



City of Kenora
Committee of the Whole
Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2015
9:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor David Canfield
Councillor Mort Goss
Councillor Rory McMillan
Councillor Dan Reynard
Councillor Louis Roussin
Councillor Sharon Smith
Councillor Colin Wasacase
Karen Brown, CAO
Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

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 July 21, 2015 meeting:-

- Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law, Schedule A, to adopt convenience fees for e-Payments
- Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law, Schedule A, to adopt increased rates for pool and fitness
 - Council will approve the waiving of fees associated with the use of the Kenora Recreation Centre for the purpose of hosting a youth baseball tournament
- Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law, Schedule D, to include the rate schedule from Water and Sewer By-law #168-2004 and increase water and sewer service rates

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 an indirect pecuniary interest as it relates to agenda item number 1.4, 1.5 and 1.8 regarding reference to the OPP Services as it relates to his spouse who is a member of the Police Services Board and this report reflects costs attributed to Police Services.

C. Confirmation of Previous Committee Minutes

Resolution #1 - Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:

That the following meeting minutes be confirmed as written and ordered filed:-

-Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting June 16, 2015

D. Deputations/Presentations

Andy Bilodeau – Enhance Road Safety (By-Pass Intersection)

Mr. Bilodeau presented to Council today in regards to the overall safety of Ontario roads in our region, but more specifically the Traffic light controlled intersection on the Kenora Bypass (Highway 17A & 658 – Veterans drive / Reditt Road). He was a victim of a near miss situation on the evening of June 24th /2015. He was nearly involved in a serious traffic accident with a transport truck. He started to think about how unsafe the intersection is as it currently operates.

As a first step, he started an online petition to the City of Kenora to determine if there was community interest in this issue to help get safety enhanced at this crossing. Nearly all of the 200 plus supporters of his movement have commented that they feel unsafe or scared at this intersection. The reality is that while we wait for Ontario highways in our region to be twinned, the roads that remain are not very safe. Considering all the comments made about winter maintenance in our area and the comments with unsafe roads, the Province needs to move on the safety of this highway. Specifically he would like to see the following safety measures implemented at the Kenora bypass intersection (Highway 17A & 658 – Veterans Drive/Reditt Road). Specifically, they should reduce speed limit on highway 17A in both directions leading up to (500 M minimum) the intersection of at least 20 km/hr; advance warning signals that light is about to change in all directions (large lighted overhead signs on 17A in both directions and smaller roadside signs on Hwy 658–Veterans Drive/Reditt Road); more prominent signage leading up to intersection indicating there are traffic lights ahead (1 km and 2 km before intersection in all directions); Traffic cameras (speeding/red-light); and increased police supervision.

This traffic controlled intersection is the only one between Deacons Corner in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Dryden, Ontario. The only intersection from the Manitoba boarder to the Harbor Expressway in Thunder Bay that is in a high speed (over 80 Km/hr) corridor with no reduction in speed. Additionally when traveling west bound the light can sneak up on drivers as it is just after a corner and rock cut. Existing signage is also not very clear or prominent with poor general placement and location. Making the listed improvements to this intersection can set the bar for Ontario high-speed intersections all across the province and be a model of safe Ontario highway intersections. The cost of making these modifications to this and other dangerous intersections is trivial in comparison to the million dollar projects that tax payers fund and that can sometimes take years to complete.

Mr. Bilodeau requested the City to show they are in support of safer roads in our region and in Ontario. He is asking the City to advocate for the specific improvements he is suggesting to the Minister of Transportation directly and to issue myself a letter of support as he moves to petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to ask that the Minister of Transportation increase the safety at this intersection.

Council thanked Mr. Bilodeau for his presentation and a copy along with the petition was left with the Clerk.

Lake of the Woods Development Commission – Q2 Report

Ron Sabourin represented the Lake of the Woods Development Commission to present its Q2 Report. The report covers the Lake of the Woods Development Commission's activities in economic development and tourism & special events from April to June 2015.

They have spent the past few months working on the Commission's 2015-2016 Business Plan which we will present and discuss with you at our meeting next week. The Plan is a continuation of Kenora's transition to a premier destination and lifestyle community for business, residents and visitors. The Plan focuses on five core areas of business as follows: Develop Our Economy; Build Our Foundations; Grow Tourism and Special Events; Create a Lifestyle and Destination Community; Promote and Develop Kenora's Brand Promise

Q2 highlights include the completion of the Health Care Sector Profile and the beginning of tourism and special events busiest season. The Health Care Profile will be officially launched within the next few weeks. It is rich in data and information and highlights Kenora's growth and development opportunities within the sector. During this quarter, the LOWDC has participated in New Business Welcome celebrations with several businesses, demonstrating that Kenora's economic diversification is being driven by small business. On the tourism front, they are well into our busiest season and are seeing many positive results from the efforts they have put forward. Visitor Numbers are up, the Matiowski Farmers' Market continues to thrive and both visitors and residents are enjoying the many experiences they put on in the community.

Health Care providers in the Kenora area provide not only essential services to the community but Health Care is Kenora's largest economic sector, generating over \$80 Million of Kenora's GDP in 2011. The federal and provincial governments transferred an estimated \$124 million in funding to Health Care providers in the region in 2013-14, making the Health Care sector the largest industry sector in Kenora, representing about 15% of Kenora's economy, compared to 6.9% of the Ontario economy. The Commission is working with partners and key stakeholders in the community to expand Kenora's Health Care sector and address issues within the sector.

Kenora's manufacturing and value added forestry sector received a big boost with the announcement by federal Minister of Natural Resources of federal financial assistance to facilitate the re-opening of Kenora Forest Products. KFP's re-opening will lead to just over 100 direct jobs with corresponding jobs in the woodlands sector. The LOWDC has been working with the Kenora labour market partners in education and training and employment services so that Kenora's local labour market is ready for these new job opportunities. They are working with some value added manufacturing business projects which should come to fruition over the next few years. They are continuing to work with Confederation College on the innovation manufacturing HUB concept. A final report for that project is expected by the end of the summer. They are applying for funding to complete a manufacturing sector profile to identify Kenora's value proposition and growth opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

Kenora's manufacturing sector is focused on forestry, mining, cottagers and food Manufacturing. On the food manufacturing side, they are working with two local companies – both working on expansion plans and focusing on local food production.

In Q2, the LOWDC has worked to move the housing file forward. They have had a June site visit with an investor considering Kenora as a location for an assisted living facility and are in

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discussions with a couple of developers about smaller housing projects which would address Kenora's need for affordable housing.

In Q1, the LOWDC reported that they were working with the owners of the Kenora Shoppers Mall to re-develop the Zellers space. Those discussions have shifted in direction and they are hoping to bring further information back in Q3. They will be coming back to Council in Q3 with a recommendation to expand the suite of incentives in the Harbourtown CIP to mirror some of the elements of the Keewatin and the former mill site by including incremental tax incentives and other considerations that could help with the re-development of the Kenora Shopper's Mall and other major properties in the downtown core.

The LOWDC are looking forward to the installation of new docks at the Lakeside Inn in Q3, particularly the day use docks, which will bring visitors into the downtown core. They are continuing to work with other private sector developers on new dock and marina development concepts.

During Q2 2015, Visitor Numbers were up 16% at the Discovery Centre compared with Q2 2014. (4,437 visitors during Q2 2015 vs. 3,815 during Q2 2014). Year to date, attendance at the Discovery Centre is up 14%. Tourism ran "Great Boating is just the Beginning" advertising campaign from April 27- May 31, 2015. The Campaign was run in Winnipeg, Southern Manitoba, Grand Forks ND, and Fargo ND. The total cost of the Campaign was \$35,000 and was funded through a partnership with the Commission (\$11,500), Harbourtown Biz (\$3,500) and The Kenora Hospitality Alliance (\$20,000). This Campaign was the most successful and furthest reaching one that they have ran in five years. They believe the results were so successful due to the significant inclusion of social media. The Campaign generated 19,986 visitors to the Stayinkenora.com website. In 2014 our spring advertising campaign generated 6,627 visitors to the website. In the first 2 quarters of 2015 there have been a total of 24,704 visitors to the site compared to 25,575 for a full 12 month period in 2014. Hotels and retail businesses alike have been anecdotally saying that their businesses are up.

On May 25, 2015 they opened the Wildlife Rescue Exhibit. This exhibit was on loan from Science North. It ran until July 5, 2015. This exhibit was extremely well received by both local residents and visitors alike. In addition to the physical exhibit, Science North provided us with a science educator to enhance the visitor experience in the exhibit and to deliver curriculum based education programs. They had nearly 700 students from Kenora participate in these programs. In addition to this 3,710 people attended the exhibit.

On June 17, 2015 the Matiowski Farmers' Market kicked off its annual 16 week session. This year we will be adding 2 special Markets: Canada Day and Harbourfest. The LOWDC has been off to a very good start with all Markets being full and vendors and patrons alike very happy.

The LOWDC led the Canada Day Celebrations on the Harbourfront for the second year in a row. This year they added new activities such as tie-dyed t-shirts and the photo booth. The entire Celebration was well received by the entire community. They estimate that 5,000 people took part in the day-time activities and an additional 2,000-3,000 attended the fireworks Celebration. A number of local businesses have approached us indicating that they had significant business during July 1st, in some cases they even indicated it was record breaking.

Council thanked Mr. Sabourin for his presentation and a copy was left with the Clerk.

Jennifer Findlay & Tara Rickaby – Planning & Development

Jennifer Findlay and Tara Rickaby presented to Council on Planning and Development and Kenora's success story. Tara and Jennifer had the privilege of bringing the story of Kenora's Downtown Revitalization project and its impact on Kenora's economic transition to the Canadian Institute of Planners conference in Saskatoon. Kenora's presentation was entitled b2b2b. Our story focused on Kenora's transition from 2000 when Kenora was booming – 1000 jobs by 2010 was the rallying cry of the day to the bust cycle of 2005 and to our economic recovery. This is the story of partnerships and relationships, collaborations, leadership and commitment.

Their presentation show started with some images of the area to let them see this beautiful place we call home. Canadian Shield Country - that iconic Canada painted by the Group of Seven-the granite, the pines and the water. We are a people strongly connected to the land and the water

The link between planning and economic development is strong in the City of Kenora – the commitment to this partnership is the foundation for much of the positive changes Kenora has seen over the last fifteen years. In December of 2000, shortly after amalgamation, and as a result of the announcement of a large number of lay-offs at the Abitibi Consolidated paper mill, an Economic Development Summit was held to discuss future economic development opportunities for the City of Kenora and the Lake of the Woods region. Following this meeting, a group of 'downtown' business owners organized a "community forum" to rally support for the revitalization of the downtown core. The "Harbourtown Centre Committee" was struck as a result of the public support in early April 2001. The Committee's activities were based on five main strategic initiatives identified to implement improvements to the downtown core: Downtown Cleanup; Property Security and Safer Streets; Streetscaping and Downtown Revitalization; Marketing and Parking Issues and Traffic Flow. The result of these efforts was the preparation of the "Harbourtown Centre Development Plan". This plan's focus was on urban design and infrastructure improvements required to revitalize and enhance the downtown area of Kenora. Concurrently, the City of Kenora was working towards a new Official Plan which would replace the official plans of the former municipalities, together with a comprehensive zoning by-law.

Public awareness and interest in the process was high – driven by exciting new prospects for change – driven by the challenge of bringing three communities together. The Harbourtown Centre Development Plan brought excitement – more to talk about – an opportunity for change by an amalgamated community. The first City of Kenora Official Plan (2004) included a special designation for the Harbourtown Centre, and special policies which would guide development in accordance with the vision of Council, driven by stakeholders, started by a vision for new economic development opportunities. That Official Plan policy acknowledged that the Harbourtown Centre designation represents the downtown area of the City, and is considered to be an extremely important component of the commercial and recreational land use system of the City of Kenora. The Official Plan policy underscored that the downtown area contains major concentrations of commerce, finance, tourism, entertainment, recreation, residential and business activities, and provides a dynamic commercial core, for the residents of and visitors to, the City of Kenora. The policies formalized special initiatives which had been identified during the economic development summit and by the stakeholders in the downtown area – initiatives which would help to develop the downtown area as a dynamic core.

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Following, "the dream team" was born. Council and staff went to work to implement the Harbourtown Centre policies (even before the Official Plan was adopted). The commitment to the idea was strong and energies were focused. Hilderman, Thomas, Frank, Cram was retained in 2003 with sub-consultants Wardrop Engineering, Nelson Architects and Suzanne Broten Business Consultants to undergo a planning study for Downtown Kenora also referred to as the Harbourtown Centre.

The need to replace much of the underground utilities (some of which were later discovered to be clay pipes) in the area was one of the major motivations for the project. The City identified the need to have an overall plan for a phased approach so that the capital costs were spread over a longer period of time. The vision was that each phase would look complete so that if ever there was a halt/delay between phases it would not impact the whole. This later became a guiding principle for the design team through every consecutive project.

The project's goal was to turn Harbourtown into a destination. The following principles were proposed to help achieve that goal: Harbourtown will be easy to identify and to find; It will be easy to park your vehicle or boat, to walk to your destination, to shop, eat and play; A place where you will park near to your destination but wander extensively ... a good place to walk; Universally accessible; Interesting and stimulating; Clean and safe; Engaged with the lake and authentically Kenora; Landscape, Culture, Distinctive materials from region, Architectural heritage features from the region, Building blocks. It needed to be adaptable to the climate and weather – as nice in winter as it is in summer – and a refuge on rainy days; a good place to invest in a business such that more investment will yield more interesting and stimulating destinations and attractions; Attractive for year-round residents, seasonal residents and tourists; and Memorable (in a good way). This needed to include phases of development sensitive to needs of merchants to avoid business disruptions to greatest extent possible.

The other key bit of insight/ milestone that was used to evaluate the project was: "It's all about the lake" This expression was a euphemism for being authentic to this place. This drove design thinking about views, walking, access, materials, everything. We are pretty proud about how the projects collectively enhanced the relationship of citizens and visitors to the lake and having been respectful to the authenticity of place. The principles were incorporated into a master plan which was a high level spatial design for the downtown.

So, the planning process had a high degree of community involvement and consultation. It was designed to be a collaborative effort amongst elected officials, the Harbourtown Centre Committee members, City staff, the downtown business community and public-at-large. In 2004, the Downtown Revitalization Plan was finalized and adopted by Council. The Implementation plan was simple – the steps to the revitalization of the downtown-Harbourtown Centre, was broken down into fourteen geographic components for implementation. It is the "Phasing Plan" still in use today. Each phase of the development encompasses several components, which were costed according to underground utilities and surface works. There are a total of five phases involved in plan implementation. At the time, the total cost of the works was estimated to be just over \$25 million. No timetable was set for the completion of all the works because each phase is to be undertaken as municipal, Provincial and Federal funding permits.

All of you know the story of 2005 and the subsequent job losses that followed over the next few years with the collapse of the forest industry across the country. This was an important

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slide in the presentation because of the context it provides. Kenora responded in 2005 with an Action Plan for Recovery, followed by the community's first Economic Development Plan in 2006. The Plan outlined Kenora's transition from a pulp and paper mill town to a destination and lifestyle community for business, visitors and residents, based on Kenora's location on Lake of the Woods. The Plan identified the implementation of Downtown Revitalization as one of the key components to Kenora's economic turnaround. Council of the day decided to proceed with Phase I Downtown Revitalization, Main Street.

In order to access the FedNor and NOHFC funding, we needed letters of support. These letters are always most powerful coming from the private sector. We solicited letters from some of the Winnipeg and Manitoba developers with whom we were working at the time. One testimonial was so strong, it almost set the vision itself. As a recent investor in Kenora, I believe that the City has a bright future. As a business person and traveler, I have had the opportunity to travel to many North American and European resort areas. Each of these places have their charm. Whistler, Banff, Aspen...In terms of physical beauty, none of them are more breath taking or inviting than Kenora. However, in other aspects, Kenora falls short of these world class destinations. The City is struggling. It has had plant closures, rising unemployment and a serious identity crisis. Is Kenora a world class tourist area or an industry town? Is Kenora going to turn the corner? Kenora's downtown is the obvious place to start. The downtown area has a few gems, such as City Hall, the train station, an historic hotel and of course, the Lake, to build on. The city centre does not present the progressive, prosperous and vibrant feeling that is so important to convince businesses that Kenora is a winner. I have committed to investing several million dollars in Kenora over the next few years. Kenora is at a crossroads. Investments made today will be the foundation for the future. It is critical that government and business come together.

The Harbourtown Community Improvement Plan was adopted in 2007 and updated in 2012. These slides show some of the key façade elements supported in the CIP – the gooseneck lighting, the sign banding, the recessed doorways and the awnings. The business community has responded to this program with over \$3 Million in façade improvements.

In the spring of 2008, the Big Spruce began. The project was overseen by two teams – The Downtown Revitalization Technical Team was comprised of the engineering and operations department from the City of Kenora and the project managers as well as the contractors. The Planning Team included: Operations & Engineering, Planning & Economic Development, Tourism Parks, Finance, CAO, a couple of members of Council and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Harbourtown BIZ. Weekly meetings were held with the block captains.

The constrained budget did not preclude some bold moves. This project required a wholesale change to the entrance to the city, including implementation of the first roundabout in NW Ontario in the face of significant community concern. The gateway entrance was labelled the "reviled roundabout" by the local newspaper. Kudos must be given to the Council of the day who stood their ground on that aspect of the project.

Phase II Downtown Revitalization focused on the Harbourfront and creating a connection between the Harbourfront and Main Street through the Lake of the Woods Plaza. The project also included upgrades to the City's three major public wharfs.

Similar to previous stages it was critical to meet with interest groups regarding the much

loved harbourfront. It had to meet the needs of the various events organizers in the community and their well attended events such as Harbourfest, Kenora Bass International, Market Days, Weekly Concerts and many more. This consultation process resulted in a re-design of the Harbourfront Tent. This was another bit of a bump in our road, as the re-design doubled the price.

In Saskatoon, they concluded their presentation with information about the spin-offs in the community from downtown revitalization: Over \$61 Million in documented private sector investments outside the downtown; 261 new jobs in 5 years (double the jobs/1/2 the time); 50,000 visitors to events at the Whitecap pavilion; Matiowski Farmer's Market with over 100 vendors.

Tara & Jennifer's story started with the elements of Kenora's success: Commitment, Collaboration, Community and Communication. Too often, as we are driving forward, we forget to look back, to pause and to celebrate our success. This was an opportunity to celebrate and to share our good news with communities from across the country – from LaRonge to Milton to Cape Breton to Collingwood to Calgary to Rocky Mountain House to Fort Nelson to Terrace and all points in between. Kenora is doing some things right.

E. Reports:

1. Business Administration **Councillor R. McMillan – Chair**

Councillor McMillan requested to have a late report added to the agenda for consideration and discussion.

Canada 150 Funding Application

Councillor Reynard requested that he have more time to research the information that was presented before making a decision. He noted that downtown washrooms should be a priority as Council has heard repeatedly that these are needed. He would like to see more facts and figures before making a decision.

Mayor Canfield noted that if we don't get this through quickly we may not get any funding for any projects. The sooner we get the funding application in the better chance we have in receiving some of the funds.

Karen Brown, CAO explained that the fund has an ongoing deadline however the thought is the sooner we get the application in, the better, however she respects the need for Council to have time to consider all the options.

Councillor Smith referenced our capital plan and projects and is anticipating staff are going back to the capital plan list to ensure we are addressing these areas first. She requested that we look at the grant components and requirements and see if there are any identified capital projects to include. Karen Brown explained that the projects presented for consideration were given a higher priority as part of the funding requirements include community partnerships which we would have with the SportsPlex and possibly the Keewatin Recreation Centre.

Colleen Neil, Recreation Services Manager noted that there have been two assessments completed on the roof at both the SportsPlex and the Keewatin Memorial Arena. As a result of

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these assessments, it was identified that the SportsPlex roof is in worse condition than anticipated.

Staff will bring something forward for consideration by Council at the July 21st Council meeting.

1.1 FCM Federal Leaders Debate

Recommendation:

Whereas municipalities continue to work with all orders of government as equal partners to solve some of our country's biggest challenges; jobs, economic growth and better quality of life; and

Whereas with greater cooperation with the federal government, Canada will prosper from modern infrastructure, ensure our communities remain affordable and family-friendly, attract talent and investment, improve public safety and ensure environmental sustainability for all Canadians; and

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign calling on the federal party leaders to participate in a national debate on municipal issues before the next federal election and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign;

Therefore Be it Resolved that Council endorses the FCM campaign and urges all federal party leaders to participate in a debate on municipal issues such as infrastructure, transit and transportation, housing, clean water, the environment and public safety; and

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the four main party leaders and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Ontario Association of Municipalities of Ontario along with Grand Council Treaty #3.

Recommendation Approved.

1.2 Contracts & Expenditures Q2 2015

Recommendation:

That Council hereby receives the contract & expenditures information with respect to contracts awarded within the Manager's approved limits for January to June 2015.

Recommendation Approved.

1.3 Convenience Fees for e-Payments

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves the addition to 'Schedule A' of the Tariff of Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect the addition of convenience fees for e-Payments; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law Number at its July 21, 2015 meeting to give effect to these rates outlined in the revised Schedule "A"; and further

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That By-law Number 97-2015 be hereby repealed.

Recommendation Approved.

Councillor McMillan turned the chair over to Councillor Reynard for items 1.4 and 1.5 as he declared a pecuniary interest.

1.4 December 2014 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora as December 31, 2014.

Recommendation Approved.

Discussion: 2014 was a difficult year with the weather and the costs associated with those challenges. The overages in the budget are directly related to those impacts.

1.5 May 2015 Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That Council hereby accepts the monthly Financial Statements of the Corporation of the City of Kenora as May 31, 2015.

Recommendation Approved.

Councillor Reynard returned the chair to Councillor McMillan.

1.6 IMEX iPay Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes the CAO to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and IMEX for the purposes of iPay services; and further

That three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation Approved.

1.7 Ontario Regulation 284/09: 2015 Budget Matters

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the report of Lauren D'Argis, Corporate Services Manager related to 2015 budget matters by Resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Recommendation Approved.

Councillor McMillan turned the chair over to Councillor Reynard for item 1.8 as he declared a pecuniary interest.

1.8 Various Committee Minutes

Recommendation:

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

- May 20 – Environmental Advisory Committee
- June 2 – Event Centre Committee
- June 3 – Accessibility Advisory Committee
- June 17 – Heritage Kenora
- June 25 – Lake of the Woods Museum Board; and

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

- April 28 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Board of Management
- April 29 – Kenora Police Services Board
- April 30 & May 22 – Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health
- May 7 & June 18 – Kenora District Services Board; and further

That these Minutes be circulated and ordered filed.

Recommendation Approved.

2. Community Services **Councillor D. Reynard, Chair**

2.1 Pool and Fitness Rates Increase

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an amendment to 'Schedule B' of the Tariff of Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect increased municipal pool and fitness rates; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law Number at its July 21, 2015 meeting to adopt these rates outlined in the revised 'Schedule B'; and further

That these rates take effect September 1, 2015; and further

That By-law Number 97-2015 be hereby repealed.

Recommendation Approved.

2.2 Right to Play – Youth Baseball Tournament

Recommendation:

That Council approves waiving the recreation rental fees in the amount of \$870.00 for costs associated with the use of the Kenora Recreation Centre on August 9, 2015 for the purpose of hosting a youth baseball tournament in partnership with Jays Care, Kenora Chiefs Advisory and Right to Play; and further

That the Recreation and Tourism staff of the City of Kenora support and promote this event in a manner that will highlight the City of Kenora through this unique promotional opportunity and show its commitment to working in partnerships which celebrate and respect our community's diversity and strengths.

Recommendation Approved.

3. Economic Development

Councillor M. Goss, Chair

3.1 Resolution of Support – Kenora Declaration on Forest Innovation

Recommendation:

That Council hereby supports the Kenora Declaration on Forest Innovation as adopted by the Ministers of Natural Resources of Canada and participants at the National Forest Innovation Summit on July 9, 2015.

Recommendation Approved.

4. Emergency Services

Councillor C. Wasacase, Chair

No Reports

5. Operations

Councillor L. Roussin, Chair

5.1 Traffic Amendment – Rate of Speed – Lakeview Drive

Recommendation:

That Council authorizes an amendment to the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law Number 127-2001 Schedule "T" Rate of Speed – 40 Kilometres Per Hour Zone to add Lakeview Drive from Bernier Drive to Nethercutt Drive; and further

That three readings be given to an amending by-law for this purpose.

Recommendation Approved.

Discussion: Council noted they would like to see some improved signage on watching the road, share the road and watch for cyclists. They would also like to see a plan for alternate biking routes during the Farmer's Market. It was suggested there could be some dialogue with regular cyclists and we need to look at it long term on how we can make this area safer.

5.2 Water & Sewer Service Charge Increase

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes an increase to the Water and Sewer service rates effective July 21, 2015; and further

That Schedule "D" to the Water and Sewer By-Law Number 168-2004 be included in the Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law Schedule "D" - Operations; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a new Tariff of Fees and Charges By-Law Number at its July 21st, 2015 meeting to give effect to these rates outlined in the revised Schedule "D" - Operations; and further

That By-law Number 97-2015 be hereby repealed.

Recommendation Approved.

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Discussion: Some of these fees in Schedule D have not been increased since 2002. The Operations department is looking at the grinder pump review and a recommendation will be coming forward by the Operations Manager in the future. Council requested a committed timeline on that report and CAO, Karen Brown indicated she would follow up with Rick Perchuk on the timeline.

5.3 May 2015 Water Wastewater Monthly Report

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby accepts the May 2015 Kenora Water and Wastewater Systems Monthly Summary Report, as prepared by City Water & Sewer staff.

Recommendation Approved.

Discussion: Councillor Reynard requested year to date information be included in the report.

6. Property & Planning **Councillor S. Smith, Chair**

6.1 Lakeshore Hotel Lease Agreement Amendment - Docking

Recommendation:

That three readings be given to a by-law to amend an agreement/offer of purchase/sale or lease for a portion of the Wharf Street Road allowance, with Laura and James Bartel o/a The Lakeshore Hotel; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on the City's behalf; and further

That By-law Number 95-2015 be hereby repealed.

Recommendation Approved.

F. Other

- Mayor Canfield expressed his disapproval of the cost of gasoline at this time.
- Councillor McMillan noted that the Community Health Care Committee is moving forward and they have already had several meetings. A press release will be coming out in the next month or so.
- Councillor McMillan highlighted that Winnipeg will host the Canada Summer games July 28 – August 13, 2017. July 28, 2015 marks the two-year-out celebration date. Major Milestone event will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Winnipeg at the Aquatic Hall of Fame and Museum. It was suggested that two members of Council attend this event.
- There will be an Infrastructure round table discussion with the Minister on July 22nd and Mayor Canfield will attend with one other member of Council and one or two staff.

G. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 4, 2015

H. Adjourn to Closed

Resolution #2 - Moved by Councillor McMillan, Seconded by L. Roussin & Carried:

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That pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Committee to move into a Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

- i) **Acquisition of Land (1 item)**
- ii) **Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual (1 item)**

J. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Council reconvenes to open session at 11:28 a.m. with no reports from its closed session.

K. Close Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.