



**M i n u t e s**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2012**  
**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  
Councillor S. Smith  
K. Brown, CAO  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
W. Brinkman, Emergency Services Manager  
C. Neil, Recreation Services Manager  
S. McDowall, Human Resources Manager  
H. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

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**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 August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting:-**

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

**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 declared a pecuniary interest on Item #1 under Finance as his spouse is a member of the Police Services Board and reference is made to policing costs.

**C. Motion for Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes:  
Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by R. McMillan and Carried:-**

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 9, 2012 be confirmed as written and filed.

## **D. Presentations/Deputations**

### **i) LOW Development Commission Q2 Report**

Don Denver, Commission Chair, presented the Q2 report for the Commission. Business Development has accessed \$35,000 in funding in the second quarter for 5 economic development projects to leverage the City of Kenora's \$76,280 2012 contribution with additional applications for funding for two projects in place in the amount of \$325,000 being submitted. Two small businesses were officially welcomed to Kenora in June. Lake of the Woods Project has launched its "Stewards of the Lake" campaign to demonstrate Kenora's commitment to the Lake of the Woods watershed. Visitor statistics for 2012 are on the rise with total visitors to the Discovery Centre and the Pavilion totaling 8,406 this year to date (as of July 18th) as compared to 3,051 total in 2011. Recent Tourism marketing campaigns launched have proven successful so far as direct bookings have been received as a result of this advertising Operations of the Matiowski Farmers Market have been well accomplished in 2012 with an increase of vendors during prime season for an average of 100 as compared to 75 in previous years. The 4th Sunday of the month Flea Markets have also been a success with over 500 visitors to the 20 vendors who recently participated in July's events. Tent bookings have been stable and the four contracted mobile food vendors are up and running on a trial basis for the summer. These vendors have been incredibly popular and are believed to be responsible for the increase in visitor activity on the Harbourfront and the Discovery Centre. The first OTEC Hospitality training workshop was delivered on June 18 with a favorable response and another is scheduled to take place August 14. The Brand Leadership Team recently named the Whitecap Pavilion, and are working on a number of initiatives including; developing a Brand Style Guide and new logos, working on downtown beautification efforts in conjunction with Harbourtown Biz, and are developing a community awareness presentation to commence in the fall. The Discovery Centre Interpretive Forest project is well underway and remaining plantings for this year are expected to take place by mid-August. Considerable work has also completed on developing the content of the interpretive side. On August 4, 2012, Minister Baird and MP Greg Rickford announced the government of Canada's response to the IJC Task Force recommendations here in Kenora. The announcement is very good news for Lake of the Woods and Kenora. Council thanked Mr. Denver for his presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

### **ii. Dave Lucas – Kenora OPP**

Detachment Commander Dave Lucas presented Council with their mid-year operational report for 2012. The focus for 2012 continues to reduce violent crime and victimization, reduce mischief break and enter and auto theft. The OPP continue to address street crime and disorder and have continued with their substance abuse and mental health task force initiatives with support for youths and relationships with youths. Highway, marine, snow-machine, ATV safety continue to be a priority of the OPP along with continuing community relationships. Calls for service in 2011 from January to the end of June were 6,530 with 2012 being similar in 6,482. Initiatives

currently under way for the Kenora detachment are treatment options under LLA, managed alcohol project, drug court, communication strategies for prolonged highway closures and continuing with all proactive enforcement initiatives. Council thanked Commander Lucas for his presentation and work of his department. A copy of his presentation was left with the Clerk.

**iii. Nan Normand – Northwest Community Legal Clinic**

Nan Normand advised Council of some recent information she received pertaining to funding of essential services. She noted that it is already acknowledged that there is a housing crisis in Kenora and unfortunately there is a new threat to homelessness prevention that has been slipped into the provincial budget that will have significant local impact.

Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy was announced last year. There is an effort to reduce administrative costs by consolidating the more than 20 housing and homelessness programs that are scattered between ministries. This makes sense but as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario cautioned at that time – the goal of a consolidated, responsive program is to put current funding to better use with better outcomes for users. It is essential that it not result in less funding or services. The Provincial budget then came out and unfortunately AMO's caution has been validated. The Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit is being removed as a mandatory benefit from social services and is a homelessness prevention program. For those on social assistance, this benefit can be used periodically to pay for rent and utility deposits, arrears and bed bug costs. It has been used particularly by women fleeing domestic violence to establish a new place to live. The benefit is capped at \$799 for single persons or \$1,500 for family units every two years. It is not a lot but it is a dedicated fund for the most vulnerable in our City. This is where the numbers form a shell game and it took effort to clarify the costs and transfers of this consolidation for our own community. The fund will be reallocated to the new Community Homelessness prevention Initiative (CHPI) along with the Emergency Hostel Services, Domiciliary Hostels, Emergency Energy Fund, Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program and the rent bank. There will also be one time transition funds that accompany this money to the KDSB and they will distribute the funds according to their priorities. These changes appear that more local flexibility is a positive change, however, there is a hidden cut. Only half of the CSUMB dollars are being transferred to CHPI. The other half is diverted to the provincial bank. This is the reduction that AMO was afraid may happen last year.

The impact of these changes will be felt locally. Half of the money used to keep our poorest citizens housed will be gone. The remaining funds will be administered beyond our City's borders. Our citizens will be in competition with a larger population for a smaller funding pot. The removal of the benefit means that it will no longer be mandatory and there is no more right of appeal. This is how the rent bank and energy funds have been administered. These programs currently exhaust their budgets by mid-year

with no replenishment. Larger municipalities have committed to covering the CSUMB for next year out of their own resources because they know what the impact will be increased pressure on other community resources and consequently increased costs to the public. Kenora does not have the tax base to take on a commitment like this. Ms. Normand requested Council to educate themselves on the issue and advocate strongly against this cut to protest yet another download to our municipality. Council thanked Ms. Normand for her presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**iv. Shannon Bailey – Daycare**

Ms. Bailey addressed Council regarding the potential closure of the Castle of Learning Daycare. She referenced the 186 families and 206 children that rely on the municipal daycare services who will lose the 20% of the available daycare spaces and the before and after school care. She references where Council's priorities lie and supporting quality childcare and early learning for all children. Mrs. Bailey noted that the Castle of Learning is a family for many children and parents know they are leaving their kids in a safe and healthy environment. She suggested that a committee be struck to search for options including other models and ways to partner with others rather than close the daycare. She requested a team approach, with public consultation and transparency. Council thanked Mrs. Bailey for her presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

**v. Shannon Robinson – Daycare**

Mrs. Robinson offered that the Castle of Learning offers a high quality, affordable early learning program. Her son is exposed to the type of environment where children can thrive and parents can feel confident about leaving their children. Mrs. Robinson referenced the Children's Charter in 2006 that was adopted on October 10, 2006 which outlines that all children deserve basic rights and freedoms and access to a fair share of society's resources. She noted that the Castle of Learning is one of four programs in Kenora for which subsidies are available for families who would otherwise be unable to participate, each who have waiting lists. Closing the daycare means the children who need subsidies will be unable to participate in day care and the parents unable to participate in the workforce. Closing the daycare will cost 17 employees their jobs. Families are what make up the backbone of this community now and into the future. Children are the right investments and are the economic future of the community. Mrs. Robinson requested that Council slow down the process and engage in public consultation. They requested that the City strike a city committee to look at the issue and keep working with the families until a solution is found. Council thanked Mrs. Robinson for her deputation and a copy was filed with the Clerk.

**vi. Carole Bruneau – Daycare**

Ms. Bruneau represents CUPE Local 191 and explained how the process has taken place to date on the communication to the union and parents on the closure. Mrs. Bruneau referenced the previous discussion around closure in 2003 and the work that all the parties did to keep the daycare open. Mrs.

Bruneau expressed that she understands that tough decisions must be made and that child care programs are being re-developed and re-organized through the Ministry of Education, however, she would like to see the recommendation tabled and work with the parents and Union to explore options to keep the daycare open. Council thanked Mrs. Bruneau for her deputation and a copy of her notes were left with the Clerk.

**vii. Kim Sandy-Kasprick - Daycare**

Ms. Sandy-Kasprick noted that there is a strong need for daycare and after care in our schools. She presented Council with a petition with 48 names requesting that the Castle of Learning remain open. Council thanked Ms. Sandy-Kasprick for her deputation.

**E. Reports:**

**Community & Protective Services**

**Councillor Drinkwalter, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-**

**1. Childcare Services**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Discussion:**

Karen Brown, CAO reviewed the communication strategy that was developed during this process. Karen noted that accusations of conflict of interest regarding the Manager of Community Services are unfounded and this report was a direction from the CAO, not a decision of the Manager. Council priorities for duplication of services along with best uses of tax dollars were used for the basis of deliberations on this matter. It was noted that 80% of other communities in the Province do not provide direct daycare services in their communities. Karen expressed that she understands that this is an emotional issue for parents and staff but the leaders must look at what is the best decision for the City Kenora as a whole and the decision lies with Council.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

**2. Disaster Response Agreement**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & by-law).**

**HKasprick**

### **3. Kenora Soccer Association Proposal**

#### **Recommendation:**

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.

#### **Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

#### **Discussion:**

This proposal allows an expanded use of the Jaffray Melick Community Centre and turns the facility into a year round complex rather than a six week operation. Jaffray Melick volunteer community members built that facility and they will once again feel they have a jewel with the expanded use by many groups beyond soccer. This is a key element in the major recreational study that was developed in 2010 and a great opportunity for expanded use of the facility.

### **4. Whitecap Pavilion User Guide**

#### **Recommendation:**

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.

#### **Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

## **Corporate Services**

**Councillor McMillan, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-**

### **1. K.D.S.B. Report from Councillor Roussin**

Councillor Roussin updated Council that KDSB is dealing with funding and bundled funding from the Provincial and Federal government. They have identified 8 or 9 bundled groups and left it up to the KDSB to identify where those bundled funded dollars will be directed to. The facts will come out following the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) meetings this month.

### **2. Non Profit Housing Corporation Amalgamation**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council hereby approves the establishment of a Non Profit Housing Transition Board that will act in the capacity of the Board for both the Kenora Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the Keewatin Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation operations effective 1 December 2012 for a two year term; and

That Council hereby directs the CAO to develop a terms of reference for the Non Profit Housing Transition Board and bring a draft terms of reference for this Board, which includes direction for the amalgamation of the two municipal non-profit housing corporations, forward for Council review and approval on or before the October 2012 Council meeting; and

That Council Members Louis Roussin and Sharon Smith, as the Council representatives on the existing Non Profit Housing Board Members, be hereby appointed to this new Non Profit Housing Transition Board effective 1 December 2012; and

That the Clerk's department be directed to advertise for membership on the Non Profit Housing Transition Board; and further

That a subsequent report recommending membership on the Non Profit Housing Transition Board be brought forward to Council for consideration on or before the November 2012 Council meeting.

**Discussion:** Councillor Smith advised that the Keewatin Board requested that the decision be deferred to allow time for their members to read the report as some members have questions pertaining to the potential savings and other aspects of the recommendation.

**Council agreed to defer this recommendation to the September 10, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.**

**HOLD**

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

#### **Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).**

**HKasprick**

## **Economic Development**

**Councillor Smith, Chair, reviewed the Committee reports:-**

### **1. Gaming Facility**

#### **Recommendation:**

Whereas the Province of Ontario is modernizing lottery and gaming in

Ontario; and

Whereas the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corp (OLG) issued a Request for Information (RFI) – Modernizing Land Based Gaming in Ontario on May 17, 2012, which closed on July 4, 2012; and

Whereas the City of Kenora has been identified by OLG as one of 29 zones in the Province of Ontario for the development of a gaming facility; and

Whereas the City of Kenora supports business projects which bring job creation and increased assessment to the City of Kenora;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Kenora confirms its interest in hosting a gaming facility in Kenora.

**Council agreed to defer this recommendation to the September 10, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting to allow time for public consultation and input from the Lake of the Woods Development Commission.**

**HOLD**

## **2. Mooring Balls on Harbourfront**

### **Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

## **3. Naming of Whitecap Pavillion**

### **Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

## **Finance**

**Councillor Lunny, Chair reviewed the Committee reports:-**

### **1. June 2012 Financial Statements**

#### **Recommendation:**



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

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

**2. Kenora Citizen's Prosperity Trust Fund**

**Recommendation:**

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

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

**Operations Committee**

**Councillor McKay, Chair reviewed the Committee reports:-**

**1. 2012 Screened Winter Sand**

**Recommendation:**

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

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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

**2. Keeping of Animals By-Law Amendment**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).**

**HKasprick**

**3. Professional Consulting Services – DTR Phase 3**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).**

**HKasprick**

**4. Long Term Parking Strategy**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).**

**HKasprick**

**5. Street Name Change – Portion of Fourth Avenue South  
Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).**

**HKasprick**

**6. June 2012 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary  
Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**HKasprick**

**New Business:**

**1. Ignace Grand Opening – Attendance**

**Recommendation:**

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.

**Recommendation approved.**

**HKasprick**

➤ **Harbourfest**

Members of Council extended sincere accolades to the numerous volunteers who put in countless hours to make the Harbourfest event such a success.

➤ **Announcement of IJC report**

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, accompanied by Greg Rickford, Member of Parliament for Kenora, announced on Saturday, August 4th Canada's support for the establishment of a bi-national board with the United States under the auspices of the International Joint Commission (IJC) to oversee the effective governance of water quality in the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River watershed. The new board structure will lay down the foundations of long-term ecological sustainability and economic vitality of the region. The creation of the IJC-led bi-national board will foster increased local participation through direct involvement of the community, and the First Nations. The announcement recognizes its intent to protect the environment in Canada.

➤ **Presentation to the City of Kenora**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Joseph Du from the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre presented Mayor Canfield with complimentary copies of the commemorative book, Celebrating 100 Years – A Remarkable Achievement. This book celebrates Winnipeg's Chinatown centennial and is sold at various bookstores in Winnipeg. Copies of the book will be available for viewing at the Kenora Public Libraries as well as the Kenora Museum.

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday, September 10, 2012

**Motion - Adjournment of Meeting:**

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

**That** this meeting be now declared closed at 6:09 p.m.

