

Jan. 27, 2012



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council

Fr: Lisa Oakes

Re: December 2011 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

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

Background:

Attached, for your information, please find the preliminary December 2011 summary expenditure statements for the City of Kenora, the Council department and travel statements and user fees.

Please note that in preparation of the 2012 fiscal year the GL has been rolled forward in the City's financial system. As a result of this process the 2010 comparable figures have been removed from the finance report. The 2011 budget and actual information are now presented under the "Previous Year" columns on the right hand side of the attached financial statements. You can expect to see yearly comparables again with the 2012 financial statement reports.

Also, this is the last finance report for 2011 and is based on account balances that are subject to change with yearend adjustments that may result while finance prepares for the audit. Historically, finance reports were not published in the beginning of the fiscal year (Jan and Feb) seeing as though the budget usually is not passed until February/March and there is little financial data to present. Please let me know if you would like to see 2012 finance reports for January or February, if not, I will start producing the reports beginning with March.

With regards to the statements attached, the following points should be brought to your attention:

Expenditures

- December 31st is the city's fiscal year end and as a result you would expect to see (0%) in the % Variance column, indicating that the municipality's expenditures were on track. An under budget expense will appear as a negative number (ie, in brackets), showing additional room available. An over budget line will appear as variance in excess of 0.

- General Government expenditures are under budget by 8%. Municipal elections are over budget. The remaining general government departments are significantly under budget.
- Protection is under budget, although there are fluctuations that can be seen in the individual departments. Fire and animal control vehicles and equipment are running over budget as well as Police building, animal control and Building Inspection.
- Transportation is under budget this year, although there are fluctuations that can be seen in the individual departments within each line. Departments that are over budget include Bridge Maintenance, Chipman Parking, docks, PW Barsky facility, and warehouse.
- Environmental expenditures also under budget. Again, individual fluctuations can be seen in the individual departments within each line. The lift stations, water & sewer vehicles & equipment, and Water Treatment plant are over budget.
- Health expenditures are right within budget.
- Social and Family expenditures are slightly under budget. With Ontario works being so under budgeted. But Kenora Day Care is over budget.
- Recreation & Cultural expenditures are over budget, again with individual fluctuations within individual line items and departments. KM Arena & complex and JM arena are over budget.
- Planning & Development expenditures are over budget; some of this is Planning Operations and Tourism.

User Fees

- Overall, user fees are over budget, with overall fees greater than the budget. An over budget user fee represents revenues in excess of those projected, while an under budget user fee represents less revenues than originally anticipated. When looking at the user fee statement, if the variance percentage 0%, the City has received what was budgeted for revenues. If the variance percentage is a negative amount, the City is experiencing a shortfall on that revenue budget line.
- General Government is showing revenues over budget in Finance and Rentals. City Clerk fees are under budget.
- Protection user fees are running over budget. Fire Operation, Animal control, and Provincial offences' fees are all over budget.
- Transportation user fees are running right around budget. Roads maintenance, conventional transit, Parking user fees, chipman parking, docks, wharfs, and engineering are all over user fees budget. Though PW Barsky Fac is extremely under budget.
- Environmental user fees are under budget.

- Social & Family user fees are all over budget. These fees relate strictly to day care related programs.
- Recreation & Cultural fees are over budget. Anicinabe Park, recreation programs, and fitness centre user fees were under budget in 2011.
- All Planning & Development user fees are over budget.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like to see any of the department statements in further detail. It will be some time before the final 2011 numbers are available, but they will be distributed once finalized and audited.

cc: Audit Committee
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