



**Finance & Administration Committee  
MINUTES**

**Held Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
3:30 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Chair, Councillor R. McMillan  
Vice-Chair, Councillor Poirier  
Member, Councillor Szajewski  
Mayor D. Canfield  
Councillor C. Wasacase  
B. Preisentanz, CAO  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

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

N/A

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by T. Szajewski, & Carried:**  
THAT the Minutes from the last Committee meeting held March 7, 2006, be confirmed as written.

**D. DEPUTATIONS:-**

**3:30 p.m. – Triple P.L.A.Y.**

Jack Martin, Sheila Alcock, and other supporters of Triple P.L.A.Y. attended the meeting and Mr. Martin spoke on behalf of Triple P.L.A.Y. He indicated a partnership arrangement with the City based on \$40,000 per year for the next five years, noting that Triple P.L.A.Y. has not had any administration dollars since April, 2005. Mr. Martin advised Committee the program has existed for seven years and impacts about 450 children. He further indicated that partnerships in the community raise more than \$60,000 locally to cover program costs. Endowment funds are expected to be in place to meet the \$50,000 target for the LOW Community Foundation. In closing Mr. Martin explained that with the assistance of a municipal grant, children and youth will continue to be involved in recreation and leisure activities that foster their sense of belonging, as well as their self-esteem.

Sheila Alcock made reference to additional opportunities for youth such as "Take-a-kid-fishing", "A day on the slope," etc., which have been recognized as valuable one-time events. It was noted the affected age group is 0 to 19 years of age.

**E. REPORTS:-**

**Councillor R. McMillan - Chair**

**1. Triple Play – Partnering for Annual Grant**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the Deputation from Triple P.L.A.Y. with respect to an annual grant from the City of Kenora; and further

THAT the request from Triple P.L.A.Y. for annual funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the next five years be referred to Council's Budget Committee for further discussion and review.

JMcMillin

**Recommendation approved.**

## **2. Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law permitting the City of Kenora to enter into the letter of agreement with the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program for 2005-2006.

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

## **3. Endorsation of Resolution – Municipal Financial Crisis**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has recognized that a \$3 billion Provincial/Municipal fiscal gap currently exists, in terms of a shortfall, for municipalities; and

WHEREAS one-third of municipal spending goes to Provincial health and social services programs; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only Province in Canada where municipal property taxes are used to subsidize Provincial health and social service programs; and

WHEREAS municipalities continue to place increased financial pressure on the property taxpayers to meet these financial demands;

NOW THEREFORE The Corporation of the City of Kenora urges the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Provincial Government to develop a plan to begin to address this municipal financial crisis, by contributing to municipalities, beginning in 2006, a Provincial commitment to Ontario's municipalities, of \$600 million per year for the next five years, this commitment will begin to address the serious financial crisis facing municipalities in Ontario, and further

THAT we urge the Government of Ontario to come to the AMO Conference with an announcement confirming this commitment and a process to unroll this funding to municipalities, and further

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing and all of Cabinet.

### **AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has recognized that a \$3 billion Provincial / Municipal fiscal gap currently exists, in terms of a shortfall, for municipalities; and

WHEREAS as high as one-third of municipal spending goes to Provincial health and social / family type programs; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only Province in Canada where municipal property taxes are used to subsidize Provincial health and social service programs; and

WHEREAS municipalities continue to place increased financial pressure on the property taxpayers to meet these financial demands;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the City of Kenora urge the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Provincial Government to develop a plan to eliminate the burden of Provincial health and social / family type programs to Ontario municipalities and their taxpayers, through taking back full fiscal responsibility for these programs, including expenditures related to: Public Health / Health Units, Land Ambulance Services, Ontario Disability Support Programs, Ontario Works Programs, Assistance to the Elderly / Homes for the Aged, Child Care, Social Housing, and all related administration; and

THAT the City urge the Government of Ontario to come to the AMO Conference with an announcement confirming this commitment and a process set out to address the elimination of this burden to Ontario municipalities and their taxpayers; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing, all of Cabinet, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Recommendation approved as amended.**

#### **4. IBEW Local 559 – Water Plant Unit Collective Agreement**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law, authorizing an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and IBEW Local 559 – Water Plant Unit for the term January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006.

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

#### **5. Overtime Analysis 2005**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the 2005 Overtime Analysis Report.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

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**6. F.C.M. Conference – Montreal**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT authorization be hereby given for one (1) City representative to attend the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference taking place in Montreal, June 2 to 6, 2006; and further

THAT all eligible expenses in accordance with Council's Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby approved.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

**7. N.O.M.A. Conference – Thunder Bay**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT authorization be hereby given for four (4) Council Members to attend the Annual Conference of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) taking place in Thunder Bay, April 26 to 29, 2006; and further

THAT all eligible expenses in accordance with Council's Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby approved.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

**8. Winter Tourism and Snowmobile Friendly Steering Committee**

Committee agreed to support the Snowmobile Friendly Ad Hoc Steering Committee and that this will be further discussed as a sub-Committee under the Economic Development Committee.

**9. Appointment for Licensing Purposes**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to appoint Megan Barr as a Deputy Division Registrar and Lottery Licensing Officer for the City of Kenora for the term of April 1, 2006 ending November 1, 2007.

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

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**ITEMS ON HOLD:**

- **Purchase of Property – Mount Evergreen**      **HOLD-** April closing
- **Kenora Thistles Centennial Celebration**      **HOLD-**Council Support
- **Staff Parking**      **HOLD-**for policy
- **Members – Urban Native Affairs Comm.**      **HOLD-**for names
- **Review of "Trial Governance Model"**      **HOLD-**end of April

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Kenora Safe Grad - 2006**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports Safe Grad 2006; and further

THAT a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 be authorized for use of the

Kenora Recreation Centre for this purpose.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

**Tournament of Champions**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for use of the Kenora Recreation Centre for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament of Champions taking place April 14 to 16, 2006.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

**Proposed New Municipal Council Term of Office**

Councillor McMillan expressed concern to the possible revision of a four year term for Council starting this year and that this may be a deterrent in attracting members of the public to run for office.

**NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.