



CITY OF KENORA

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

(FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY SERVICES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEES)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

3:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

January 24, 2006.

D. REPORTS:-

COUNCILLOR R. McMILLAN - CHAIR

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
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1. City Investment Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council hereby approves the City Investment Policy, FI-4-2; and further

THAT Council approves an amendment to the City Debt Policy, FI-4-1 to change the Subsection title to "Financial Instruments".

2. Municipal Five Year Capital Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council hereby authorizes the following schedule for capital budget review meetings:

- Meeting with Council on:
Thursday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and
- Public meeting held on:
Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Kenora Recreation Centre; and further

THAT the public meeting be advertised in the Municipal Memo to advise the public and encourage public attendance and participation at the meeting.

3. Endorsation of Resolution – "RAWB" Municipal Water Systems

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS capital costs associated with the construction of new water filtration plants as mandated under the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as increasing maintenance costs required to sustain these sophisticated plants are having a detrimental effect on small northern communities where the users are very small in number; and
WHEREAS this new legislation is creating considerable hardship for small communities where there is high unemployment due to the seasonal tourist industry; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Provincial Government revisit the issue of the current funding structure for capital projects and consider a possible funding subsidy for the legislated mandatory water testing for small communities which are being adversely affected by these imposed regulations; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government should consider implementing supplemental funding through FedNor similar to the funding currently received through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for capital projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Kenora hereby supports the efforts of the R.A.W.B. Organization (Residents Against Water Bill) regarding their concerns with issues relating to the Safe Drinking Water Act legislated by the Province of Ontario; and

THAT the Council for the City of Kenora will assist in the joint lobbying effort being organized by this group so as to ensure Ontario's water system is financially sustainable and affordable for all communities; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment, to the Honourable R. Valley, M.P and the Honourable Howard Hampton, M.P.P.

4. Endorsation of Resolution – Thunder Bay (Natural Gas Conversion)

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the City of Thunder Bay has resolved to "aggressively pursue a change in the energy policy of the Government of Ontario so that both The Thunder Bay Generating Station and the Atikokan Generating Station are modified to continue utilizing coal as a primary fuel while at the same time significantly reducing the emissions through clean coal technology" ; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas has increased by over 60% in the past year and is projected to continue to increase in price; and

WHEREAS the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station to natural gas will significantly increase the cost of producing electricity in the northwest; and

WHEREAS the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station to natural gas requires the construction of a natural gas line to service this Plant, and;

WHEREAS Union Gas has announced that it has identified a number of routes from the TransCanada Pipeline Meter Station north of the city to the Generating Station, and;

WHEREAS the proposed line is 12 inch (30.5 cm) in diameter and will carry a significant volume of natural gas, and;

WHEREAS all of the routes are located immediately adjacent to either residential or commercial areas of the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Thunder Bay call upon the Government of Ontario require that a full environmental assessment be conducted on the proposed routings of the natural gas line; and

THAT the City of Thunder Bay call upon the Government of Ontario to require that a full environmental assessment be conducted on the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station to natural gas; and

THAT this resolution be copied to the following with a request that they take similar action; NOMA, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, N.W. Ontario Municipalities, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and NOACC; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ministers of Environment, Energy, Northern Development and Mines and to the Premier of Ontario.

5. Kenora Mill Electricity Resolution

HOLD

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, the City of Kenora is a community that depends on the economic contribution of the Kenora Paper Mill, and

WHEREAS, Abitibi Consolidated Inc. has permanently closed the Kenora Paper Mill, and

WHEREAS, the surrounding natural resources should bring an employment and economical benefit to the community, not just profits for companies, and

WHEREAS, Abitibi Consolidated Inc. continues to generated hydro-electric power at the Kenora and Norman powerhouses, and selling it on the Provincial power grid without any benefit to the local economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Kenora requests the Ontario government order Hydro One to immediately deny access to the provincial power grid and cease purchasing power that is generated at the Kenora and/or Norman powerhouses until such time Abitibi Consolidated Inc. agrees to restart the heating system and guarantees no damage occurs.

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| 6. Purchase of Property – Mount Evergreen | HOLD for closing |
| 7. Endorsation of Resolution – Veterans’ Recognition Program | HOLD for By-law |
| 8. Staff Parking | HOLD for policy |
| 9. FCM 69th Annual Conference | HOLD for agenda |
| 10. Members – Urban Native Affairs Committee | HOLD for names |

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

Adjournment.