



MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, April 8, 2013
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
S. McDowall, HR Manager
C. Neil, Recreation Services 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 April 15th meeting:-

- A by-law to set tax ratios and tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes for 2013
- A by-law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to establish tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest in default for 2013

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 Agenda item #6 regarding approval of various minutes – Kenora Police Services Board minutes as in indirect interest. His spouse is a member of the Police Services Board and receives remuneration.

C. Motion for Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes:

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

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 11, 2013 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Presentations/Deputations:

None

E. Reports:

Business Administration

Lead Councillor Lunny (Alt. Councillor McMillan)

1. K.D.S.B. Monthly Report from Councillor Roussin

At its regular board meeting of Thursday, March 21, 2013, the KDSB Board of Directors addressed the following issues: Adopted a resolution to request permission from the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing for the possible disposition of some social housing projects located in Ear Falls, Minaki, Dinorwic and Hudson. The resolution is the first step in a long process to potentially dispose of the identified properties. Any final sale or disposition of these properties is subject to provincial and Board of Director approval. Defeated a resolution to identify the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base for potential closure as per board policy. As a result, the NF Ambulance Base will not be considered for closure. Reviewed 2012 – 4th Quarter Financial Reports for Early Learning & Child Care, Ontario Works, Housing, Integrated Services and Land Ambulance operations. All departments are performing well within their respective budgets. It was reported by the administration that the joint Land Ambulance Non-Emergent Transfer Study being undertaken with the Rainy River District Social Services Area Board; ORNGE, Ontario’s air ambulance service and the seven NWO regional hospitals (Kenora, Red Lake, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Fort Frances, Atikokan, and Thunder Bay) should be completed in early April. Councillor Roussin provided copies of the Press Release from KDSB to members of Council and the media.

2. Changes to Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Regulations

Recommendation:

Whereas tourist camps in Northwestern Ontario are experiencing an annual decrease in the number of tourists visiting from the United States of America; and

Whereas Kenora and many Northwestern Ontario communities greatly depend on the tourism industry for sustainability of many businesses and services in their communities; and

Whereas traditionally American hunters have represented a large percentage of the tourists that occupy our tourist camps annually and continuing to draw visitors north of the border remains a challenge each year; and

Whereas the wolf population in wildlife management areas 3, 6 and 7 along with others in the north continues to grow, this over population has had negative effects on other species inhabiting the same space and the moose population in these specific wildlife management areas is now nearly non-existent;

Therefore may it be Resolved That changes to the current Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Regulations include the following:

The wolf hunting season be extended by one month in order to coincide with the fall bear hunt, beginning August 15th each year; and

The price of a wolf license for non-residents be reduced including the requirement for an Outdoors card and small game license; and

That the Province of Ontario re-instates the spring bear hunt; and

That the out of Province deer hunters are required to stay at a licensed tourist establishment; and further

That these proposed changes will help grow and rebuild the moose population in the Kenora area and entice more tourists into our province improving the economy of northern areas that are dependent upon those tourism dollars.

Amended Recommendation:

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Amended Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Discussion:

Council discussed the spring bear hunt being removed from the resolution. It was suggested that we have to watch the consequences of reducing one wildlife population as it manages other wildlife populations such as deer. It was suggested that the MNR has had the discussion on the tourist establishment and we should ask the MNR for some formal input into our resolution. Mayor Canfield will speak with the local MNR Manager prior to Monday's Council meeting.

3. NW Business Centre Q1 2013 Report

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the 2013 First Quarter report for the Northwest Business Centre.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

4. Summer Meeting Schedule

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an amended meeting schedule in order to accommodate a summer meeting schedule for Committee of the Whole and Council as follows:

May

Tuesday, May 14 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Committee of the Whole including Property & Planning

Tuesday, May 21 – 12:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

June

Tuesday, June 18 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Committee of the Whole including Property & Planning

Tuesday, June 25 – 12:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

July

Tuesday, July 9 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Committee of the Whole including Property & Planning

Tuesday, July 16 – 12:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

August

Tuesday, August 6 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Committee of the Whole including Property & Planning

Tuesday, August 13 – 12:00 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting; and

That in keeping with Notice By-law #144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its meeting schedule for the months of May, June, July and August, 2013 to reflect the above changes; and

That Council shall review the amended schedule at the August Committee of the Whole meeting to determine if this summer schedule will be permanently included in the Procedural By-law; and further

That three readings be given to a by-law to amend Council's Procedural By-law #120-2012 for this purpose for the 2013 summer months.

Recommendation Approved.

5. Change in June Meeting Date

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the following amended meeting schedule for June, 2013:-

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, June 17
- Property & Planning Committee – Tuesday, June 18
- Council – Monday, June 24; and further

That these dates replace the previous June, 2013 meeting dates in the comprehensive 2013 meeting schedule approved by Resolution #14 on November 19, 2012.

Agenda Item Removed as covered in above item.

6. Approval of Various Minutes

Recommendation:

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

- January 23 – Kenora Public Library Board (December and January meetings)
- February 20, Environmental Advisory Committee
- March 5, Event Centre Committee
- March 7, Budget Committee of Council
- March 11, Committee of the Whole
- March 12, Property & Planning Committee

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

- January 30 – Kenora Police Services Board
- February 21 – Kenora District Services Board
- February 22 – Board of Health
- February 28 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

HKasprick

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

7. Capping Options 2013

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the implementation of the following tools related to the capping process for the 2013 taxation year:

- Annualized Tax Limit of 10% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- Prior Year's CVA Tax Limit of 5% for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties related to increases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax Threshold for Clawed Back Properties related to decreases in the amount of \$250 for each of the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes.
- CVA Tax in 2012
- Cross Over CVA Tax in 2013

and further;

That Council hereby gives three readings to a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of both administering limits for certain property classes and excluding certain properties from the capping process.

Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).

HKasprick

8. New Construction and New to Class Properties

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the implementation of the minimum tax level of 100% for new construction / new to class properties for 2013; and further

That Council hereby give three readings to a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for eligible properties within the meaning of Section 331 (new construction) for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for 2013.

Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).

HKasprick

9. Tax Ratios and Rates

Recommendation:

That Council hereby provides three readings to the following By-laws:

A By-law to set tax ratios and to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property classes and subclasses for municipal purposes for the year 2013; and

A By-law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to establish rates to be levied for same and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2013; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law #144-2007, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to set tax ratios and tax rates for 2013 at its April 15th, 2013 meeting.

Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).

HKasprick

Community Services

Lead Councillor McMillan (Alt. Councillor Lunny)

1. KRC Concession Lease Extension

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes the execution of an extended lease agreement for concession services at the Kenora Recreation Centre with Kim Pries commencing May 1, 2013 and expiring August 31, 2013; and further

That a per diem rate of \$25.00 plus HST for each and every day or part day thereof during this period that the concession is in service shall be paid by the leasee; and further

That all other terms and conditions within the original lease agreement contained within Bylaw Number 19-2011 remain in force and effect; and further

That the appropriate bylaw be passed for this purpose.

Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).

HKasprick

Economic Development

Lead Councillor Smith (Alt. Councillor Roussin)

No Reports.

Emergency Services

Lead Councillor Drinkwalter (Alt. Councillor McKay)

1. OAFB Board of Directors

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports the Ontario Association of Fire Chief's Nominating Committee's nomination for Chief Warren Brinkman, Emergency Services Manager to let his name stand for re-election to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs 2013/2014 Board of Directors.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

2. Kenora Safe Grad 2013

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora supports the work of the Kenora Safe Grad Committee to hold an all-inclusive, drug/alcohol free, safe celebration of graduation from high school for both Beaver Brae and Thomas Aquinas High School students; and further

That a grant in the amount for \$3,000 be authorized for the use of the Kenora Recreation Centre for this purpose.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Operations

Lead Councillor McKay (Alt. Councillor Drinkwalter)

1. Nuisance Beaver Program – Trapper Council Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes an agreement between the Kenora Trappers Council and the City of Kenora, respecting nuisance beaver services for the period May 16 to September 15, 2013, inclusive; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized with the Kenora District Manager of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, authorizing the Kenora Trappers Council to act as an agent under Section 31(2) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Recommendation Approved (resolution & bylaw).

HKasprick

2. Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the February 2013 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by Biman Paudel, Water and Sewer Supervisor, Ryan Peterson, Water Treatment Plant Operator and David Nachuk, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Motion - Adjournment to Closed Meeting

2. Moved by R. McKay, Seconded by R. McMillan

That this meeting now adjourns to a Closed Session at 4:12 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 items pertaining to the following:-

i) Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (3 matters)

ii) Labour Relations (2 matters)

Committee reconvened to Open Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

3. Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by S. Smith and Carried:-

That Committee hereby reconvenes to the Open Meeting at 5:35 p.m. with the following report from its Closed Session:

Transit Commission Appointment

Recommendation:

That Council hereby appoints Jackie McAllister to the City of Kenora Transit Authority Commission to represent the Non-Profit Specialized Transit Representative replacing Rick Vincent with a term to expire November 2014; and further

That Council hereby appoints Rick Vincent to the City of Kenora Transit Authority Commission to represent the Citizen at large seat replacing Chris VanWallegham with a term to expire November 2014.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Appointment to Museum Board

Recommendation:

That Council hereby appoints Lindsay Wenaas to the Lake of the Woods Museum Board replacing Craig Cunning with a term to expire November 2014.

Recommendation Approved.

HKasprick

Volunteer Firefighter Negotiations

Recommendation:

That Council directs Administration to complete negotiations with the Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Recommendation Approved.

SMcDowall

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 14, 2013

The meeting closed at 5:36 p.m.

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