

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Held Tuesday, March 7, 2006
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
At 5:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Chair, Councillor Poirier
Vice Chair, Councillor Szajewski
Mayor Canfield
Councillor Wasacase
Councillor Compton
B. Preisenzanz, CAO
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
P. McLaughlin, Note Taker

REGRETS: Member, Councillor McMillan

**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 L. Compton, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:
THAT the Minutes of the Operations Standing Committee Meeting held
February 21, 2006, be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

WATER & SEWER

1. Agreement – Municipal Source Protection Pre-Screening Project

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be hereby given for the City of Kenora to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Environment for a Municipal Source Protection Pre-Screening Project outside Conservation Authority Boundaries.

Recommendation Approved

2. 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.

ACTION:

J. McMillin

HOLD

Discussion:

Councillor Poirier proposed, for discussion, the option of operating grinder pumps similar to an agreement used for hot water tank rentals. A monthly fee would be paid and a reserve fund set up to finance monthly maintenance and replacement costs for grinder pumps. Currently, residents do not know what to do when their pumps fail. They can't get private contractors or City staff to assist them due to confusion surrounding area of responsibility. Councillor Compton commented that some homeowners are threatening legal action, but doesn't feel the City is in a position to take over the overall maintenance of homeowner grinder pumps. He is in agreement with charging a monthly fee and building up a reserve fund to be drawn from. The monthly fee could be determined by establishing a replacement and maintenance operating cost. Mayor Canfield suggests item remain on hold until further information is gathered on cost. He cautioned that there will be a need for established policy and procedures to ensure homeowners practice proper pump maintenance. Committee agreed with Bill's suggestion to bring back the options presented in a previous report, with the addition of the above option, for further discussion.

SOLID WASTE

3. Award of Contract – Laboratory Analytical Services @ Landfill Sites

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following quotes for analytical laboratory services or the 2006 landfill monitoring program for the Kenora Area Landfill and Tri-Municipal Landfill sites, be received: -

EnviroTest	\$24,292.25
Paracel	\$17,552.70
Maxxam	\$14,411.65
Testmark	\$11,819.00

AND FURTHER THAT the quotation from Maxxam Analytics in the amount of \$14,411.65 be hereby accepted.

Discussion:

The lowest bid was not accepted because it did not meet the requirements set out in the Request for Proposal, specifically, failure to provide a shipment methodology to ensure next day receipt of samples shipped from Kenora.

Recommendation Approved

J. McMillin

OTHER BUSINESS

ROADS

4. Request for Surface Treatment 2006

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following roads be identified for inclusion in the Ministry of Transportation Surface Treatment Program (double application) for the year 2006:

Anderson Road - From Tresoor Point Road, westerly for 800 meters.

- James Road - From 2.5 kilometers from the junction of the Redditt Road, northerly for 1.4 kilometers.
- Essex Road - From Lajeneusse Bridge, northerly for 650 meters and entire length of Beauty Bay Road, 800 meters.
- Coker Road - From junction of School, Beggs, East Melick Roads, westerly for 2.3 kilometers.

Discussion:

Committee requested that the area on Homestake Road west of the Transmitter Rail Crossing be added to the above list. Residents were assured that this area would be completed in 2006 at the end of the crossing upgrade works. Delays in construction will force the scheduling of surface treatment into 2007.

Recommendation Approved

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

J. McMillin