



**ACTION:**

## **Finance & Administration Committee MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, January 24, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
3:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Chair, Councillor McMillan  
Member, Councillor Szajewski  
Councillor Compton  
Councillor Wasacase  
Mayor Canfield (arrived late)  
B. Preisentanz, CAO  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

**Regrets:** Member, Councillor Poirier

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

No notices.

### **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 January 10, 2006 meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee be confirmed as written.

### **D. REPORTS:-**

#### **COUNCILLOR R. MCMILLAN - CHAIR**

##### **1. Children's Coalition Initiative**

Councillor McMillan gave a brief history of the Kenora Health Providers group that is seeking to establish a Children's Coalition. He further indicated any interested Member of Council or staff could be appointed to the Coalition. The initial meeting for the local group will be held on Friday, January 27 at the Lakeside Inn between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Councillor Szajewski volunteered to be appointed to this Coalition as it ties in with other Committees that he is presently on.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Councillor T. Szajewski be hereby appointed to the Children's Coalition as a Council Representative, with a term to expire November 30, 2006.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

**2. Kenora Mill Electricity Resolution**

**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 generate 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.

**Councillor McMillan requested and Committee agreed that this item be referred to the "Abitibi Mill Closure Executive Steering Committee" for review and recommendation back to Committee.**

BPreisenz

**HOLD**

**3. Purchase of Property – Mount Evergreen**

**HOLD** for closing (April, 2006).

**4. Endorsation of Resolution–Veterans' Recognition Program**

**HOLD** for by-laws currently being reviewed by KPS. The two by-laws affected by this change are: the Traffic By-law #127-2001 and the Parking Lot By-law #18-2002.

**5. Staff Parking**

**HOLD** for policy being developed by a Steering Committee.

**6. FCM 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**HOLD** for agenda.

**7. Members – Urban Native Affairs Committee**

**HOLD** for names. Councillor McMillan will contact Mr. Copenace with a view to bringing back names to the Committee.

Councillor  
McMillan

**Mayor Canfield attended the meeting.**

## 8. LHIN's Legislation

It was noted with respect to this matter, the City had earlier submitted a resolution to the province regarding the boundaries involved with the LHIN's. It was noted there is a meeting scheduled in Kenora on January 26 at the Lakeside Inn pertaining to LHIN's legislation (Bill 36) and the City has received a view of CUPE's stand on the legislation.

**It was agreed that the following recommendation go forward to Council, on January 30 however the City's position may change once further information is received at the January 26 meeting.**

Councillor  
McMillan

JMcMillin

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are newly created organizations controlled by the provincial government that cover vast areas which override municipal and provincial boundaries; and

WHEREAS LHINs create another layer between the provincial government and the people; and

WHEREAS the provincial government plans to hand over billions of dollars of funding and tremendous authority to LHINs; and

WHEREAS the government wants LHINs to transform and restructure health care and certain social services; and

WHEREAS this will include the centralization of health care and social services, and

WHEREAS the control of local health care and social service organizations is threatened; and

WHEREAS there are serious concerns that LHINs will cutback local health care and social services; and

WHEREAS small, rural, and northern communities are particularly threatened; and

WHEREAS a purchaser-provider split between LHINs and health care providers allows health care services to be contracted-out to the private sector; and

WHEREAS a purchaser-provider competitive bidding model in home care has increased health care privatization and caused serious problems for those providing and receiving home care services in Ontario; and

WHEREAS privatization raises serious concerns about maintaining decent health care jobs in our community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby

calls on the provincial government to establish full, across province public hearings on any new legislation related to the LHINs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council calls upon the provincial government to immediately release its full plans for health care reform and not wait until after the next election.

**9. Energy Savings Information Report – Council Chambers**

Jim Lecain's report was reviewed which outlined the substantial changes in energy costs as a result of changing incandescent lighting to compact fluorescents in the Council Chambers. It was noted this saving would offset the increase in electricity if it was a City initiative.

**It was agreed by Committee that this matter be referred to Frank Bergman, to review the potential cost-savings that could be realized by converting to compact fluorescent lighting in all other municipal buildings.**

**10. Reimbursement of Legal Costs – McDougald**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS Council adopted Resolution #9 on October 24, 2005 regarding Don McDougald's request for reimbursement of legal fees; and

WHEREAS some question has arisen between the municipal bylaws authorizing reimbursement of legal costs to Council members and Section 14 of the Conflict of Interest legislation;

THEREFORE Be it Resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora hereby requests its Solicitor to bring forward an application to the Superior Court of Ontario for advice and direction regarding the application of Section 14 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act to the City's Legal Indemnification By-law #4-2005, specific to former Council McDougald's request for reimbursement of legal costs.

**Recommendation approved.**

**Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:**

**Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:-**

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 3:52 p.m.; and further

THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following matters:

- Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING IF NECESSARY WITH CLOSED MEETING REPORT:**

**No report as a result of Closed Meeting.**

BPreisenz

BReynard/  
FBergman

JMcMillin

## **11. Issuance of Loan – Kenora Health Care Centre**

Councillor McMillan then gave some background information with respect to the following Item #11 and read a prepared Press Release. He explained that this matter will be voted on at the January 30 Council meeting, following which further information and a “Q & A” will be made available through the media and on the Kenora Portal.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby gives three readings to a by-law to authorize a loan to establish a Community Medical Clinic for purposes of purchasing, renovating and managing the property known as 45 Wolsley Street, Kenora; and further

THAT Councillor Compton, Councillor McMillan, and Councillor Szajewski be hereby appointed to the Board of Directors to the Kenora Health Care Centre.

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

Diane Swartz-Williams then presented four media advertisements that will be made public after February 1. She also displayed the various Health Care Centre testimonials that will run in the media, showcasing doctors, board members, and a mix of familiar residents in each of the ads. These will eventually be placed on the Portal as well.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

JMcMillin