



**Finance & Administration Committee**  
**MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, October 17, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
3:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Councillor R. McMillan, Chair  
Councillor T. Szajewski, Member  
Councillor L. Compton  
Mayor D. Canfield  
B. Preisntanz, CAO  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

**REGRETS:** Councillor A. Poirier, Vice Chair

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

Take Notice that Council intends to approve the following by-laws  
at its October 23 Meeting:-  
N/A

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was none declared.

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by L. Compton, and Carried:-  
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting held October 3, 2006 be confirmed  
as written.

**D. DEPUTATIONS**

N/A

**E. REPORTS:-**

**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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**PGrouda**

**\*Councillor McMillan will obtain clarification from CEP regarding hearings throughout the province.**

**R. McMillan**

**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.

**Recommendation Approved.**

**PGrouda**

**3. Meeting Schedule 2007 Municipal Budget Preliminary Plan HOLD for New Council.**

**4. Hospital Action Plan**

**HOLD and Schedule Meeting with New Hospital Board.**

**5. Reminder Public ZBLA Meeting Oct. 23 @4:50 p.m. Information and Reminder**

**PGrouda**

**6. By-Law will be presented Oct. 23  
For Sale of Road Allowance to 1629700 Ontario Inc.  
Information and Reminder (By-Law)**

PGrouda

**7. 911 Signage**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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.

**Recommendation Approved. (Resolution & By-Laws – 3)**

PGrouda

**8. Provision of Insurance Services – 2007- Info Report  
Information.**

**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

**Recommendation Approved.**

PGrouda

**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.

**Recommendation Approved. (Resolution)**

PGrouda

**NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN**

- **December 12, 2006.**

**Moved by: L. Compton, Seconded by: T. Szajewski, and carried**

That this meeting be now adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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