



# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 9, 2012

3:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

**Action**

**Present:** Mayor D. Canfield  
Councillor C. Drinkwalter  
Councillor R. Lunny  
Councillor R. McMillan  
Councillor L. Roussin  
Councillor S. Smith  
K. Brown, CAO  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
W. Brinkman, Emergency Services Manager  
S. McDowall, HR Manager  
C. Neil, Recreation Services Manager  
J. McMillin, City Clerk

**Regrets:** Councillor R. McKay

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### **A. Public information Notices**

N/A

### **B. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the 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:-

- 1) On Today's Agenda
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance.  
There was none declared.

### **C. Motion for Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes: Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by S. Smith, and Carried:-**

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 12, 2011 be confirmed as written and filed.

### **D. 3:30 p.m. Presentation**

- **Lake of the Woods Development Commission  
Presentation of Q4 Report**  
There was no presentation.

- **Al Luby - MS Kenora**

Al advised he was attending on behalf of MS Kenora and referred to the feasibility studies they had been looking at a couple years ago regarding keeping the MS Kenora in the city. He indicated they have been working with various organizations as well as the LOW Commission and that the Roger Brooks involvement on tourism has been very helpful in getting the MS Kenora to set up a long term plan. They were committed last year to see how things would go and in 2011 had a modest turn around with the weather on their side. He advised they made the commitment last fall that the MS Kenora will remain on Lake of the Woods for the long haul.

Al referred to the various things the City has undertaken for tourism such as Coney Island, Discovery Centre, the Harbourfront and 'setting the table for the future.' He recognized the work of the business community and other organizations to get a 'working together commitment' in the community.

He referenced Coney Island as part of the plan and noted there needs to be a ways and means to get people back and forth to Coney for such large events as the Annual Music Fest and weddings. The MS Kenora assisted with getting people back and forth last year for these activities however his concern is with the docking at Coney Island and that work is needed to bring them up to speed. He mentioned they were surprised with the state of the docking and that there had not been an assessment done on those docks. He explained that Coney is a keen area for the MS Kenora and the island can be easily packaged and marketed as a real draw for the boat, the community and tourists.

Al thanked and recognized the support received from the community in order to keep the MS Kenora operating in Kenora with three trips a day and he indicated their interest in delivering a service to Coney Island but would need the proper facilities; not a multi-million dollar project but something with say rubber bumper piles and would be able to handle the shock of the boat. He said docks are key to the long term success of the MS Kenora and the first step is to have the docks assessed to determine if in fact the docks can accommodate the large boat at the former Argyle dock.

Reference was made to the Coney Island Shuttle that is currently operating; Al mentioned with the MS Kenora providing the service the City wouldn't have to pay the subsidy to the shuttle however having said that he isn't sure what the affect would be on the Coney Island shuttle but he believes the shuttle isn't totally suitable for the larger events at Coney.

In closing Mayor Canfield asked if the MS Kenora would consider investing or partnering with the City towards the docking facility at Coney Island if the City agreed to accommodate the large boat and Al suggested it is a possibility.

Al was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

### **E. Reports:**

## **Community & Protective Services**

**Councillor Drinkwalter - Chair**

### **No Reports.**

Other:

### **Update on Rotary Family New Year's Eve Party**

Councillor Drinkwalter advised that 403 people took advantage of the activities at the Recreation Centre on New Year's Eve which is approximately 150 more than last year. On behalf of the City Councillor Drinkwalter acknowledged and thanked the Rotary Club for hosting this event.

## **Corporate Services**

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

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

Councillor Roussin advised that a two day meeting is coming up this week and he mentioned what items will be covered such as funding, operational review, and budgeting. He noted that the Chair of the KDSB is resigning and a new Chair will have to be elected and as well as a new Chair will be required for the Governance Committee. Non-Profit Housing Associations and funding for these Associations will also be discussed. Councillor Roussin mentioned the Kenora Board should work with Rainy River District Services Board on the matter of non-emergency patient transfers.

The Board is also in discussion regarding an additional land ambulance base in Vermilion Bay to better service the district. It was noted the Board has gone through an operational review and an organizational review for the purpose of leading to zero based budgeting and feels they have come a long way with this program.

### **2. Annual AMO Conference – Ottawa, ON**

#### **Recommendation:**

**That** authorization is hereby given for the following four (4) Members of Council to attend the Annual AMO Conference taking place in Ottawa, ON, August 19 to 22, 2012:-

Mayor Canfield  
Councillor Lunny  
Councillor McMillan  
Councillor Roussin; and further

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

**JMcMillin**

**Recommendation approved.**

### **3. Various Committee Minutes**

#### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council hereby adopts the following 2011 Minutes from various City of Kenora Committees:

- December 7 - Harbourtown Centre Committee
- December 9 - Special Committee of the Whole
- December 12 - Committee of the Whole
- December 13 - Property & Planning Committee
- December 21 - Special Committee of the Whole
- December 14 - Environmental Advisory Committee
- November 15 - Property & Planning Committee
- November 28 - Special Committee of the Whole
- November 22 - Kenora Community Policing Committee
- November 22 - Lake of the Woods Museum Board

**That** Council hereby receives the following Minutes from other various Committees:

- October 26 - Kenora Police Services Board
- October 28 - Northwestern Health Unit
- November 24 - Kenora Public Library Board; and further

**That** these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

**JMcMillin**

**Recommendation approved.**

### **4. January 16 Presentation with eScribe - 4:00 p.m.**

Councillor McMillan advised that a half hour webinar presentation will be provided to Council on Monday regarding a meeting management solution system which is included in the 2012 budget for consideration.

**Council/  
Managers**

## **Economic Development**

**Councillor Smith - Chair**

**No Reports.**

**Other:**

Councillor Smith advised that the Branding Survey ends this coming Wednesday and she encourages everyone to participate. It was noted that the Kenora response has had a higher percentage in this survey than any other community.

**Finance**

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

**1. Court Security Prisoner Transport – Funding Agreement**

**Recommendation:**

**That** Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of a three year agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the City of Kenora for funding in the total amount of \$138,175.94 under the Court Security Prisoner Transportation Program.

**Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).**

**JMcMillin**

**Operations Committee**

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

**1. Endorsation of Resolution – Paving Highway Shoulders**

**Recommendation:**

**That** the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the December 16, 2011 resolution from the Township of Carling respect to supporting and endorsing a Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders; and

That if the Bill is passed it would require a minimum one metre paved shoulder on certain provincially owned highways to improve public safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike; and

That studies in other jurisdictions confirm that where paved shoulders exist, accidents are drastically reduced; and

That there is obvious health benefits for individuals and society in general, as more opportunities are provided to cycle and walk for recreation or for transportation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora supports MPP Norm Miller’s Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation of Ontario, Sarah Campbell, Kenora-Rainy River MPP, and the Township of Carling.

**Recommendation approved.**

**JMcMillin**

It was noted that only Redditt Road would be affected in our community.

**Other:**

**Compliments to Operations Staff**

Councillor McMillan acknowledged the good work of snow removal by the City Crews and that they were also called out on Saturday to stop a water leak over part of Main Street and the sidewalk.

**Annual General Meeting for Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce**

Mayor Canfield asked if Committee would support his attendance at the Thunder Bay Chamber AGM while he is there for a NOMA meeting. Committee supported Mayor Canfield’s attendance for the cost of the ticket to attend this function.

**OGRA Conference**

Mayor Canfield asked all Members to review the package on the various issues the City is to bring forward to the Conference next month and to return ASAP so the packages can be put together. He also suggested going through the AMO one as well to determine who we will be meeting with during the Conference.

**Council**

**February 28/29 – City’s Workwell Audit**

Councillor Roussin referred to the matter the WSIB stat whereby apparently 80% of the corporations that go through the audit fail the first time and he questioned where that stat came from; he’s made some inquiries and believes this stat is from the smaller companies and municipalities without an H&S program and/or H&S staff. Karen advised that WSIB will not confirm what organizations failed and all we are able to get are general statistics.

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday, February 6, 2012



**Motion - Adjournment to Closed Meeting:**

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

**That** this meeting be now declared closed at 4:20 p.m.; and further

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

**i) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual**

**Committee reconvened to the open meeting at 5:02 p.m. with no report.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.**