmed As Written This .....Day**

**Of.....2012**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**