



Finance & Administration Committee *MINUTES*

Held Tuesday, February 6, 2007
City Council Chambers
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D. McCann, Vice-Chair
Councillor W. Cuthbert, Member
Councillor C. Drinkwater
Councillor A. Poirier
Mayor L. Compton
B. Preisntanz, CAO
J. McMillin, City Clerk
K. Brown, Finance & Administration

Manager

REGRETS: Councillor R. McMillan, Chair

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

- Notice of a public consultation process relating to the potential use of video surveillance equipment in the downtown area of the City.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was none declared.

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-

THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting held January 23, 2007, be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

Kenora Public Library Rep(s).

Erin Roussin, Marj Curtis-Poirier and Wendy Voth attended to address concerns addressed to Erin Roussin by Library staff with respect to certain financial impacts at the Kenora Public Library, and these were reviewed as follows: a decrease in the annual operating budget by approx. 7.9% (\$37,000); a decrease in hours of operation at both branches; elimination of student pages and the loss of one part-time Union position.

The Library is seeking approval from the City of Kenora for a special allowance of \$2,300 for the employment of a second student on Saturdays at the Kenora Public Library. It was further noted that their budget for the current operating year has been submitted and if approved as proposed, the Board would repay the City the amount of the allowance requested.

In response to a question by Councillor McCann, Erin Roussin explained that through the monthly circulation statistics for the Library certain things such as microfilming, use of newspaper material, etc. and/or 'in and out traffic' is not taken into consideration as these are difficult to measure.

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In closing, Erin Roussin was requested to e-mail a short report to Council on comparisons with past stats. say from a year ago, in order that Committee can review and compare statistics in conjunction with the Board's request. Barry suggested it would be appropriate for Erin as CEO to attend the March 6 Committee when this item is further reviewed rather than requiring the Board to attend as well.

E. REPORTS as follows:-

1. Thistles 100th Anniversary – Financial Support (\$3,500)

Committee discussed the re-payment of the municipal grant in full back to the City as presented by Doug Johnson on January 29. It was noted the City no longer requires a financial statement from the Committee as this amount has been fully re-paid. The Clerk reminded Committee that it was her understanding, as suggested by Councillor Van Wallegghem at the last Council meeting, that we place the \$3,500 requested by the Thistles Committee into a City Reserve for future purposes related to Thistles hockey.

Councillor Poirier commented that the City should be promoting the fact that Kenora is the smallest town to ever win the Stanley Cup and to keep the legacy alive now that we have had the 100th Anniversary. He suggested we could be placing signage around town and to market this victory in terms of tourism and a legacy in itself; suggesting that the \$3,500 be used towards promoting the memory of winning the Cup. Karen Brown commented that this suggestion could be referred to the 2007 budget discussions.

A discussion ensued on the surplus realized by the Committee and that the Committee could place these funds into its own "Thistle Legacy Fund" for future use as they deem appropriate.

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Committee agreed that since the funds have been re-paid in full and we do not have any financial tie to this Committee, that this item be filed.

It was noted we could review Councillor Poirier's suggestion of promoting the fact that Kenora won the Cup in 1907 on a long-term/permanent basis.

2. Membership on KMTS Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Section 6 of By-law #48-2002 to include the following provisions:

1. The Council Representative be appointed by Resolution of Council following each municipal election.
2. The member representing City Administration be appointed by Resolution of Council following each municipal election.
3. The two most senior of the five other members be replaced following each municipal election. Council may choose to defer replacing the telecom industry expert if no suitable candidate is available.

It was noted the required vacancies will have to be advertised together with the area of expertise that we are looking for, noting the by-law wording should be tightened up to address these items.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

3. Library Request – Additional Budget Requirements
HOLD for March 6 meeting and further information.

4. Video Surveillance

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby gives notice of a public consultation process relating to the potential use of video surveillance equipment in the downtown area of the City; and further

THAT a public meeting be held at the Recreation Centre Rotary Room on **March _____, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. for purposes of sharing information and receiving public comment on use of video surveillance equipment.

Discussion:

Bill Preisentanz advised Committee the required equipment has become somewhat affordable now and we already see it in private applications as well as at the Recreation and the Harbourfront. It was noted there could be use of four cameras in the downtown area; however under the guidelines of FOI there is to be a public consultation process. Cost estimates were discussed and that we have one proposal in the amount of \$6,000 from KMTS for the annual operating costs and that capital funding is also identified however Council would have to be able to cost-share or pick-up this cost on their own.

Cst. Bob Bernie of the KPS was in attendance and discussed the experience in Thunder Bay with their 11 cameras. The issue has always been the affordability of the equipment, but the FOI issue is a far greater concern; and he explained that other municipalities have gone to Court over use of this type of equipment due to privacy concerns. It was asked what the implications under FOI are, are we to provide signage, advertise from time to time regarding the use of cameras, how daunting is it under the Act? Bill explained the onus is on the municipality and that we must be accountable, and have regard for the rights on individual privacy

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and to recognize the rights of individuals from the Police prospective as well.

The specific areas for use of the cameras would be the downtown core; Main and Second Street areas where there has been considerable vandalism.

Cst. Bernie explained we should concentrate in the downtown area, specifically at the Harbourfront. While the cameras will detect mischief, assault and vandalism in the Courts, their use might be a Charter issue in violating the privacy of the public. Bill mentioned we have asked for local proposals on providing this surveillance service.

Bill will provide a couple of options for dates in March for this session, to be discussed by Council on February 12.

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Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

5. Tabled Motion: NWORDA-"Enhancing the Economy of N.W.O."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT having reviewed the Report "Enhancing the Economy of Northwestern Ontario" authored by the NOMA led Regional Recovery Program Committee;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Report be endorsed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the concept of the creation of the Northwestern Ontario Regional Development Authority (NWORDA) be endorsed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora, and

THAT NOMA be advised of the decision of this Council.

Discussion:-

It was mentioned that while this was supported at KDMA, this should be an initiative of NOMA, either through NOMA or as a sub-Committee of NOMA in order to avoid another level of government. It was mentioned that NOMA will likely take the lead since it is already funded by the member municipalities at the NOMA level.

Councillor Drinkwalter mentioned she would like Councillors McMillan and Van Wallegem to see the presentation as they were not able to attend the presentation at KDMA. Mayor Compton commented that while the proposal is fine in principle it will drain off money from our own Economic Commission and they will be looking for financial funding to set-up this new "Council" that will operate out of Thunder Bay.

Councillor Cuthbert feels this would be a duplication of our own Economic Commission and her fear is that the funding we are looking to get will go

to Thunder Bay and form part of NWORDA; possibly taking away from what we are trying to do.

Committee agreed the whole proposal should be looked at very closely prior to making a commitment.

It was mentioned that those delegates going to NOMA to Dryden in April will have an opportunity to review and make comments at that time, or alternatively it could be reviewed at the Ontario Good Roads Convention at the end of February.

Committee agreed that this item be referred to the Economic Development Committee for their information and recommendation at a future meeting of this Committee.

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**6. F.Y.I. - Presentation @ February 12 Council Meeting
Governor General's Certificates of Commendation**

Mayor Compton advised that he has invited former Mayor Canfield to present one of the Certificates and that he will present the other at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12.

7. Job Fair Bill Inserts

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the attached stuffer be approved for inclusion in the April 2007 KMTS telephone bills; and

THAT the \$.05 stuffer fee is waived in accordance with Council policy and we insert the Kenora Job Fair stuffer in our KMTS bills for the month of April 2007.

Recommendation approved.

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8. Draft 2007 Five Year Capital Plan

Discussion:

Karen Brown asked that this item be placed on the agenda, explaining that the Plan is now ready for Council's consideration and it will be available for distribution early next week. She advised Council will have to set a meeting date and that she and Bill will determine some dates for Council to consider, noting that public participation will also have to be discussed. Councillor Poirier expressed concern that all budgets should be presented to the public at the same time, and preferably at the beginning of the year. He does not want to have a lot of separate meetings to make presentations to the public, and that this could be further discussed at the time the capital budget is circulated/reviewed.

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HOLD

9. Updated Communication Devices for Council - Discussion

Councillors McCann and Poirier have discussed this item and Councillor McCann advised Committee he would prefer to obtain and use a "Smart

Phone" rather than a cell phone, explaining that one device would be in sync with his laptop and that the cost is very close to the same price but would be more versatile.

Councillor Poirier suggested that either the experts could make a presentation to Council to determine what would best meet our needs, or Council Members could meet with those at K.M.T.S. to find out what would work best, as it is a small price to pay to be connected at all times as Members are not always at their computer. He would like to see what is available and to get one that will meet his needs.

It was agreed Councillors could meet with Rhonda James at KMTS Mobility and decide on their own what they would like with respect to the new technology.

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ITEMS ON HOLD:

- **Draft Noise By-law**
- **Youth Appointment to Urban Aboriginal Committee**
- **Governance Structure Review**

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday, March 6, 2007 as the February 20 meeting has been cancelled.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.