



**Community Services Committee**  
**MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, May 2, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
4:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Chair, Councillor Szajewski  
Vice-Chair, Councillor McMillan  
Councillor L. Compton  
Councillor C. Wasacase  
B. Preisentanz, CAO  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
B. Reynard, Community Services Manager

**REGRETS:** Councillor Poirier, Member

**A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003**

N/A

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

N/A

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by R. McMillan and Carried,  
That the Minutes from the last meeting held April 18, 2006, be confirmed  
as written.

**D. REPORTS:-**

**COUNCILLOR T. SZAJEWSKI - CHAIR**

**1. Review of Parking Rates**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora approve the increase in parking rates and establishment of overnight parking spaces as contained within this report and further;

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora adopt a By-Law to amend schedule "A" to By-Law 18-2002 being a By-Law to establish certain parking areas in the City of Kenora and to provide for the regulating, supervising, and governing of parking and the operation of vehicles within parking lots and structures.; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law No. 14-2003, public notice be provided prior to passing the By-Law; and further

THAT Council give three readings to amend By-law 18-2002 to

accommodate changing requirements.

A discussion ensued on the fact that metered parking fees, etc., falls under the Comprehensive Traffic By-law and that this by-law would have to be amended as well as #18-2002. For purposes of informing the public, the Clerk suggested the time-frame to adopt the applicable by-laws be changed from May 8 to May 23, which would give sufficient time for public notice of the proposed changes, with the effective date for the increases being **June 1, 2006.**

Barry Reynard agreed that he and/or Frank Bergman together with the Clerk and Engineering Department meet to review the by-laws to be amended. The By-law Enforcement Officers (Pat & Bev) are also to be included in the discussions. In the meantime, the recommendation was amended and only the following motion will go forward to the May 8 Council meeting: -

**AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora approve the following with respect to parking meters, rates and establishment of overnight parking spaces as set out in the April 28 Report of B. Preisentanz and F. Bergman: -

- All parking meter fees be increased from \$0.50/hour to \$0.75/hour;
- Parking lot fees for the Chipman Street Lot, McClellan Avenue Lot, and Harbourfront South Parking Lot be increased to \$0.75/hour;
- Parking meters immediately west of the Kenora Recreation Centre be programmed to allow for four (4) hour parking and that signage be installed;
- A maximum of eight (8) overnight parking spaces be established in the Harbourfront South Parking Lot at a rate of \$7.00 per day, plus GST;
- Monthly vehicle parking rates at Anicinabe Park and Keewatin Memorial Arena be established at a rate of \$130.00 per month (30 day period); and

THAT on May 23, Council give three readings to the applicable by-laws to give effect to the above-noted changes; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law No. 14-2003, public notice and advertising be provided prior to the passing of the amending by-laws; and further

THAT these rates shall take effect and come into force on June 1, 2006.

**Recommendation approved (resolution only at this time).**

**2. Keewatin Wharfinger Agreement  
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Mayor and Council accept the proposal from Two Bears Marina and authorize the City of Kenora Community Services Department to enter into a one year partnership agreement with Two Bears Marina to oversee boat slip rentals, proper usage of Keewatin Federal Wharf and rental of overnight parking at the Keewatin Memorial Arena.

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

### OTHER BUSINESS

- **Bench Agreement – for Discussion**

Councillor Compton inquired as to how this program is administered as he was recently advised that under FOI the City does not have any records. The Clerk advised that the only financial information the City has is the annual fee the contractor is to pay the City under the agreement, noting that an FOI request should go forward to Old Time Signs under PIPEDA; FOI for the Private Sector. Councillor Compton noted that there are two issues to look at with respect to this matter; 1) review of the agreement; and 2) disclosure of information as there is a lack of transparency.

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Committee agreed this item remain on the agenda for a review of the agreement, which is supposed to be done on an annual basis and is overdue.

- **Anicinabe Park Operations Update Murray Affleck**

Mr. Affleck gave an overview on the past, present and future management of the Park, noting this will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the 10 year agreement, and referred to the GIS map of the Park. Mr. Affleck explained the biggest original problem at the Park was the sites were too crowded and not level. The then Town of Kenora had invested money in the Park to make improvements to attract tourist and entice them to stay longer. The Town had provided capital dollars while Quadson Developments agreed to undertake the labour to carry out the improvements, and Mr. Affleck feels Anicinabe has become more of a destination park. The RV sites have doubled in size; the lots are now level to accommodate motor homes, and the second phase of improvements included improved level tent sites. Mr. Affleck explained they are very satisfied with the results, noting there were some 3500 guests in 1999 and that number has doubled in some years. Mr. Affleck indicated the number of camping nights has gone up considerably as the Park has become more family oriented, especially in light of the improved sites. Quadson is now looking for other areas for long term sites as they have a number of visitors that return each year and on a regular basis. These visitors had approached them about staying at the Park for most of the summer and so an under-used area was created in an area that was not being utilized to its full potential. Mr. Affleck noted that they did not come to Council for revenue for that portion of Park improvements. Seven sites in total were established and these visitors put

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the cost up themselves for improvements for a two year period which ended last fall. An occupancy rate for this purpose then had to be determined. Mr. Affleck noted there was a demand to open up other sites in the Park for similar use however the primary focus and use of the Park

continues to be for the traveling public and tourists. Additional site options including long-term seasonal sites have been explored and provided for in the 2006 camping season. It was noted that Anicinabe Park is an opportunity for development, and Mr. Affleck pointed out a few areas for future consideration; such as a large wooded area that would make nice treed sites. Reference was made to the docking area close to the Golf Course, however Mr. Affleck advised this area is a constant place for vandalism and therefore is only used for daily docking, primarily by those going to golf. The area is not lit and is hard to police, and the signage has been replaced a number of times. Because it cannot be signed due to vandalism, it is difficult to make the boating public aware of the fees for docking. In the past, revenue for this docking amounted to less than \$100 for the entire season which was the case for the first couple of years when fees were able to be collected, but with no enforcement.

Mr. Affleck explained their biggest pet peeve at the Park, as indicated by guests, is the washroom facility, and unfortunately it was cut again from this year's municipal budget. Mr. Affleck explained that guests look for cleanliness of the Park, but more importantly, for clean washrooms. He indicated the washrooms are antiquated and are in deplorable condition with rotting walls and mold – this service should definitely be improved, however Mr. Affleck understands the City's situation but hopes to see these improvements in the future.

Mr. Affleck explained that normal maintenance costs of up to \$100 they are responsible to pay, while anything major, or over \$100 the City is to be responsible for.

Councillor Compton questioned if the City had approved the 2 year rental sites at the Park and Mr. Affleck explained the City had not; only for the establishment of the additional spots. Councillor Compton also asked how long can a 'first right of refusal' last and Mr. Affleck indicated there is no time limit. Councillor Compton mentioned the long-term rental situation has started complaints as there could be a potential for this to last for some 20 years which goes against the intent of the agreement. Councillor Compton questioned if Mr. Affleck's company is incorporated and he confirmed it is a partnership. Councillor Compton advised this being the case, that he could be held personally liable. Councillor Compton requested this existing agreement be reviewed.

Councillor McMillan commended Mr. Affleck on the work he has done in the Park over the years. Mr. Affleck stated their expenses have increased during the last few years at the Park.

Councillor McMillan questioned if the focus of the Park is changing? Mr. Affleck confirmed their first priority has always been meeting the demand for the traveling public and guests, and they will ensure these sites are

available. He indicated the Park is typically not 100% full but the busiest times of the season are July and August. Mr. Affleck indicated that while they could certainly fill the Park with permanent residents, this is not their intention, nor is it to make Anicinabe a long-term seasonal Park.

Councillor Wasacase complimented Mr. Affleck for doing a wonderful job and for making Anicinabe Park a user-friendly tourist destination. He indicated we should be building on the opportunity and moving forward.

Barry Reynard explained that whatever standards were set at the beginning of the contract, are now outdated. He advised that certain things have to be updated and that we must continue to know the needs of our customer. It was noted the contract ends in less than 3 years and the City should be asking if this is the business we need to be in for the future.

Mr. Reynard advised his Department will review the contract to move into the future; perhaps a review could be conducted by a small working committee that will report back to the Community Services Committee.

Committee thanked Mr. Affleck for attending the meeting, and agreed this item will remain on the agenda for a review of the existing agreement.

#### ITEMS ON HOLD

- **Child Minding Centre (Kenora Recreation Centre)**  
**HOLD**

#### NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday, May 16, 2006.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**

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