

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE *MINUTES*

Held Tuesday, April 18, 2006
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
At 4:40 p.m.

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

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. McMillan, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:
THAT the Minutes of the Operations Standing Committee Meeting held
April 4, 2006, be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

E. 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.

Defer until the next meeting to allow more time to review options.

ROADS

2. Main Street Traffic Flow – D. Bishop Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT due to the additional \$15,000 cost to the 2006 Line Painting Contract; and the proposed changes to Main Street South under the Downtown Revitalization Plan; and the unlikelihood that the additional southbound lane will make a significant improvement to east bound traffic gridlock beyond Veteran's Drive, it is recommended the existing lane and

line painting on Main Street South remain in its current configuration.

Discussion:

This is Mr. Bishop's second presentation in front of Council requesting the City remove the centre hatch area and replace it with two lanes of traffic running north to south. The cost to remove the hatch area, which requires a blasting technique to remove paint, has been estimated at \$15,000. Committee discussed the cost for the extra works, the impact of funding on the Downtown Revitalization Plan and the affect that traffic light synchronization, left turns off Main Street and pedestrian traffic have on the current configuration. Mr. Perchuk provided an update on the status of the Downtown Revitalization Design works. Public perception supports the current configuration, as reported at the Harbourtown Centre Committee Meeting, as it allows for safe exiting from vehicles eliminating incidents experienced in the past. Mr. Bishop was commended for the work he put into his proposal. In light of the works planned under the Downtown Revitalization Plan Committee agreed to forward the recommendation, as it appears, to Council for further discussion.

Recommendation Approved

JMcMillin

**3. Roads Service Delivery Review – Summary of Public Meeting
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the City of Kenora accept the Report on the Roads Service Delivery Review with the five (5) actions to help improve service delivery: communication, minimum maintenance standards, attitude/morale of work force, council response to individual/specific issues and benchmarking.

Discussion:

Councillor Poirier extended his appreciation, on behalf of Committee, to all who were involved as a lot of good ideas came out of the exercise. Bill Preisenz commented that it was a good start and represents to staff and management to develop these action plans further.

Recommendation Approved

JMcMillin

**4. Trapper Council Agreement – City of Kenora Nuisance Beaver Program - 2006
RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Agreement appended hereto between the Kenora Trapper's Council and the City of Kenora, respecting nuisance beaver services for the period May 16 to September 15, 2006, inclusive, be accepted.

Discussion:

Richard to supply information regarding the number of beavers trapped over the last 4 years.

Recommendation Approved

JMcMillin

5. Interlocking Brick and Concrete Sidewalk Rehabilitation

Tender - 2006

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following tenders be received by the City of Kenora, taxes included,

Prime Construction	\$195,248.25
Don Hagar Contracting Inc.	\$176,978.00

THAT the quotation submitted by Don Hagar Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$176,978.00 (taxes included), be accepted.

Discussion:

Interlock brick sidewalks require ongoing rehabilitation to keep them structurally sound and safe from liability claims. Concrete sidewalks need repair due to water and sewer digs on an ongoing basis.

Recommendation Approved

JMcMillin

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Intersection at Miikana Way and Highway 17 East

Discussion:

Councillor Compton received a request for the reconfiguration of the intersection to allow for westbound traffic to turn north off Highway 17 E. onto Pine Portage Road. Richard Perchuk explained that the intersection was designed to accommodate the offset intersection and prevents vehicles from exiting Pine Portage Road, eastbound onto Highway 17 E. as the area is too short to line up at intersection.

7. No Left Turn onto Highway 17 East

Discussion:

The current configuration was in the agreement with First Pro. Councillor McMillan expressed concern regarding safety when exiting if left status quo. Richard Perchuk commented that the turning movement exists all along Highway 17 E. Committee supports the current configuration.

8. Keewatin Masonic Lodge Water Leak

Defer until the next meeting as was a late item and Committee requires time to review. Karen to advise Keewatin Masonic Lodge.

K. Brown

9. Operations Centre Open House

Discussion:

The Open House is to be held Saturday, May 6th, 2006 at 12:00 noon in conjunction with a charity barbecue.

10. Supplementary Roads Funding – Project Priority Listing

Discussion:

The City received \$1 million in supplementary funding. The Engineering Department is working on a priority listing of projects for Council review. Roads will be on the list. Councillor Poirier commented that we must get

away from road paving when the snow is flying.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2006 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.