



**CITY OF KENORA**  
**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

(Followed by Community Services & Operations Committees)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007**

**3:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

- To authorize an appropriation from the City's contingency reserves to fund the costs relating to the 2006 Kenora Police Association settlement.

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

January 9, 2007.

**D. DEPUTATIONS**

Reps. from Mt. Evergreen Ski Club – Improvements

**E. REPORTS:-**

***Councillor R. McMillan - Chair***

NO.	REPORT SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
1.	Governance Structure - Discussion	.....
2.	Non-Union Salary Structure	.....
3.	Vehicle Operation Policy – HR Policy #-2-19	.....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the amended Human resources Vehicle Operation Policy Number HR-2-19; and

THAT this policy be incorporated into the City's Policy Manual; and further

That Resolution Number 14 dated January 16, 2006 approving said Policy be and is hereby rescinded.

**4. OMPF Funding Impacts to City of Kenora**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the City of Kenora is currently facing anticipated losses of \$1.7 million in provincial funding annually by 2011 based on the provincial formulas for the new Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), representing an anticipated impact on property taxes of 11.3% based on 2006 budget information; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora is currently in receipt of \$.9 million in provincial stabilization funding annually under the OMPF grant program for which the Province has advised there is no guarantee for continued receipt past 2011, representing a further significant impact on property taxes; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora is being significantly penalized in its OMPF entitlement through the application of the Rural and Small Communities Measure (RSCM) in comparison with its sister municipalities in Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the City of Kenora is currently facing an economic crisis through the current closure of one of its major employers and taxpayers, the full impacts of which remain undetermined, for the City directly, its taxpayers and the community;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT the City petition the Minister of Finance directly to amend the City's RSCM to be equal to that of other, similarly sized Northwestern Ontario municipalities, representing an RSCM of 100, retroactive to the 2005 OMPF entitlement.

**5. Enhancing the Economy of Northwestern Ontario** .....

**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 Municipality 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 Municipality of the City of Kenora, and

THAT NOMA be advised of the decision of this Council.

**6. IBEW Telephone Unit Local 559 – Memorandum of Agreement And Collective Agreement** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby approve the Memorandum Agreement by resolution between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and IBEW Local 559 Telephone Unit for the term January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006; and further

THAT Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law, authorizing an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and IBEW Local 559 Telephone Unit the term January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

**7. Appointment to Weyerhaeuser Committee** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the following be appointed to the Kenora Public Advisory Group for Weyerhaeuser with a term to expire November 30, 2010:-

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\_\_\_\_\_, Alternate; and further

THAT these representatives be authorized to attend the Annual Meeting of the Kenora Public Advisory Group at the Trus Joist Mill in Kenora on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

**8. Endorsation of Resolution Lakehead U – Tuition Fee Hikes** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS affordable public post-secondary education benefits all Canadians; and

WHEREAS increasing tuition fees is an unnecessary financial barrier to public post- secondary education; and

WHEREAS student debt has skyrocketed by over 350% over the past fifteen years; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has failed to restore the public post-secondary education funding cuts of the 1990s; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has cancelled the tuition fee freeze after only two years and approved fee increases of up to 36% over the next four years; and

WHEREAS hinterland communities experience a different social and economic circumstance than other regions of Canada making public post-secondary education inaccessible for many; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario communities are under extreme challenges regarding employment growth and the attraction of young people for the future; and

WHEREAS public post-secondary education is a cornerstone of positive, long-term development of Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the majority of Ontarians oppose tuition fee increases and support greater public funding for post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS solidarity with all community partners is important for this campaign’s success;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby endorses Lakehead University Student’s Union and the Canadian Federation of Students’ campaign for affordable, accessible and increased funding for public post- secondary education; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario increase funding for public post-secondary education to promote access and quality in terms of student financial aid and grants; and

FURTHER that public post-secondary education be kept on the agenda with regard to the contributions that public post-secondary institutions and graduates make to the world, Canada, Ontario and most importantly, our local communities to become successful.

**9. Kenora Police Association – Contract Settlement & Costs** .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council recognize the negotiated contract between the Kenora Police Services Board and the Kenora Police Association, and

THAT Council authorize an additional allocation in the 2006 budget in the amount of \$127,879.39, representing funding for incremental wage and benefits costs resulting from the negotiated contract between the Kenora Police Services Board and the Kenora Police Association; and further

THAT notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a by-law to authorize a corresponding appropriation from the City’s contingency reserves to fund the costs relating to this settlement.

10. Proposal for S.T.R. – Warm Up Shelter .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS Council approved to accept a charitable donation for the purposes of constructing a Warm-up Shelter on the trail system, subject to the Sunset Trail Riders submitting a suitable proposal for this Warm-up Shelter, including the construction of the facility, the determination of an appropriate strategic location that would best promote winter snow machine related tourism to the Kenora area and the long-term responsibility for this shelter; and

WHEREAS approval of the submitted proposal is dependent upon Council review and consideration to determine suitability of that proposal; and

WHEREAS the Sunset Trail Riders has, in Council's opinion, submitted a suitable proposal for the Warm-up Shelter;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT Council approves the proposal as received from the Sunset Trail Riders for the construction of a Warm-up Shelter on the trail system, including appropriate placement of said structure; and

THAT following construction of the shelter, Council authorizes payment to the Sunset Trail Riders representing payment for the construction of the Warm-up Shelter, up to a maximum of the donation amount received for these works; and further

THAT the ongoing responsibility for the Warm-up Shelter, including upkeep, maintenance and related expenditures be fully the responsibility of the Sunset Trail Riders, with no liability back to the City of Kenora.

11. Thistles 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Financial Support (\$3,500) .....

12. Backgrounder – Infrastructure Ontario (OSIFA) .....

13. Mayor's Committee – Prevention of Substance Abuse .....

- Dryden Summit – February 2 & 3, 2007 -

14. Proclamation – Kenora's Amazing Race for Health .....

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to proclaim the week of February 4 to 10, 2007 as "Kenora's Amazing Race for Health" Week, in and for the City of Kenora.

**ITEMS ON HOLD:**

- Draft Noise By-law
  - Youth Appointment to Urban Aboriginal Committee
- Summary of Comments  
Hold for Names

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT.**