



ACTION

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
4:13 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillor Poirier, Chair
Councillor Szajewski, Vice Chair
Councillor Wasacase
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager
K. Brown, Finance & Admin. Manager
P. McLaughlin, Note Taker

REGRETS: Councillor McMillan, Member

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

N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was none declared.

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-
THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting held July 11, 2006 be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

D. Schwartz Re: Railway Street
Mr. Schwartz was not in attendance.

E. REPORTS

ROADS

1. Crossing Guard Contract 2006/2007

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2005-2006 School Crossing Guard Contract, submitted by Alpine Janitorial Kenora Inc., be extended to include the 2006-2007 school year, at a cost of \$55,420.63, taxes included, for the period August 30th, 2006 to June 21st, 2007, and further;

THAT the Contract be amended to reflect a 6% GST rate.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

2. 2006 Sidewalk Capital – Priority List

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the City of Kenora approve the areas listed in Richard

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Perchuk's Report to receive sidewalk prep work, new side installation or a paved shoulder as per the details outlined in the Report.

Discussion

Councillor Wasacase, in discussion with Mr. Schwartz, commented that he is looking for more of a commitment from Council this year as this has been ongoing since 1983 and feels that the planned works for 2006 will only be a small solution to the larger problem. Mr. Perchuk commented that a long term solution would be to completely reconstruct Railway Street similar to the Hwy 17 East project. The area and works would have to be subjected to the priority rating like the rest of identified locations brought forth for consideration. Councillor Poirier requested that the Operations Department come up with an option to resolve the traffic issue at the Gould Road / Sedesky Road / Railway St. intersection.

R.Perchuk

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

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3. Amendment to By-law 115-2001- Over 3 Axle Restriction – Transmitter Road Rail Crossing

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the City of Kenora amend By-law No. 115-2001, being a By-law to prohibit certain vehicle use of the 16th Avenue Railway Crossing and the Transmitter Road Railway Crossing, to allow "heavy traffic" to travel over the Transmitter Road Railway Crossing.

Discussion:

The Transmitter Road is now safe for "heavy traffic", defined in By-law 115-2001 as meaning the use of a highway by a vehicle, object or contrivance for moving loads, having more than three (3) axles.

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Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

4. Amendment to Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001- Yield Sign – Rat Portage Road at Golf Course Road

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following addition to Schedule P "Yield Intersections" for Rat Portage Road at Golf Course Road.

Add:

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
INTERSECTION	FACING TRAFFIC
Rat Portage Road and Golf Course Road	North bound on Rat Portage Road

Discussion:

A "Stop" sign was suggested by the OPP and City of Kenora Road's Supervisor, but the recommended sign is a "Yield" sign, proposed by the Operations Manager. The purpose is to regulate left turn traffic from Rat Portage Road onto Golf Course Road.

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Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

**5. Amendment to Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001-
No Parking – Tow Away Zone – Valley Drive**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 be amended to include the following change to Schedule “B” – No Parking Area – Tow Away Zone

Amend:

<u>Column 1</u> STREET/HIGHWAY	<u>Column 2</u> LOCATION	<u>Column 3</u> SIDE	<u>Column 4</u> TIME
Valley Drive	From Rabbit Lake Road easterly for 53 metres	Both	Anytime

To Read:

<u>Column 1</u> STREET/HIGHWAY	<u>Column 2</u> LOCATION	<u>Column 3</u> SIDE	<u>Column 4</u> TIME
Valley Drive	From Rabbit Lake Road easterly for 86 metres	Both	Anytime

Discussion:

Traffic issues continue in the vicinity of the soccer complex. To assist homeowners the current “No Parking” designation is to be extended.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

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**6. Amendment to Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001- C.P.R.
Disabled Parking Spaces on Municipal or Private Property**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 be amended to include the following addition to Schedule “L” – Disabled Parking Spaces on Municipal or Private Property.

Add:

<u>Column 1</u> ESTABLISHMENT	<u>Column 2</u> STREET ADDRESS/LOCATION	<u>Column 3</u> # SPACES
CPR Parking Lot	400 McClellan Ave.	1

Discussion:

The asphalt, ramp and signage has now been completed.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

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7. Transmitter Road Rail Crossing Improvements – Property Purchase

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in order to complete the City’s planned improvements to the CP Rail crossing on Transmitter Road, the City acquire supplementary property from Hulagrocki, and further;

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby approves the form of the draft by-law and Agreement of Intent between the City of

Kenora and Stephen and Donna Hulagrocki, attached hereto; and further

THAT three readings be given to a By-law for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

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WATER & SEWER

8. Symonds Private Water & Sewer System

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the City of Kenora assume the private water and sewer system owned by Harold and Betty Symonds, located at the west end of Keewatin Beach Road, for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and further;

THAT the City assume the private water and sewer system based on the following conditions, and further;

1. The commencement date for the City to assume all costs associated with maintenance and operation of the system including the hydro expenses for the pumping station while the agreement is being prepared and other steps to complete the transfer are taking place will be the 1st day of the month following formal approval by City Council.
2. The City will prepare the agreement and pay all costs associated with transferring the system and obtaining the necessary easements.
3. The City will not proceed with the installation of a meter at the start of the system but continue with the existing arrangement regarding charging users for water consumed and sewer services received.
4. The City will not give what amounts to a perpetual obligation to supply water. The City will be obligated to continue the supply of water and sewer service in accordance with its obligation as a public utility.
5. The existing agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Keewatin and the Symonds dated the 1st day of September, 1989 will be removed from title to the properties described in the agreement.
6. Symonds and the Murray's will pay the same rates as other residents in accordance with the City's bylaw's in effect from time to time. The City will agree not to impose a surcharge to bring the existing system up to standard.

THAT three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose.

Discussion:

The City of Kenora was requested to assume the private system from Mr. & Mrs. Symonds. Several issues have been addressed and clarified in the recommendation and have been agreed to by the Symonds. Councillor Wasacase commented that this has been ongoing for many years and the City's concern was that the system did not meet city standard. There were deficiencies initially and discussions for improvements lead to the City taking it over as is. Mr. Perchuk indicated that there will be improvements made in the future. The City will apply for the C of A. Councillor Wasacase questioned Mr. Perchuk regarding City liability in taking over the system.

Mr. Perchuk explained that this system would be similar to others that require ongoing maintenance ie. water main to Keewatin.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law)

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9. Grinder Pump Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION (Operations Manager)

THAT the City of Kenora, with respect to the Rabbit Lake Road area, a) will provide each current property owner with one (1) new grinder pump b) will discern which grinder pumps have been replaced, at the homeowner's expense, since the year 2000 and provide reimbursement up to \$3,000.00 and c) the responsibility for the future repair/replacement of the grinder pump will be that of the property owner.

Or

RECOMMENDATION: (Alternate)

THAT the City of Kenora assume maintenance and replacement responsibility of all grinder pumps connected to the sewer system, and further;

THAT the 2006 Operating Budget be amended for \$200,000.00 and the 2007 Operating Budget be increased by \$200,000.00, and further;

THAT the municipal water and sewer user rate be amended to cover the increased cost for grinder pump maintenance.

Discussion:

Mr. Perchuk explained that he has brought forth two recommendations as he still has strong feelings with regards to the operational cost associated with the City taking over the entire grinder pump system for all residents.

Ms. Brown suggested that the 2006 and 2007 adjustment together would equate to \$400,000.00.

Mr. Perchuk explained that the adjustment was necessary in the first year due to an increase in inventory supplies, reimbursing homeowners that have paid for their maintenance and requests for compensation from homeowners outside of the Rabbit Lake Road area.

Councillor Poirier suggested that the recommendation needed a bit of work and that there is a lot of support for the alternate recommendation as the one thing agreed upon was that the decision had to be fair. Councillor Poirier has received a lot of calls from residents wanting the same treatment that would be afforded certain residents only.

Mr. Perchuk reminded that the water and sewer department is a user pay utility and that revenues have to be found to cover costs.

Ms. Brown questioned what the annualized cost would be?

Mr. Perchuk explained it would be an annualized cost of \$200,000.00 to cover operating, general maintenance and the hiring of two additional staff.

Councillor Szajewski suggested that some people wanted this put off due to lack of Council presence. Some people have mentioned that they had to pay frontage costs for their water and sewer service.

Mr. Perchuk explained that he has tried to draw attention to the liability risk facing the City when performing works on private property. We would be responsible for the electrical panel, piping etc. and repairing property.

Ms. Brown confirmed that it would equate to a 4% increase to water and sewer rates if considering a \$200,000 allocation each year.

Councillor Wasacase stated that other Councillors wanted to be present at this meeting.

Councillor Poirier stated that the other Councillors had indicated to him that they support the alternate recommendation. He does not think the City has to raise water rates by 4% as internal adjustments could be made at no extra cost. Councillor Poirier does not buy the "user pay" legislation as the whole package of legislation has not been passed yet.

Councillor Poirier suggested that they are getting to the end of the Council term and this matter needs to come to a resolution. If not, it would be passed onto the next Council and they would be back to the same thing.

Councillor Wasacase agreed with Councillor Poirier that they need to come to some resolution and must do it in the most acceptable way for people who have had grinder pumps.

Committee agreed to forward both recommendations to Council for discussion.

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ITEMS ON HOLD:

- 318 Mellick Avenue Laneway – Marciniak

HOLD for report

Discussion:

No solution yet.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 5, 2006 - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.