

CITY OF KENORA FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

(Followed by Community Services & Operations Committees) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006 3:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. <u>PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003</u> N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u> October 3, 2006.

> D. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u> N/A

E. <u>REPORTS</u>:-

Councillor R. McMillan - Chair NO. REPORT SUBJECT

DISPOSITION

1. USW CEP Forest Industry Crisis

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the forest products industry is the second largest contributor to Ontario's balance of trade recently directly employing 85,000 and many thousands more across the province in supply and service and contributes \$2.3 billion in taxes to all levels of government;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario governments own Ministers Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness recognized the impending crisis in the industry;

AND WHEREAS Mill closures and reductions in operations have devastated the sustainability of economies in communities across Northern and Eastern Ontario, throwing thousands of forestry workers out of work, threatening the employment of teachers, nurses, retail and civic workers and driving real estate prices into the ground;

AND WHEREAS any solution to this crisis requires the input and involvement of all stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS Ontario government all party committees have served as a vehicle to solicit input and involve the public in finding solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of City of Kenora calls on the Government of Ontario to strike an all party committee of the Ontario Legislature to immediately conduct hearings throughout the province and specifically in impacted communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be mandated to provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to make presentations.

2. Request Province Expedite Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Review

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the gap between the transfers from the province and the cost of social programs is growing and is now estimated by the Association of Municipalities at over \$3 Billion; and

WHEREAS delays in balancing the cost of delivering services with the ability to pay are resulting in delayed maintenance of infrastructure, reduced municipal services and property tax increases across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT resolved that in the opinion of the Council of the City of Kenora that the provincial government's currently proposed Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (which will not be completed until February 2008, after the next provincial election) is needlessly drawn out and that a full review to balance the delivery of service with the ability to pay should be completed much more expediently, in order to avoid hitting taxpayers with unsustainable property tax hikes or significant reductions in service.

3.	Meeting Schedule 2007 Municipal Budget Preliminary Plan	HOLD
4.	Hospital Action Plan	HOLD
5.	Reminder Public ZBLA Meeting Oct. 23 @4:50 p.m.	
6.	By-Law will be presented Oct. 23 For Sale of Road Allowance to 1629700 Ontario Inc.	
	911 Signage MENDATION:	
THAT Council authorize a purchase in the amount of \$20,280.00, plus applicable taxes, shipping and handling, from Guardian Traffic Services for 911 signs to be installed in the communities of Kirkup, Rat Portage and Dalles; and further		
THAT this purchase be fully reimbursed through the applicable communities on or before 31		

October 2010.

8. Provision of Insurance Services – 2007- Info Report

9. Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the following Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2006:

November – No Meetings due to Municipal Election

December:

Monday, December 4 – 11:00 a.m. Inaugural Meeting Tuesday, December 12 – 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Finance and Administration, Community Services and Operations Wednesday, December 13 – 8:30 a.m. Emergency Services 10:00 a.m. Property and Planning Monday, December 18 – 5:00 p.m. Council Meeting

10. Noise By-law

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Draft Noise By-law be made available to the public for review and written comment by November 30, 2006; and further

THAT the Draft By-law be posted on the Portal and obtainable from City Hall for this purpose.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

• December 12, 2006.

Adjournment.