



**Finance & Administration Committee
MINUTES**

**Held Tuesday, September 5, 2006
City Council Chambers
3:30 p.m.**

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PRESENT: Councillor R. McMillan, Chair
Councillor A. Poirier, Vice-Chair (arr'd late)
Councillor T. Szajewski, Member
Mayor Canfield
Councillor L. Compton
Councillor I. Parkes
Councillor C. Wasacase
B. Preisentanz, CAO
J. McMillin, City Clerk
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

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

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
There was none declared.**

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Moved by L. Compton, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:-
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting held August 15, 2006 be
confirmed as written.**

D. DEPUTATIONS
3:30 p.m. - D. Denver, OPP – Discharge of Firearms By-law
Detachment Commander Denver circulated a report to Members of Council and reviewed his report on the Discharge of Firearms By-law. Two concerns from residents have been received; one in the area of Austin Lake and the other from an East Melick Road resident. A suggestion had been made that there be a ban put in place that there be no discharge of firearms within city limits.

Following a research of the area, D/Commander Denver shared his findings with Council:

1. There are 760 residences in the City north of Hwy. 17 A
2. The Kenora Catholic School Board has 2 school bus routes with 115 children north of the by-pass
3. There are 9 school bus routes with 174 children operated by Keewatin-Patricia District School Board
4. This area is part of the 7B Wildlife Management Unit – there are

- 4,000 issued deer tags for 7B with 2,200 being non-resident
5. Deer population is greatest in the urban area of the city and decreases as you go north and east
 6. In 2004 there were 35 motor vehicle collisions involving animals and 36 motor vehicle collisions in 2005
 7. There are large areas of Crown and private land within the city north of the by-pass.

D/Commander Denver was thanked for his presentation.

E. REPORTS:-

1. Discharge of Firearms Regulation By-law – Boundaries

Committee reviewed the options with respect to the current by-law, i.e. status quo and/or the options from D/Commander Denver, such as passing a by-law requiring all firearms to be encased, or lobbying the Province to include encasement of firearms for the City of Kenora in a regulation (Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act).

Committee also discussed communications on public safety and public education for those hunting at the end of the Austin Lake Road.

D/Commander Denver explained that “patchwork bans” would become unenforceable or very hard to enforce. He also indicated that bow hunting only would be difficult to enforce as well and the public would likely not have regard to it.

Councillor McMillan feels we have to address the letters of concern and with hunting season coming up we should be taking some type of action on this matter as soon as possible.

It was noted the encasement law would definitely be a deterrent to ‘road hunting.’ Councillor Parkes inquired if we could find out what other municipalities do north of the English River boundary where encasement laws do not exist?

D/Commander Denver was asked to research encasement by-laws from other municipalities and report back to Council for the September 19 meeting. In the meantime, residents are welcome to come forward with their comments at the September 11 Council meeting on this matter.

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2. Kenora Children’s Charter

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3. 2007 Municipal Budget Preliminary Plan

Committee will have to establish a date to publicly review the plan, as well as discuss other personnel matters during a future In-Camera meeting.

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D.Denver

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4. Hospital Action Plan

The recent letter(s) from the Hospital Board and invitation to meet with Council were reviewed, and the following consensus was reached by Committee for action: -

1) Hospital Board requested In-camera meeting with Council.

Response: Committee agreed that the meeting not be held In-Camera, however information could be exchanged through a Community Concept/Public Meeting Forum and Council would deal with the agenda items as we see fit.

2) Hospital Board requested municipal reps. to participate on Committee

Response: Committee agreed there should not be any representation on the Hospital Board's re-structuring Committee as they are elected officials with Members for this purpose and the Board should deal with their own financial business.

Discussion:

Councillor Poirier does not believe the meeting should be held in-camera, nor should Council be involved on the Committee. He feels there should be either a member of the public involved, or representatives of the Hospital Board.

Councillor Compton explained the public meeting was called by the Nurses Association and not the Hospital Board. He agrees with Councillor Poirier that we should not be directly involved at this level; only as observers and we should be careful how we move along as it is the Hospital's financial problem and not the City's.

Both Councillors Wasacase and Szajewski indicated the City should meet with represents of the Board.

Mayor Canfield is to respond to the Hospital Board's letter as per above decision.

Mayor
Canfield

5. Remembrance Day

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve a Letter of Understanding between CUPE and the City agreeing to observe Remembrance Day on November 10th, 2006, as a result of the Municipal Election on November 13, 2006.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin/
PGrouda

6 Maternity Leave Coverage

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve a Letter of Understanding between CUPE and the City agreeing to special coverage for the maternity vacancies in the Finance Department.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

JMcMillin/
PGrouda

ITEMS ON HOLD:

Draft Noise By-law

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to Regulate Noise; and further

THAT By-law Number 40-2001 be and is hereby repealed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Decision of DSAB – Parkview Apartments

Councillor McMillan indicated we should set time aside to discuss this matter, noting that the renovations to the Parkview Apartments are not proceeding and since Council is supportive of the renovations, we should be determining a meeting date.

Council

September 11, 12 and 13 – Homelessness Sessions

Councillor McMillan reminded Council of the following sessions taking place with respect to the above-noted:

- Sept. 11 - Community forum 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Lakeside Inn)
- Sept. 12 - Workshop - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Lakeside Inn)
- Sept. 13 - Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rec. Centre (Rotary Room)

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 4:16 p.m.; and further

THAT Council adjourns to a Closed Meeting (at 5:30 p.m.) to discuss the following:

- A personnel matter pertaining to an identifiable individual;
 - Proposed Acquisition of Land matter;
 - Litigation or Potential Litigation;
 - Security of Municipal Property.

Reconvene to Open Session with any Report

No reports from closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.