



**ACTION**

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Held Tuesday, September 5, 2006**  
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)  
**City Council Chambers**  
**5:06 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Poirier, Chair  
Councillor Szajewski, Vice Chair  
Councillor R. McMillan, Member  
Mayor Canfield  
Councillor L. Compton  
Councillor I. Parkes  
Councillor Wasacase  
B. Preisenzanz, CAO  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
J. McMillin, City Clerk  
K. Brown, Finance & Admin. Manager

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

- to authorize the sale of land on Dufresne Island road allowance to Tanya and Lorne Knopf;
- to authorize the property transfer between the City of Kenora and Rose Derouard.

#### **B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was none declared.

#### **C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by T. Szajewski, Seconded by C. Wasacase, and Carried:-**  
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting held August 15, 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 – Pine Portage Road**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 be amended to

include the following addition to Schedule "B" – No Parking Area – Tow Away Zone – Pine Portage Road.

| <u>Column 1</u><br>STREET/HIGHWAY | <u>Column 2</u><br>LOCATION | <u>Column 3</u><br>SIDE | <u>Column 4</u><br>TIME |
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**Add:**

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|-------------------|--|------|---------|
| Pine Portage Road | From 642 metres south of South Park Drive, southerly for 63 metres | Both | Anytime |
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**Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).**

JMcMillin/  
PGrouda

**2. Sale of Land to Knopf – Dufresne Island Road Allowance**

**Resolution #15, February 13/06:**

*THAT the Council of the City of Kenora declares a portion of the lane property described on Plan M.133 and abutting Lot 19 of Plan M133 as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and*

*THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, arrangements be made to advertise the sale of the subject lands for a three-week period; and further*

*THAT once the advertising process has been completed, Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of land to Tanya and Lorne Knopf, as a lot additions of 30 feet by 100 feet, at the appraised value as established by Century 21 – Reynard Real Estate, plus all associated costs;*

*THAT in accordance with Notice By-law #14-2003, arrangements be made to advertise the sale of the subject lands for a three-week period.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the sale of a portion of the Dufresne Island road allowance to Tanya and Lorne Knopf in accordance with the terms and conditions set out on Resolution #15 dated February 13, 2006.

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

JMcMillin/  
Law Office

**3. Property Transfer – City to Derouard & Derouard to City**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the Corporation of the City of Kenora assumes as a highway for public/municipal purposes, lands acquired from Rose Derouard, particularly, Part 1 of Plan 23R-11301, now in the City of Kenora, District of Kenora;
2. THAT the portion of the road forms part of the Peterson Road;
3. THAT the Corporation of the City of Kenora transfers, for private purposes, lands described as Parts 2 & 3 of Plan 23R-11301;
4. THAT the purchase price of the said property shall not exceed the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00);

5. THAT survey costs are to be borne by Rose Derouard;
6. THAT the legal and transfer fees be borne by the City of Kenora;
7. THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to complete this transaction.

JMcMillin/  
Law Office

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

## WATER & SEWER

### **4. 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:**

Mayor Canfield explained he had talked with various City Supervisors and feels we should be hearing from them with their concerns. Councillor Poirier does not believe it's appropriate for Members of Council to do the job of a Manager and to talk with Supervisors. He also does not believe we should assume that costs are going to increase as a result of maintenance to the pumps, or to what extent. Councillor Poirier asked where this supporting documentation is and why the Mayor believes the costs will increase? Mayor Canfield indicated it is important to hear the views of staff and he always makes it a point in talking with them from time to time.

Councillor McMillan believes we have had very much information and discussion on this topic and he read the guiding principles which he believes should be considered with respect to this decision.

Councillor Poirier questioned what information Council feels they need from the Operations Department to make a final decision on this matter before we become a "Lame Duck" Council, as he feels it should be this Council's decision.

Councillor McMillan advised he had circulated his comments earlier to Members of Council and staff on his position and comments relating to 'unit costs.'

Rick Perchuk was asked to provide a more in-depth and detailed report for Council's consideration prior to Monday's meeting regarding a break-down on costs and implications pertaining to the \$200,000 noted in the above recommendation, and that the figures be quantified.

RPerchuk

It was asked what the cost will be to everyone on the system if Council approves the second recommendation?

Rick Perchuk referred to other aspects of the system not just the pump maintenance. He explained there are the tanks, piping, electrical, etc., and that 'ownership' becomes an issue when maintenance is involved. He explained he is concerned about the liability issue on the part of the City if we start maintaining grinder pumps on private property.

Councillor Compton indicated that by maintaining the pumps shouldn't mean that we own them.

This item is to be presented at the September 11 meeting, once all Members of Council have received Mr. Perchuk's new report with the cost break-downs, etc.

JMcMillin

### **5.COMRIF Application – Round 3**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby rank the Waterline Replacement (marine line from Court House to Keewatin) as the highest priority project for funding under Intake Three of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

*Mr. Perchuk advised the recommendation should read "Norman" rather than "Keewatin."*

#### **AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council of the City of Kenora hereby rank the Waterline Replacement (marine line from Court House to Norman) as the highest priority project for funding under Intake Three of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

**Recommendation approved.**

JMcMillin

#### **ITEMS ON HOLD**

- 318 Mellick Avenue Laneway – Marciniak **HOLD** for report

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**