

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE *MINUTES*

Held Tuesday, April 4, 2006
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
At 4:50 p.m.

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PRESENT: Vice Chair, Councillor Szajewski
Member, Councillor McMillan
Mayor Canfield
Councillor Compton
Councillor Parkes
Councillor Wasacase
B. Preisentanz, CAO
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
P. McLaughlin, Note Taker

REGRETS: Chair, Councillor Poirier

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

N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Declared

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. McMillin, Seconded by D. Canfield, and Carried:
THAT the Minutes of the Operations Standing Committee Meeting held
March 21, 2006, be confirmed as written.

D. REPORTS

WATER & SEWER

1. Grinder Pump Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora provide the option to homeowners a fee for service for maintenance of grinder pumps on private property. (Public Meeting to be arranged)

Discussion:

City Administration has obtained further information dating back to 1982. Bill Preisentanz requested time to meet with the Committee Chairman to review the information prior to the holding of the public meeting.

SOLID WASTE

1. Summer Student

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora hire one (1) summer student for the Solid Waste

Hold

Department for a 19 week period (April 24 to September 1, 2006).

Discussion:

The Solid Waste Department's 2005 complement was three students. Several departments within the City will pool their summer student complements to ensure deployment where needed.

Recommendation Approved

ROADS

1. 2006 Line Painting Tender

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the following tenders for the 2006 Urban Street and Highway Line Painting (GST Extra) and Line Marking Hourly Rate for extra work:

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| Rite-Way Decorators | \$71,497.00 | \$47.50 |
| Northwest Lines | \$72,538.00 | \$55.00 |

AND further that the quotation of Rite-Way Decorators in the amount of \$71,497.00 (GST Extra) with an hourly rate of \$47.50 (GST Extra) for extra work, be hereby accepted.

Discussion:

Richard Perchuk stated that the downtown traffic configuration will remain status quo pending changes proposed under the Downtown Revitalization Project. The proposal submitted by Mr. Bishop has been forwarded to the KGS Group for their consideration as part of the Consulting and Design component of the project. Committee approved the award of contract, but request that an opinion be obtained from the Harbourtown Centre Committee and adjustments be made if necessary.

Recommendation Approved

2. Letter/Deputation of M. Spencer – 19th Avenue Corridor, signage, etc.

Discussion:

Richard Perchuk confirmed that a response was forwarded to Mrs. Spencer indicating that she would be advised of a future meeting with the Snowmobile Friendly City Steering Committee. The meeting has not been scheduled to-date. Committee reviewed Mrs. Spencer's areas of concern. A meeting date will be selected for further discussion.

A suggestion to open the City up and do away with a corridor would make enforcement easier and provide liability protection for the City, but would defeat the purpose of providing direction for tourists unfamiliar with the area. Councillor Parkes requested the speed signs erected by the STR snowmobile club should come down. Bill Preisenz commented that this was previously addressed with the STR Club and that he will follow up with them regarding the status.

J. McMillin

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R. Perchuk

B.
Preisenz

Mayor Canfield stated that Council has to decide if they want a corridor or not.

3. Harbourtown Biz – Downtown Beautification & Cleanliness

Discussion:

The Harbourtown Biz Committee has offered to initiate cleanup of the downtown core and want to know the City's maintenance schedule.

Mr. Perchuk stated that cleanup operations are hampered by traffic volumes and parked vehicles. Bill Preisentanz recommended acknowledgment by resolution commending the Harbourtown Biz clean up initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council hereby receives the Harbourtown Biz Committee's report dated March 31, 2006 with respect to its Downtown Beautification and Cleanliness Campaign; and further

THAT the City hereby recognizes BIZ for its team approach to inspiring pride and respect within the community and extends appreciation to BIZ for this initiative to meet its goal of a clean and attractive downtown Kenora.

Recommendation Approved

J. McMillin

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Roads Service Delivery Review – Summary of Public Meeting

Discussion:

The summary is based on the Roads Service Delivery Review public meeting that was held Nov. 8, 2005. Richard Perchuk will be bringing forth a recommendation based on the suggestions outlined in the summary.

R. Perchuk

2. GPS Vehicle Tracking Equipment - Update

Discussion:

One unit has been installed for 3 weeks. Staff is familiarizing themselves with the system and data that is being generated. A demo for Council will be forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.