



**ACTION:**

## Finance & Administration Committee *MINUTES*

Held Tuesday, February 7, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
3:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Vice-Chair, Councillor Poirier  
Member, Councillor Szajewski  
Councillor Compton  
Councillor Wasacase  
B. Preisentanz, CAO  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

**REGRETS:** Chair, Councillor McMillan

**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 L. Compton, Seconded by T. Szajewski, and Carried:-  
THAT the Minutes from the Finance & Administration Committee held  
January 24, 2006 be confirmed as written.

**D. REPORTS:-**

**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".

**Recommendation approved.**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and

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- Public meeting held on:

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Recommendation approved.**

**Karen Brown requested the time on February 23 be changed from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### **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,

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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.

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**Recommendation approved.**

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

##### **RESOLUTION TO BE ENDORSED:**

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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby endorses and supports the City of Thunder Bay Resolution adopted on October 31, 2005 with respect to an environmental assessment for natural gas conversion; and further

THAT a copy of the City's resolution of support be forwarded to the Provincial Ministers of Environment, Energy, Northern Development and Mines, to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Howard Hampton, MPP, and the City of Thunder Bay.

**Recommendation approved.**

**5. Kenora Mill Electricity Resolution**

**It was agreed this item be removed from the Agenda for the time being.**

**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 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
HOLD for agenda

**10. Members – Urban Native Affairs Committee**  
HOLD for names

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public Sector Digest – Web-based Subscription Renewal**

Committee agreed to continue with this subscription for 2006 as a means of cutting down on travel when various information can be accessed on-line through this subscription.

**CUPE area Strike Vote, Re: Bill 206**

Bill Preisenz advised Council that there will be a vote tonight by CUPE regarding a one-day strike with respect to Bill 206 (OMERS Pension Plan), and that we will know the results tomorrow.

**NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, February 21, 2006 between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m..

**The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.**

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