



**ACTION**

**Finance & Administration Committee  
MINUTES**

Held Tuesday, March 6, 2007  
City Council Chambers  
4:00 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. Drinkwater  
Councillor C. Van Walleggem  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

**REGRETS:** Councillor A. Poirier

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

N/A

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

N/A

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-  
THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting held February 6, 2007, be  
confirmed as written.

**D. REPORTS as follows:-**

- 1. Library Request-Additional Budget Requirements Hold for  
Info**
- 2. March 12 Video Surveillance Meeting - Rotary Room 7 pm  
Reminder**
- 3. Curling Club Washroom Accessibility**

Council

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve a supporting resolution permitting the City of  
Kenora to enter into a grant agreement with the Rick Hansen Foundation  
with respect to an accessible washroom at the Kenora Curling Club; and  
further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

*Councillor McMillan reviewed wording received from Karen Brown to  
revise the above recommendation as follows:-*

**AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the Rick Hansen Foundation has generously provided the City

of Kenora with the opportunity to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,019.40 on behalf of the Kenora Curling Club for the purposes of providing an accessible washroom at that facility; and

WHEREAS the Kenora Curling Club is in need of an accessible washroom; and

WHEREAS it is the City's understanding that the Kenora Curling Club will construct this accessible washroom through this grant program at no cost to the City of Kenora, and that the City is acting merely as a flow through agent for this grant program;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT Council approve entering into a grant agreement between the City of Kenora and the Rick Hansen Foundation for the purposes of an accessible washroom at the Kenora Curling Club; and

THAT the Kenora Curling Club be given a copy of said grant agreement and made aware of the various responsibilities within that agreement; and

THAT the Kenora Curling Club be responsible to comply with the terms as set within the Grant Agreement between the Rick Hansen Foundation and the City of Kenora, and

THAT upon proof of full compliance with the requirements of that agreement, and the submission of a copy of the separate general ledger required in accordance with this agreement, including copies of invoices for all costs incurred, the City will release the funds to the Kenora Curling Club as outlined within the Grant Agreement and received from the Rick Hansen Foundation; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

**Mayor Compton commented that while he supports this item that it not be precedent setting and any future request(s) be reviewed on their own merit.**

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

#### **4. Community Medical Clinic – Loan Advance**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS Council of the City of Kenora previously ratified By-law Number 14-2006 and By-law Number 127-2006, being by-laws to authorize a

repayable loan up to \$2,450,00.00 to establish a community medical clinic through the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation; and

WHEREAS the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation now requires funds from the approved City loan for capital purposes;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council hereby authorize the following

loan advances to the Kenora Health Care Centre Corporation in accordance with the terms and conditions of By-law Numbers, 14-2006 and 127-2006:-

1. \$35,000 effective January 19, 2007
2. \$155,000 effective February 15, 2007
3. \$195,000 effective March 06, 2007

**Recommendation approved.**

#### **5. Council Remuneration Reports**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the reports prepared by Charlotte Edie, Deputy Treasurer dated February 27, 2007 as required under Section 284 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, setting out the Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenditures for Members of Council in accordance with Remuneration By-law #60-2005.

**Recommendation approved.**

#### **6. Meeting date with Ministry of Natural Resources (F. Hall)**

Fred Hall had extended an invitation to meet at the MNR Board Room to give Council an orientation of the Ministry and will be doing the same with other municipalities in the area. It was questioned how the Ministry plans to accommodate the public in attending this meeting as Mayor Compton feels it should be open to the public where Council is involved. Committee requested that Bill Preisenz talk to Fred Hall about this matter prior to setting a meeting date and time.

#### **7. Overtime Report – 2006**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the 2006 Overtime Analysis Report.

**It was questioned if the Managers will be in attendance at Monday's Council meeting to answer questions pertaining to this report. Particularly the cost of overtime associated with the Kenora Police Service, however it was suggested this be addressed at the Kenora Police Service Board level.**

**Recommendation approved.**

#### **8. Superior Court of Justice Appointment**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas the District of Kenora has had a resident District Court Judge, and since 1990, a Superior Court Judge, continuously for a period in excess of one hundred years; and

Whereas the current judge of the Superior Court of Justice at Kenora is expected to attain supernumery status this year; and

Whereas the geography of the District of Kenora places the Kenora Courthouse a distance of 500 kilometers and one time zone from the next

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closest Courthouse located at Thunder Bay, Ontario; and

Whereas concerns have arisen regarding the possible assignment of the Kenora vacancy of the Superior Court of Justice to a position in some other District or Municipality; and

Whereas this Council believes that it is vitally important for the future of the District of Kenora, and for the administration of Justice, that a full time resident judge of the Superior Court of Justice be maintained in Kenora;

Now therefore the Council of the City of Kenora resolves as follows:

1) To urgently request the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice to continue the historic tradition of maintaining a full time resident judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Kenora.

**Mayor Compton explained that last Tuesday a submission was made during the City's trip to the Good Roads Conference and it was to have been passed along to the Attorney General's Office. Mayor Compton feels if and when we lose the Judge in this area, the position will never be re-instated, and there will be a job loss in our area as a result of this change.**

**Recommendation approved.**

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#### **9. Applications for KMTS Commission Member**

**Councillor McMillan requested this item be deferred for a future meeting as there is a review of the applicants at this time at the Commission level and that Councillor Poirier will speak to this item when he is in attendance.**

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#### **10. S.T.R.O.N.G. – Petition & Resolution**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas the McGuinty government has failed to protect communities in Northern Ontario by allowing companies to shut down mills and redirect wood supplies outside of the local region; and

Whereas the McGuinty government supports Stephen Harper's unfair and unsustainable softwood lumber agreement with the United States; and

Whereas the McGuinty government has neglected to adequately support value-added initiatives that create jobs and wealth in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the McGuinty government has continued to pursue disastrous energy policies; and

Whereas the McGuinty government continues to disregard potential solutions put forth by industries, communities, and the citizens of Northern Ontario;

Therefore, the Council of the City of Kenora petitions the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To reverse the above policies which are destroying the economic and social fabric of Northern Ontario; and

To make sure that wood fibre harvested in the North and the mineral resources from our mines are processed locally, as much as is practical; and

To promote value-added initiatives to build a solid foundation for the economy of Northern Ontario before it is totally decimated; and

To refuse to allow companies to separate power dams from wood and pulp and paper operations; and

To implement a regional pricing policy for hydro-electricity that is generated here in the North to support all Northern industries; and

To implement sectoral strategies to ensure communities in Northern Ontario remain sustainable despite inevitable economic downturns in the primary resource industries of forestry and mining.

**Committee agreed this item be referred to the Economic Development Committee for comment in tandem with the other requests that were referred to the Committee last month (NWORDA/Forging the Future.)**

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## **11. Ontario Forestry Coalition**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario posted its framework for the development of species at risk legislation on the Environmental Bill of Rights web site on December 22, 2006 the day that most municipal offices closed until the New Year, and

WHEREAS the currently proposed language to address species at risk could impose moratoriums affecting the livelihoods of more than 1.2 million people and more than \$100 billion in economic activity, and

WHEREAS there are 12 Provincial and 5 Federal pieces of Legislation including the Federal Species At Risk Act (SARA) and the Provincial Endangered Species Act of 1971 that currently provide protection for some species, and

WHEREAS the new proposed Ontario Species of Risk Legislation as written will:

- add a new and costly layer of bureaucracy and regulatory burden
- create an Act that will not achieve recovery of endangered species
- impose an Act that will not be supported by the landowners, land stewards, employers, unions and developers
- create a further disincentive to invest in Ontario
- result in a loss of jobs
- result in a loss of economic opportunity, and

WHEREAS the currently proposed framework for a species at risk act is wrong for Ontario and will negatively impact the farming community, the forestry and mining sectors, the urban planners and homebuilders, fur managers, anglers and hunters, sand, stone and gravel industry, hydro electric developers and many, many others, and

WHEREAS public hearings by a Legislative Committee prior to Second Reading adoption by the Ontario Legislature will allow for a full and proper debate on the principle of the Bill not just how well the clauses meet the intent of the Act

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Kenora forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, requesting the full public hearings be held into the proposed Species at Risk Act and that those hearings be held prior to Second Reading by the Ontario Legislature; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution and appropriate letter be forwarded to various Government Agencies and related associations for their information and support.

**Recommendation approved.**

**12. Confederation College Scholarship, Awards & Bursaries  
(Request for contribution of award)**

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Committee requested this item be referred to the Community Foundation for their consideration. Councillor Drinkwater suggested referring this to the various municipal Unions and this will be suggested to Confederation College in the City's response.

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**13. Application to fill Vacancy – Handi Transit Board**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Diana Jardine be hereby appointed to the Handi Transit Board with a term to expire November 30, 2010.

Committee requested Bill Preisenz contact Mrs. Jardine with Committee's concern that by making this appointment the City may be putting Mrs. Jardine in a conflict given her current position.

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**14. Application to fill Vacancy – Kenora Non-Profit Housing**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Susan Switch be hereby appointed to replace Doris Bielby on the Kenora Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation with a term to expire November 30, 2010.

**Recommendation approved.**

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**15. Draft Noise By-law**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council give two readings to a by-law to Regulate Noise in the City of Kenora; and further

THAT arrangements be made through our Solicitor's office to forward the

draft Noise By-law to the Attorney General's office for draft approval with respect to short form wordings prior to Council giving third and final reading to the by-law.

Councillor Cuthbert asked about licensed ATV's, quads, etc. as the prohibitions and set fines only apply to unlicensed ones. It was explained these would fall under the Highway Traffic Act as there is a provision for 'unnecessary noise' from a variety of vehicles in the Act. **The Clerk will confirm with our Solicitor on this matter.**

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Committee agreed to increase the fee for a Noise By-law exemption request from \$25 to \$50.

**Recommendation approved** (first and second reading of the by-law.)

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### 16. Police Review – Discussion

Councillor McMillan requested updated information through the KPS Board Members on how this issue is going to be addressed. Councillor McCann requested this item be up for discussion through Mayor Compton and Councillor Poirier as it formed part of some Members campaign during last fall's election. An overview of the process was discussed and that once all information has been received on the background and moving this item forward, Council would have to prepare a resolution requesting a costing at a future meeting. Mayor Compton advised that Tom Gervais, Police Services Advisor of Community Safety & Correctional Services has indicated he would be willing to come to Kenora to meet with both the KPS Board and Council on various Policing matters, and that he could confirm the protocol for a costing.

Councillor McMillan advised this item will remain on hold while information is gathered including information from other municipalities.

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### 17. Financial Discussion

Committee discussed possibly inviting a resource person, such as Nigel Bellchamber to come to Kenora and meet with Council and the Manager of Finance & Administration regarding such matters as investments, debt management, etc. It was discussed this type of review would likely result in making changes to the budget process as opposed to making changes directly to the actual budget, therefore such review could be held before or after the budget process as we are fairly well along in the process at this time. Karen Brown mentioned we would have to determine Mr. Bellchamber's availability and Mayor Compton indicated there may be another manner in which to deal with this as Mr. Bellchamber would likely charge top dollar to attend and perhaps someone else could be invited. Karen Brown asked what Council is expecting from the internal financial review and Mayor Compton explained a review of our financial situation; and for example should we be building a Performing Arts Centre and how, internally, it would be debentured. Basically to assess if we are on track and current. Committee agreed that Councillor McMillan as Finance Chair

would work with Administration and report back to Committee. Committee agreed that Karen Brown include something in the 2007 operating budget to cover any costs related to such a review.

**18. NOMA Conference–Apr. 25-28-Dryden (5 Rooms only)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT authorization be hereby given for five (5) Members of Council to attend the Annual N.O.M.A. Conference taking place in Dryden, April 25 to 28, 2007; and further

THAT all eligible expenses in accordance with Council’s Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby approved.

**Recommendation approved.**

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The following Members indicated they would like to attend NOMA: Mayor Compton, Councillor Cuthbert, Councillor McMillan, and Councillor Van Wallegghem (and either Councillor Poirier or McCann).

**Following the meeting Councillor Poirier confirmed with the Clerk he wished to attend NOMA.**

**19. AMO Conference–Aug.19-22–Ottawa (Need names for rooms)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT authorization be hereby given for four (4) Members of Council and one (1) staff member to attend the Annual A.M.O. Conference taking place in Ottawa, August 19 to 22, 2007; and further

THAT all eligible expenses in accordance with Council’s Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby approved.

**Recommendation approved.**

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The following Members indicated they would like to attend AMO: Mayor Compton, Councillor McMillan, and Councillor Van Wallegghem (and either Councillor Poirier or Drinkwalter.) Committee agreed they would authorize the attendance of one staff member to attend (Bill Preisenz or Karen Brown.)

**Following the meeting Councillor Poirier confirmed with the Clerk he’d like to attend AMO however it is difficult to commit at this time. Arrangements are to be made to reserve a room for Councillor Poirier and if he cannot attend, it can be changed to Councillor Drinkwalter.**

**ITEMS ON HOLD:**

- Youth Appointment to Urban Aboriginal Committee (Names)
- Governance Structure Review Hold – March 20 Meeting

**NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

**Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by L. Compton, & Carried**

THAT this meeting be closed at 4:50 p.m.