



**Community Services Committee
MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, September 5, 2006
City Council Chambers
4:17 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillor T. Szajewski, Chair
Councillor R. McMillan, Vice-Chair
Councillor A. Poirier, Member
Mayor Canfield
Councillor L. Compton
Councillor I. Parkes
Councillor C. Wasacase
B. Preisentanz, CAO
J. McMillin, City Clerk
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager
F. Bergman, Facilities

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

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
There was none declared.

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by I. Parkes, and Carried:-
THAT the Minutes of the last meeting held August 15, 2006 be confirmed
as written.

D. REPORTS:-

- NW Ontario Sports Hall of Fame – September 30
- Thunder Bay Attendance @ Valhalla Inn**

As there are no inductees from Kenora this year, this item is to be
filed.

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- Concession @ Rec. Centre
- Colleen to provide report for executing lease**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of
a lease between the City of Kenora and Darryl and Ivette Landry for the
operation of the Concession at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

JMcMillin/
PGrouda

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

3. Jeff Gordon Houseboat Adventures Lease Extension

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora continues to partner with Houseboat Adventures to lease the Pier Head of Main St Wharf for the 2007 season commencing April 1 to November 15/07 subject to the terms and conditions of a new lease.

Discussion:

Councillor Poirier asked if the City's EDO has been providing any assistance to Mr. Gordon to find a suitable place to re-locate, and Bill Preisentanz explained there have been discussions regarding same.

Reference was made to possibly incorporating a clause in the lease extension pertaining to structural repairs as a result of any damages to the wharf from the loading of the houseboats on the pier head.

Councillor Compton suggested Mr. Gordon be asked to provide the City with an indication as to his long term commitment or future plans, and what, if any location he has lined up for a different site.

Councillor Szajewski mentioned the City should determine what our plans are for the downtown revitalization of this area as well.

Committee agreed the Port Authority attempt to meet with Mr. Gordon before next Monday's meeting to determine his plans and to report back to Council.

Recommendation approved, based on the outcome of the meeting with the Port Authority.

4. Coney Island Contract Extension

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the contract with Janice Johnson for the Operation and Maintenance of Coney Island Park & Store Contract be extended for a (1) one year term (to September 2007) under the same terms and conditions as in the existing lease, with a contract price of \$10,961.00 + G.S.T.

Recommendation approved (resolution only).

5. MS Kenora Request for Norman Park - Discussion

Bill Preisentanz mentioned that the restrictive covenant is still in place at Norman Park, however Abitibi is willing to work with the City but it may take some time (at least a month) before the covenant could be lifted.

Al Luby was in attendance and mentioned there have been a number of areas looked at and the City had given earlier approval for the First Avenue site however not all other approvals are in place for the use of this site by the MS. He further indicated their first choice is the Norman Park site and it is a suitable location for the necessary repairs, otherwise the boat will not operate next season. It was questioned if the Norman Park site is secured, will the City be providing this option in perpetuity to the MS?

Port
Authority/
BPreisentanz

JMcMillin

Councillor Compton does not want to see the City breach the terms of the restrictive covenant, and that it has to be lifted first before Council votes on its use.

He also indicated the residents in the Norman area will likely have some concerns to express with respect to the lifting of the restrictive covenant in Norman Park.

Councillor Compton questioned if the Husky the Muskie site could be used to remove the boat, however Al Luby does not believe this area could accommodate removal of the ship.

Al Luby explained that originally the ship was put in at the Rush Bay Road site, but at that time it was an empty shell so it weighed much less than it does now.

Councillor Parkes asked if the City could pursue the Coast Guard to convince them to assist the MS with their dilemma. Apparently the Coast Guard site could be tailored to work for the MS as Al Luby indicated they have offered to partner with them to assist with some of the upgrades to the site in order to be able to use it.

Mayor Canfield mentioned that as Minister Clement was recently on the MS, perhaps the City could send a letter to him and other appropriate Ministers to put some political pressure on the Federal Government so that the MS could utilize the Coast Guard site. In closing Al Luby mentioned any assistance the City could provide would be appreciated.

Mayor
Canfield

Committee agreed that Mayor Canfield send the appropriate letters to the Federal Ministers.

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

UPDATES & INFORMATION

- **National Women's Hockey Team Visit**

Councillor Szajewski gave an update on the team's visit to Kenora to-date, and how pleased he is and the City should be on being able to host this particular event.

- **Bench Agreement**

Councillor Szajewski advised this agreement has been reviewed carefully and our Solicitor reviewed it as well. He noted the agreement has been working very well, and with few complaints. Councillor Szajewski does not see any reason to make changes to the agreement at this time.

Councillor Compton questioned Councillor Szajewski on the review by Mr. Ormiston as originally our Solicitor indicated the agreement was deficient.

Councillor
Szajewski

Councillor Compton requested a copy of the report concerning this matter from Councillor Szajewski.

PENDING BUSINESS

N/A

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

MOTIONED REQUIRED ADJOURNING TO CLOSED MEETING:

Moved by I. Parkes, Seconded by A. Poirier, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 5:05 p.m.; and further

THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting (at 5:30 p.m.) to discuss the following:

- Proposed Acquisition of Land matter.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION WITH ANY REPORT

No reports from closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.