



## Community Services Committee **MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, June 20, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
4:45 p.m.

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- PRESENT:** Councillor R. McMillan, Vice-Chair  
Councillor A. Poirier, Member  
Councillor L. Compton  
Mayor D. Canfield  
B. Preisenzanz, CAO  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
B. Reynard, Community Services Manager  
F. Bergman, Facilities Management  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
- REGRETS:** Councillor T. Szajewski, Chair

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

**TAKE NOTICE THAT AS REQUIRED UNDER NOTICE BY-LAW NO. 14-2003, COUNCIL INTENDS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AT ITS JUNE 26 MEETING:**

- An increase in daily rates at the Castle of Learning & Discovery Children's Centre, effective September 1, 2006;
- ~~An amendment to the 2006 Capital Budget to accommodate the Museum Annex Restoration Project. (On Hold)~~

### **B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** N/A

### **C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-**  
THAT the Minutes of the last meeting held June 6, 2006 be confirmed as written.

### **D. REPORTS:-**

#### **1. Increase in daily rates – Castle of Learning Children's Centre RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora approve the fee increase for the daily rates for the Castle of Learning & Discovery Children's Centre from \$25.00/day to \$26.00/day for the School-Age Day Camp, \$27.00/day to

**ACTION**

\$28/day for preschool children and for an increase in the toddler daily rate from \$30.00/day to \$31.00/day effective September 1, 2006, and

THAT notice is hereby given in accordance with Notice Bylaw No. 14-2003 to increase the daily rate fee for the Castle of Learning; and further

THAT Resolution #9 dated July 12, 2004 be and is hereby rescinded.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

## **2. Kenora Borealis Multi Sport Request – Garrow Park Paving**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Kenora authorize the approval of the Garrow Park Parking Lot Paving Project; and further

That the funding of this project be utilized from that approved City Capital Paving Program and a partnership contribution from the Kenora Borealis of \$3,000.00.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

## **3. Designated Handicap Accessible Boat Parking**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council accepts and approves the recommendation of the Accessibility Committee to establish two (2) Designated Handicap Boat parking stalls at the Kenora Harbourfront.

### **Discussion**

It was confirmed there are no capital changes required to accommodate this item, only a coloured stripe and a designated signed as the dock/ramp is adequate.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

## **4. Museum Annex Restoration**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2006 capital budget, authorizing funding of the Museum Annex Restoration Project in the amount of \$227,000, with funding to be provided as follows:

- \$25,000 allocated from the Museum Annex heating renovation capital project already approved for 2006;
- \$7,694 to be appropriated from the Museum Annex Reserve;
- \$35,000 to be appropriated from the interest accrued in the Museum Annex Reserve Fund; and
- \$159,306 to be appropriated from the City's Contingency Reserve; and

THAT this withdrawal from the City's Contingency Reserve be repaid through a reduction in the Lake of the Woods Museum Budget in the amount of \$14,700 commencing in July 2007 relating to expenditures

anticipated for the Museum Annex building as requested in the 2006 budget; and

THAT in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 14-2003, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend the 2006 Budget for this purpose at its June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting; and further

THAT Council give three readings to the related by-law to amend the 2006 capital budget.

**Discussion**

It was questioned why we are renovating a building but with no plans for its future use? If we renovate without a tenant and then when we have an interest there may be a request from the potential lessee for other leasehold improvements.

It was mentioned the Annex is a “designated building” and the brickwork needs to be maintained as it is starting to deteriorate. It is also necessary that the heat remains on as a means to protecting the brickwork from further deterioration. It is not known if the City is legally liable to fix and maintain the building due to the heritage aspect, but we just need to address the deterioration in order to save the building.

It was discussed this is a small structure and is difficult to get a good return on it, but it is in a key area and could be tied into a tourist operation. The Museum Board would like the Annex to be functional and would like to lease it.

It was questioned if we could have Community Services go back to the Board to review use of the building prior to proceeding with the work. Mayor Canfield asked if we have any access to government funding, and while the building does meet some of the funding programs there is nothing available to tap into at this time. The biggest challenge facing the Board is to see how the work can get done and Ms Brown provided a financial report outlining how to address their concerns.

Committee agreed that a Museum Board representative be invited to attend the July Community Services Meeting, along with our rep., Councillor Parkes to review the future use of the building.

**HOLD for next meeting.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Accessibility Committee Update Frank Bergman**

Frank Bergman explained the Committee met on June 15, which is the last meeting until Fall. He gave a brief background of the Committee, noting the Committee, comprised of great volunteers, have been together since 2003 and he extended his thanks and insight to the Committee, as well as to Members of Council, particularly to Councillor Szajewski for support and assistance.

Frank then reviewed some of the projects the Committee has been

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involved with, such as the new Operations Centre; public washrooms, boat parking, Downtown Revitalization and accessible design for future development, a power door at 1008 Ottawa Street, acoustics in various buildings and work continues on completing the ramps for City Hall. He explained the make-up of the Committee will change with a new Council this Fall, but he is hopeful the Committee will continue with many of the existing members as well as new ones who choose to apply for an appointment in the Fall.

### KMTS Skate Park Update

Barry Reynard gave an update and explained completion of the Park is moving along on schedule with an estimated three (3) weeks to completion.

The Official Opening is set for Saturday, July 15, and he noted that Rhonda James, the KMTS rep. has been doing a great job and has developed a recycling cell phone program. Barry commented it has been a great partnership with KMTS in working together to bring the Park to the level it is at today and he extended thanks to KMTS for the opportunity. There has been a lot of interest in the project and he was happy to report they are on schedule.

There will be a separate Official ceremony for the tile wall project in the Fall.

In response to a question, it was explained the sloped area near the skate park will be completed with grass and fencing; hopefully this year.

### Benches Agreement

Barry Reynard advised that Barb Manson has been undertaking the counting of all benches in the City, with a total to-date of 121 benches, and 1 private bench.

Councillor Compton requested a copy of the most recent update.

**BReynard**

The current Benches Agreement and by-law will be reviewed with this information and eventually brought forward to Committee.

### PENDING BUSINESS

- **70 Park Street** **HOLD** – By-law & Lease

### NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday, July 11, 2006.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.