



MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday February 11, 2013
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Action

Present: Mayor D. Canfield
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
J. McMillin, City Clerk
H. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk
M. Mostow, Fleet Supervisor

Regrets: Councillor C. Drinkwalter
Student Councillor J. McLean

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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 Tuesday, February 19, meeting:-

- Adopt a new comprehensive Taxi by-law
- Authorize an appropriation from the Kenora Recreation Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$3,754.63 related to the boat launch
 - outdoor washroom capital project;
 - Amend the 2012 Budget for costs associated with the
 - September, 2012 Fire 109;
- Amend Schedule "B" to the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law to add an installation rate for benches.

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.
There were none declared.

C. Motion for Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes:

Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by R. Lunny and Carried:

That the Minutes from the last regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 14, 2013 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Presentations/Deputations:

• Eric Lovas – Co-ot Taxi

Eric Lovas, Manager and Co-owner of Co-ot Taxi attended to address the proposed new Taxi By-law that is scheduled to be adopted at Council's meeting next week. Specifically he inquired if the City would consider an increase to the age of vehicles from 10 to 15 years and whether or not mechanical fitness inspection requirements would be changing from twice to once per year. It was confirmed the new by-law provides for one annual inspection. Since the rate increase was denied, Eric referred to the possibility of the taxi companies becoming self-regulated in terms of establishing their own fares and that broker and vehicle licencing as well as other regulations would still fall within the City's by-law.

Mike Mostow gave an overview of the former process with KPS and the requirement for safety checks with use of safety lanes for both a visual and braking/road inspection. It was noted the City has the right to regulate the annual inspections through our by-law. Mike does not agree with extending the age of taxis to 15 years and he gave a summary of requirements of other municipalities in the area and that Kenora is most lenient in terms of this requirement at 10 years and he would not support extending it. The Clerk advised this item may be further discussed under the Business Administration section of today's agenda. Eric was thanked for attending and he left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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• Lake of the Woods Development Commission Q4 Report

Mort Goss, Commission Vice-Chair provided the Q4 report to Committee and reviewed the following as per the Power Point Presentation:-

- Skating rink at the Whitecap Pavilion opened this winter and is used nearly every day;
 - 2012 visitor statistics are up 45%;
- 25 funding applications completed in 2012 totaling over \$1.2 million.

Mort also highlighted the Lake of the Woods Project, Tourism Projects, Hidden Gems Project and Infrastructure Projects as well as various business developments such as Casino Project, LOW Brewing Company. 80% of new jobs come from existing businesses in the community, and he referred to Wincrief, Miisun, Weyerhaeuser, and Kenora Forest Products. Other areas touched on included the Discovery Centre Internal Displays, Training and Hospitality, Special Events, and Farmers' Market for 2013. In closing Mort reviewed what's on the horizon this year in terms of activities, marketing and other projects.

Mort and Commission Members were thanked for attending and they left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

E. Reports:

Business Administration

Lead Councillor Lunny (Alt. Councillor McMillan)

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

Councillor Roussin circulated copies regarding those items he would be referring to in his KDSB report as outlined below.

- Municipal Sponsorship to allow Kenora District Services Board to take advantage of the LAS Electricity Procurement Program and the required Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose;
- Housing Renewal Financing Plan 10 Year Summary, specifically for Kenora’s 2013/14 budget;
- Social Housing Asset Management Program Contract;
- New Child Care funding Formula and Funding Framework; and
- The 2012 Homelessness Contract and the new Consolidated Homeless Prevention Initiative (CHPI) in 2013.

2. Comprehensive Taxi By-law

Committee discussed the age of vehicles for taxis in Kenora and agreed to leave it at the 10 year maximum. Committee also felt the draft by-law as presented in January that covered no increase and one annual mechanical fitness was in order and the by-law should proceed for adoption at next week’s meeting. It was suggested if the taxi companies would like to get together to consider a proposal to self-regulate their fares that they could collectively do that on their own and approach the City in due course.

By-law only.

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3. 2013 Annual FCM Conference Attendance

Recommendation:

That authorization be hereby given for Mayor Canfield and Councillor Lunny to attend the 2013 Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), taking place in Vancouver, BC May 31 to June 3, 2013; and further

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

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

4. City Hall Summer Student

Recommendation:

That Council approves the hiring of one (1) cashier summer student for City Hall for a period of 16 weeks during the 2013 summer season.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

5. Deer Hunting Survey Results

Recommendation:

That Council receive the results from the deer hunt survey for the amendment to the discharge of firearms by-law deer hunt from October 1 to December 15, 2012.

Recommendation approved.

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6. Homelessness and Behavioural Issues Task Force Terms of Reference

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the Terms of Reference for the Homelessness and Behavioural Issues Task Force; and

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

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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7. Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the report on the Kenora Citizens' Prosperity Trust Fund as of December 31, 2012.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

8. Real Sustainable Forest Management

Recommendation:

Whereas Ontario is a world leader in sustainable forest management and less than ½ of 1% of Ontario's forests are harvested each year and by law plans to renew the forest must be in place prior to harvest and that planned renewal must occur; and

Whereas wood is renewable, reusable and recyclable; and

Whereas there is a need to provide certainty to a valuable renewable resource that employs over 200,000 hard working Ontarians in over 260 communities; and

Whereas Ontario's forest sector already provides for the needs of species at risk through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and that the forest sector is required to continuously update their management practices to be consistent with provincial recovery strategies developed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA);

Therefore be it Resolved That Council of the City of Kenora supports the EBR posting #011-7696 for the following reasons:

1. To date, the ESA has resulted in unnecessary costs and the unnecessary loss of economic development. Government policy should be based on sustainable development and consider the socio-economic impact on hardworking families and the communities they call home.
2. It acknowledges that there are challenges/issues with the implementation of the ESA that need to be addressed and that a five year transition measure will provide the necessary time to improve the ESA's implementation.

3. Ontario's sustainable forest sector is a vital part of Ontario's green economy. In addition, Ontario's renewable forest sector already provides for the protection of species at risk and their habitat – a fact that the Ministry of Natural Resources has already recognized

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Recommendation approved.

9. Various Committee Minutes

Recommendation:

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

- November 14, December 12, 2012 – Accessibility Advisory Committee
- December 12, 2012 – Kenora Event Centre Committee (Inaugural Meeting)
- January 8 – Kenora Event Centre Committee
- January 14 – Committee of the Whole
- January 14 – Homelessness & Behavioural Issues Task Force
- January 15 – Property & Planning
- January 16 – Environmental Advisory Committee
- January 22 – Kenora Transit Commission
- January 22 – Community Policing Committee (No Quorum)
- January 24 – Lake of the Woods Museum Board

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

- December 5, 2012 – Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health
- December 13, 2012 – Kenora District Services Board
- December 20, 2012 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged
- October 31, December 4, 2012 – Lake of the Woods Development Commission; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

Community Services

Lead Councillor McMillan (Alt. Councillor Lunny)

1. KRC Boat Launch Outdoor Washrooms – 2012 Capital Amendments

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes an appropriation from the Kenora Recreation Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$ 3,754.63 to offset costs related to the boat launch outdoor washroom capital project; and

That in accordance with the Notice By-law #144-2007, public notice is hereby given that the City intends to amend its 2012 Capital Budget at its February 19th meeting; and further

That Council hereby gives three readings to a by-law to amend the 2012 budget for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

2. Community Club Grant 2013

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves a grant to the Rideout, Central and Evergreen Community Clubs in the amount of \$8,000 each.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

3. Recreation Department Quarterly Report – 2012 Final

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the 2012 Fourth Quarter Report for the Recreation Department.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

Economic Development

Lead Councillor Smith (Alt. Councillor Roussin)

No Reports.

Emergency Services

Lead Councillor Drinkwater (Alt. Councillor McKay)

1. Kenora Fire 109 – Ninth Street North

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the invoice from the Ministry of Natural Resources pertaining to costs associated with the September, 2012 Kenora 109 Fire; and

That approval be hereby given for the invoice in the amount of \$32,596.52 to be sourced from Contingency Reserves; and

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2012 Budget at its meeting on February 19, 2013; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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Operations

Lead Councillor McKay (Alt. Councillor Drinkwalter)

1. Bench Policy

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a City of Kenora Bench Policy and Bench Installation rate effective March 1, 2013; and

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to amend the Comprehensive Policy Manual for this purpose; and

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to make an addition to the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-law #120-2011 at its February 19, 2013 meeting to give effect to this rate; and further

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to amend Schedule "B" to Tariff of Fees and Charges by-Law Number 120-2011 for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin

2. Operations Department Summer Students

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the hiring of three (3) summer students for the Lake of the Woods Cemetery (for 18 weeks each for a total of 54 weeks) from April – August, 2013; and

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the hiring of four (4) parks students for the Parks Department (for 14 weeks each for a total of 56 weeks) from May – August, 2013; and

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the hiring of four (4) roads students for the Roads Department (for 14 weeks each for a total of 56 weeks) from May – August, 2013; and

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the hiring of one (1) student for the Water & Sewer Department (for a total of 16 weeks) from May – August, 2013; and

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the hiring of two (2) students for the Solid Waste Department (for 16 weeks each for a total of 32 weeks) from May – August, 2013, and further

That these positions are conditional upon Council approval of the 2013 City Operational Budgets.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

3. 2012 Water & Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the December 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.

For the record, Councillor Roussin stated he is awaiting answers to the questions he raised at last month's meeting regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act. Rick advised the report is complete and will be included on next month's Committee agenda.

Other:

1. Proclamation

- Mayor Canfield read the Proclamation for the month of March, 2013 as "Red Cross Month."

2. KDMA Annual Meeting

- Mayor Canfield gave a verbal overview report to Committee on the KDMA meeting and explained there was a good format for the meeting this year with interesting topics.

3. Shoal Lake #40 - Re: City of Winnipeg's proposal to divert water for sale to other municipalities from Shoal Lake and Lake of the Woods

- This is for a request for the City to write a letter to the IJC regarding the above-noted. A letter has come forward for the Mayor to send and it was noted there is an impact to Lake of the Woods. Committee concurred and Mayor Canfield will send the letter to the IJC with a copy of the letter to City of Winnipeg.

Letter only.

4. MIII Submission – EOI – Winnipeg River West Branch Bridge

- Councillor Lunny advised the City received notification that we are eligible to move forward with the above application and once we apply, it will come back through Council for approval.

Motion - Adjournment to Closed Meeting:

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

That this meeting be now declared closed at 5:20 p.m.; and further

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

i) Identifiable Individual (2 items)

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HKasprick

Reconvene to Open Meeting:

2. Moved by R. Lunny, Seconded by R. McKay and Carried:-

That Committee hereby reconvenes to the Open Meeting at 6:07 p.m. with the following direction from its closed session:

1. Direction to the HR Manager to proceed with making arrangements for the hiring of a Property & Planning Manager.
2. Direction to the CAO to proceed with plans for City Hall Restructuring.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, March 11, 2013

The meeting closed at 6:08 p.m.