

# Finance & Administration Committee *MINUTES*

Held Tuesday, April 3, 2007 City Council Chambers 4:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillor R. McMillan, Chair

Councillor D. McCann, Vice-Chair Councillor W. Cuthbert, Member

Mayor L. Compton

Councillor C. Drinkwalter

Councillor A. Poirier

Councillor C. Van Walleghem

B. Preisentanz, CAO P. Grouda, D/Clerk

K. Brown, Finance & Admin Manager

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

# Take Notice that Council intends to approve the following at its April 10 Meeting:

- 1. Amendment to By-Law 160-2005 Procedural By-Law (Standing Committee Meeting Procedures)
- 2. The 2007 Operating Budget and Capital Budgets for the Kenora Municipal Telephone System (KMTS)

## B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was none declared.

### C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by C. Van Walleghem & Carried:-THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting held March 20, 2007, be confirmed as written.

# D. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u> N/A

#### E. REPORTS:-

## 1. Community Medical Clinic – Interim Funding

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorize a repayable loan in accordance with Section 107(2)(a) of the Municipal Act in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 to the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation; and further

THAT Bylaw No. 127-2006 be amended to increase the debenture amount from \$2.450 million to \$2.8 million with provision for a lump sum

repayment.

## Recommendation Approved. (Resolution & By-law)

JMcMillin/ **PGrouda** 

#### 2. **Parking Ticket Summer Student**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve the hiring of a summer student to perform parking ticket processing in the Finance & Administration department.

## Recommendation Approved.

**JMcMillin** 

#### Christmas Eve/New Years Eve

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve closing City Hall on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve: and

THAT Council direct administration to monitor City Hall activity between Christmas and New Years in 2007 to determine potential impacts for a City Hall closure during that same time period commencing in 2008, and report back to Council on the viability of such a closure on a forward basis, including a plan detailing anticipated impacts to the public and ensuring necessary services would be maintained.

#### Recommendation Refused.

## KMTS 2007 Capital and Operating Budgets

#### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Kenora Municipal Telephone System be approved; and further

THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, public notice is hereby given of Council's intention to adopt the 2007 KMTS Operating and Capital Budgets.

## **HOLD (Subject to meeting with KMTS Mgr)**

J McMillin/

Note: Hold for meeting with KMTS Manager – Thursday April 5 – BPreisentanz 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers.

#### **Cashier Summer Student**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the hiring of a summer student to act as relief cashier in the Finance & Administration department.

#### Recommendation Approved.

**JMcMillin** 

#### 6. **New Construction and New to Class Properties**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve the implementation of the minimum tax level of 90% for new construction / new to class properties for 2007, and;

THAT the appropriate By-law be approved for this purpose.

## Recommendation Approved. (Resolution & By-Law)

JMcMillin/ **PGrouda** 

#### 7. Video Surveillance - BIZ Support

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby suspend any further efforts in implementing a video surveillance program until advised of BIZ's position or April 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first; and

THAT City Administration pursue other partnerships and opportunities during this interim period; and further

THAT the City of Kenora 2007 Video Surveillance program be placed on the April 16<sup>th</sup> agenda for final recommendation.

Council agreed to amend the recommendation by removing reference to placing on April 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby suspend any further efforts in implementing a video surveillance program until advised of BIZ's position or April 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first; and

THAT City Administration pursue other partnerships and opportunities during this interim period; and further

THAT the City of Kenora 2007 Video Surveillance program be placed on the agenda meeting for final recommendation after the April 24th BIZ meeting.

#### Recommendation Approved.

**JMcMillin** 

### **Board Remuneration**

Councillor McCann raised the issue of the Boards receiving remuneration (i.e. Telephone, Hydro and Police) in view of the article in the Toronto Star and Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion not taking pay for sitting on the Hydro Commission. Councillor McCann raised the issue to ensure the public is aware there is remuneration for Council members who sit on these boards and to ensure that everything is open and transparent. Councillor Poirier advised that the honourarium is much greater in the Toronto area and suggested that the honourarium in this region be researched (i.e. Dryden and Fort Frances). Councillor McMillan suggested | Council this could be reviewed at NOMA.

## LOWPOA - Cottage Show & AGM - April 30, 2007 **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Mayor Compton, Councillors Cuthbert, McCann, McMillan, Poirier, and Van Walleghem be hereby authorized to attend the Lake of the Woods Property Owners' Association Annual Cottage Show and Annual General Meeting being held in Winnipeg on April 30, 2007; and further

THAT all eligible expenses be hereby authorized for payment.

### Recommendation Approved.

### **JMcMillin**

## 10. Lake of the Woods Development Commission

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give three readings to a By-Law to authorize an application pursuant to the Corporations Act to incorporate The Lake of the Woods Development Commission.

## Recommendation Approved. (Resolution and By-Law)

## JMcMillin/ P Grouda

## 11. Section 357-Cancellation and Refund of Taxes

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Section 357 tax adjustments totaling \$2,522.04, (plus applicable penalty adjustment), with potential refunds of \$2,046.80 be approved.

## **Recommendation Approved.**

### JMcMillin

## 12. 2007 Vehicle Purchases – KMTS

**HOLD** – To be discussed at April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting with KMTS Manager.

#### **B** Preisentanz

CDrinkwalter/

## 13. Applications for KMTS Commission Member

Councillor Poirier Advised that 3 names were reviewed by the KMTS Commission but there is a  $4^{th}$  name they were not aware of and will review further at their next Commission meeting April  $24^{th}$ .

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### ITEMS ON HOLD:

Youth Appointment to Urban Aboriginal Committee

HOLD – Councillor Drinkwalter will give name of youth to the Clerk.

JMcMillin Hold for Info.

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- Library Request
- Noise By-Law Approval.

## OTHER BUSINESS

## Kenora District Municipal Association Reps.

Councillor McMillan advised that the KDSB will hold tie their meetings in with the KDMA meetings and as he is in attendance at the KDSB meetings he could attend the KDMA meetings, if it was Council's wish that he do so. Mayor Len Compton is the rep on the KDMA Executive with Councillor Andrew Poirier as the alternate. They have been unable to attend the last meetings. Councillor McMillan will check with KDMA as to the requirement for the Mayor to be on the Executive. Councillor Poirier advised that he would give up the alternate position to Councillor McMillan.

## RMcMillan/ JMcMillin

## **NEXT MEETING**

• Monday, April 16, 2007.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by C. Van Walleghem, Seconded by A. Poirier, and carried That this meeting be now adjourned at 4:39 p.m.