

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, January 10, 2006
At 5:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers

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PRESENT: Vice–Chair Councillor Szajewski
Member, Councillor McMillan
Councillor Compton
B. Preisenz, 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

THERE WAS NONE DECLARED.

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by, L. Compton Seconded by, R. McMillan and carried, that the Minutes of the Operations Standing Committee Meeting held November 30, 2005, be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

P. & W. Cederwall: (1) 19th Ave N Snowmobile Corridor
(2) Request for property access off 19th Ave N

DEPUTATION:

Pam & Warren Cederwall and Mabel Spencer – 19th Avenue North Snowmobile Corridor

Mrs. Cederwall appeared before Committee and presented a report detailing how the noise and excessive speed created by snowmobile traffic using the 19th Avenue North snowmobile corridor is disturbing the health and safety of her family. Mrs. Spencer stated that snowmobiles are using the corridor after 11:00 p.m. They collectively request the corridor be moved to a non residential area.

Pam & Warren Cederwall – Request Property Access Off 19th Avenue North

Mr. Cederwall appeared before Committee to request the City allow him access to his property off 19th Avenue North. He is requesting use of the snowmobile corridor. He advised that the current arrangement of access from his newly created laneway, between 18th

ACTION:

Avenue North and 19th Avenue North, is not allowing proper access to two of his lots.

ROADS

1. Highway 17 East Project
HOLD – To be completed in the Spring.

2. Transmitter Road Rail Crossing Upgrade Project
HOLD – To be completed in the Spring.

3. Pinecrest Home for the Aged – Parking Issue (no report) entrance exit issue
Ongoing – Report to follow.

4. Amendment to Traffic By-law - No Parking
RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following changes to Schedule B “No Parking-Tow Away Zones” for St. Clair Street (Hwy 17) at Ninth Street:-

SCHEDULE “B” NO PARKING-TOW AWAY ZONES

Column 1 Add: STREET	Column 2 LOCATION	Column 3 SIDE	Column 4 RESTRICTION
St. Clair Street	From Ninth Street easterly for 20 metres	South	Anytime

Discussion:

St. Clair Street is also referred to as Hwy 17 West

Recommendation Approved (resolution and by-law)

5. Amendment to Traffic By-law – Stop Signs
RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation Bylaw 127-2001 be amended to include the following changes to Schedule O “Stop Signs at Intersections” for Sunrise Trail at Peterson Road:-

SCHEDULE “O” STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS

Column 1 INTERSECTION	Column 2 FACING TRAFFIC
ADD: Sunrise Trail and Peterson Road	West bound on Sunrise Trail

Recommendation Approved (resolution and by-law)

M. Vogrig

J. McMillin/
P. Grouda

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P. Grouda

6. Main Street Traffic Flow Proposal – Doug Bishop

Discussion:

Committee discussed changing the traffic flow on Main Street for the 2006 summer season. Extensive changes are planned for Main Street under the Downtown Revitalization initiative, of which the Detail and Design component has been recently awarded. Mr. Bishop's proposal will be forwarded to the KGS Group for consideration as part of the Detail and Design component.

R. Perchuk

7. Request for Property Access off 19th Avenue North

Discussion:

The City of Kenora has an Agreement with Sunset Trail Riders to use the unopened roadway, referred to as 19th Avenue North, as a snowmobile corridor. If snowmobile corridor was removed the access issue would be re-considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT as recommended by the Operations Committee, the City not provide access at this time to property located along 19th Avenue North; and further

THAT should the snowmobile corridor be removed on 19th Avenue North, the City would re-consider the issue of access to this location.

J. McMillin

Recommendation approved.

8. 19th Avenue North Snowmobile Corridor – Kenora Police Service Report & L.O.W.B.I.C. Snowmobile Impact Survey.

Discussion:

A Kenora Police officer reported that their enforcement program will start the week of Jan. 16. Issues surrounding the corridor are to be dealt with on a one to one basis. The 2002 Snowmobile Impact Survey reports significant revenues were generated for the City of Kenora.

9. Electrical Cord Extension Over Sidewalk – Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora give three readings to a By-law to authorize the installation and use of extension cords over or upon public walkways.

Recommendation Approved (resolution and by-law)

J. McMillin/
P. Grouda

10. Crossing Guard Location Survey – KPS and O.P.P. Reporting

Respective Parties are satisfied with the current level of crossing guard service.

11. Brennan’s Jewelers – Drainage

Mr. Brennan has been forwarded a letter of permission.

R. Perchuk

12. Ristorante Pizzeria Italia – Roof Drainage (no report)

Water is draining onto City sidewalks in two locations. City to follow-up.

R. Perchuk

WATER & SEWER

13. Grinder Pump Maintenance

Ongoing

Inventory Report has been completed. Rick to arrange a meeting with stakeholders.

W. Ortlieb /
R. Perchuk

14. Harbourfront Ventilation

Ongoing – Report requested for the next meeting.

15. Symonds Private Water & Sewer System

Ongoing – No discussion

FLEET

16. Draft Vehicle Operation Policy – Vehicle Idling

Discussion:

Supervisors were asked to adhere to the policy prior to it being adopted. Mr. Perchuk to submit a report regarding the effectiveness to-date.

R. Perchuk

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves Human Resources Vehicle Operation Policy #HR-____; and further

THAT this policy be incorporated into the City’s Policy Manual.

J. McMillin

Recommendation Approved

SOLID WASTE

17. Northern Bulk Waste Agreement – Annual Adjustment

Discussion:

Contract is in effect until 2009. Termination of Contract requires 6 months notice. Haulage to the Kenora Area Landfill Site will be decided on at the first meeting in May. Service Delivery Review will be completed this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT effective December 1, 2005, the adjusted rate of contracted solid waste hauled from the City of Kenora Transfer Facility to the Brady Road Landfill by Northern Bulk Hauling Ltd. be \$689.00 per load, plus GST; and further

THAT effective December 1, 2005 the adjusted rate of contracted recycling materials hauled from the City of Kenora Transfer Facility to the Metro Materials Recovery facility by Northern Bulk Hauling Ltd. be \$689.00 per load, plus GST.

Recommendation approved.

J. McMillin

OTHER BUSINESS

18. Additional Funding Under OSTAR Infrastructure Program - WTP Upgrade Project

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law required to authorize the entering into an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation to provide funding for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project for \$83,541.00, including taxes.

J. McMillin/
P. Grouda

Recommendation Approved (resolution and by-law)

19. Vehicle Tracking

Report requested on status of vehicle tracking system.

R. Perchuk

20. Tidy Yard By-law – Update on Inspection Department Chart

Report requested on status of complaints outlined in chart submitted by C. Bird.

R.Perchuk/
C. Bird

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.