



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Held Tuesday, December 12, 2006**  
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)  
**City Council Chambers**  
**4:55 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor D. McCann, Chair  
Councillor W. Cuthbert, Vice-Chair  
Councillor A. Poirier, Member  
Councillor C. Drinkwalter  
Councillor R. McMillan  
Councillor C. Van Wallegghem  
Mayor L. Compton  
B. Preisenzanz, CAO  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager

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

To amend Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 – No Parking Areas - Tow Away Zone – Second Avenue South.

**B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried:-  
THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting October 17, 2006 be confirmed as written.

**D. DEPUTATIONS**  
N/A

**E. REPORTS**

**ROADS**

**1. Amendment to Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001-  
No Parking – Tow Away Zone – Second Avenue South**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 be amended to include the following changes to Schedule "B" No Parking Areas – Tow Away Zone – Second Avenue South.

<u>Column 4</u>	<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
TIME	STREET/HIGHWAY	LOCATION	SIDE

Add: Second Avenue South From 122 metres north West  
Anytime  
of Sixth Street South,  
northerly for 94 metres

Add: Second Avenue South From Fifth Street South East  
Anytime  
to Sixth Street South

Add: Sixth Street South From 15 metres east of South  
Anytime  
Second Avenue South

Add: Fifth Street South From 15 metres east of South  
Anytime  
Second Avenue South

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

JMcMillin/  
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## GENERAL

### **2. Councillor Request Protocol – Discussion**

Councillor McCann had met earlier with the Operations Manager and staff to address the need for a protocol for complaints/concerns. He explained he has already had a number of inquiries from the public and Operations has developed a format to meet Councillor McCann's request, for both 'emergency' and 'non-emergency' scenarios. The public would in turn receive a copy of the form so these items are always documented and there is an audit trail. It was noted in many cases these items can be addressed through an email, but Councillor McCann would like to use this process as much as possible so there is documentation of complaints.

### ITEMS ON HOLD:

- 318 Mellick Avenue Laneway – Marciniak

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **Facility Tour – December 14 – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Councillor McCann reminded Council to attend the Operations Centre on Thursday, December 14 as Rick Perchuk has lined up a facility tour of various municipal buildings/locations.

**Council**

### **Trial Snow Plowing/Removal System**

Councillor McCann suggested to Council that the City should try a different way to plow/remove snow, particularly in the downtown core by plowing to the centre of the street. He said we should do it on a trial basis to determine if it works better and at what cost. He would like to have the data on carrying this out and whether or not it is do-able and if we don't try we won't know.

Councillor Poirier referred to other aspects of this proposal and some challenges such as potential impact on Unionized staff; contracts, timing, current policies and health and safety concerns. He also questioned how this system would affect the budget and overall snow removal costs as we would likely have to hire more contractors to meet the demand for downtown and eventually, residential areas.

Bill Preisentanz referred to liability issues and the increased number of slip and fall claims against the municipality and the concern on clearing sidewalks, noting it may be worthwhile to try this method.

Rick Perchuk advised that he has checked with other municipalities, such as Fort Frances, and they had done this method of removal for years but are now going to the same system that we currently have with a minimum of 24" snow banks. Mr. Perchuk questioned if the standard in Kenora would then be for zero snow on the streets by removing it from the centre.

Rick Perchuk was requested to provide a map of the streets and other information from Engineering for Council's review. He indicated he will arrange for crews, on a trial basis, to change the protocol for snow clearing starting in the downtown area, as a pilot project.

**RPerchuk**

Karen Brown was asked for financial information on the cost to business owners through taxes for snow removal.

**KBrown**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2007 between 3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem & Carried: -

**THAT this meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**