



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, February 6, 2007
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor C. Van Walleghem

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

- i) Pine Portage Road Land Acquisition from Kenora Golf Course
- ii) Renewal Agreement for GIS Hosting Services for Red Lake
- iii) Northern Bulk Waste Agreement – Annual Adjustment

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was none declared.

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by W. Cuthbert & Carried:-
THAT the Minutes of the last regular meeting held January 23, 2007, be confirmed as written.

D. DEPUTATIONS

Norm Hissa - Bear Wise - Community Funding 2007

Mr. Hissa of the Ministry of Natural Resources attended the meeting to speak to Committee about the Bear Wise Community Funding Program, noting this is the fourth year and last year of the program which originally was only intended for three years. He noted the Hazardous Assessment Report has been completed by Kenora and the Ministry has a response agreement with the Kenora Police Service. MNR anticipates this program will continue again for 2007 for the trapping and relocating of bears as Kenora is one of the 'hot spots' for problem bears, particularly at local restaurants and bears having access to waste and grease. Mr. Hissa is hopeful the Bear Wise Program will address these problems.

He further noted that apparently funding has been applied for, for the purpose of bear proofing the grease area at the Waste Transfer Facility and to reduce this problem as it is an attraction. He mentioned the Municipal Animal Control personnel have done a great job on public education in order for homeowners to help reduce the number of bears coming into town and into the residential areas, noting that we have to work together to reduce the problems. MNR is looking to the City Parks Department on how we can work together in this regard and that we establish bear proof bins downtown and in various parks. He noted he left information with the Parks Department last Fall but has not heard anything from that Department as yet.

Mr. Hissa confirmed the City does qualify for the \$20,000 funding. Past practice was discussed and Mr. Hissa advised that Animal Control has contacted restaurant owners but there are still problems. He clarified that MNR does not talk directly to the owners as this is not their role; noting that problem bears in town is a human behaviour problem and it is not MNR's role to enforce by-laws. Bill Preisenzanz advised he will look into how our current by-law(s) are worded with respect to the Bear Agreement, and that Barry Reynard will follow-up with Barb Manson at the Parks Department on the package of information provided last Fall. Mr. Hissa was thanked for his presentation.

E. REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

ROADS

1. Pine Portage Road Land Acquisition from Kenora Golf Course

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law required to authorize the entering into an agreement with the Kenora Golf and Country Club for the transfer of land described as Part 1 of 23R-11347, in order to provide the required right-of-way for the newly aligned portion of Pine Portage Road, and further;

THAT the City of Kenora assume all legal costs associated with the transfer.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

Rick Perchuk indicated that the Engineering Department has been in touch with representatives of the Board of Directors at the Golf Club. Bill Preisenzanz referred to the executive lots that the Board had been considering adjacent to the Golf Course and he also referred to the Kaiser property in this vicinity.

It was further explained that the KGCC (Golf Club) pays municipal taxes for the golf course property and the City basically holds the property in trust. At one time the property was transferred to the

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municipality's name for the benefit of the Club being able to access grant dollars (LOTTARIO funds).

2. Amendment to By-law #154-2001 – Relocate 19th Avenue North Snowmobile Trail to 18th Avenue North

Discussion:

Cst. Bob Bernie of the Kenora Police Service attended on behalf of Chief Jorgensen, explaining that this proposed change can be done but that it may cause more problems, i.e. further noise problems, conflict with parked vehicles, etc., and these types of concerns should be considered. Cst. Bernie explained while it's not impossible to make the change, KPS does expect that calls for service to this area will continue including noise and other complaints due to a higher concentration of residents in the proposed area.

Councillor Cuthbert questioned if we make the change to 18th Avenue North will this preclude say 16 year olds (and those younger) from using the corridor? Cst. Bernie agreed this should be checked before continuing with the change.

Councillor Poirier expressed concern that while we may be solving one problem on 19th Avenue, we'll be causing another on 18th. It was mentioned this area is already being used and there have not been any complaints, unlike 19th Avenue, so it is likely a good resolution to the problem. Councillor Poirier commented that once the 18th Avenue area has been 'designated' as part of the corridor, it will likely be used more heavily.

Councillor McCann would like to try the 18th Avenue North area on a trial basis but questioned if it is the right move and that it may only be an interim measure at best. He further explained he would like to explore other areas rather than just a temporary fix to appease one person and then causing problems for many other residents. Mayor Compton suggested we block 19th Avenue and not designate the 18th Avenue area as part of the a corridor, however it was felt this might not be fair to STR and for mapping purposes of the system, and as well, signing would be required. The Clerk questioned if the proposed change had been communicated to the residents in the area of 18th Avenue North and that it should be prior to adopting a by-law on Monday evening.

Prior to proceeding, Committee agreed to investigate the matter further.

HOLD for more information as to whether or not under-aged drivers can use the proposed corridor should it change to run along 18th Avenue North. It was mentioned if a certain age of driver is not allowed to ride along this portion of the trail it may have an adverse affect on STR and its sale of trail permits.

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ENGINEERING

3. Renewal Agreement for GIS Hosting Services for Red Lake

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law required to authorize the entering into an agreement with the Corporation of the Town of Red Lake

to provide Red Lake with an internet based GIS mapping service at a monthly fee of \$375, plus GST.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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SOLID WASTE

4. Northern Bulk Waste Agreement – Annual Adjustment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT effective December 1, 2006, 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 established at \$749.39 per load, plus GST; and

THAT effective December 1, 2006 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 \$749.39 per load, plus GST; and further

THAT Council give three readings to the applicable by-laws for this purpose.

Recommendation approved (resolution and by-law).

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Rick Perchuk advised this Contract states the Contractor is entitled to an increase and that we have amended the agreement previously for this purpose. The City is definitely within its right to make these adjustments.

It was noted that for future reference, letters of interest from other contractors are on file at the Operations Department.

ITEMS ON HOLD:

- 318 Mellick Avenue Laneway – Marciniak
- Roen Redi-Mix Request – Traffic By-law Amendment

OTHER BUSINESS

Calls for Service

Rick Perchuk advised the Sewer and Water Department is being inundated with calls for service due to the very cold weather. Committee requested that Rick prepare a Press Release concerning this matter for Councillor McCann to read at Monday's Council meeting.

RPerchuk

Status of GPS – Vehicle Tracking

Mayor Compton asked when these units will be put into all City vehicles and Rick Perchuk responded that it is cost prohibitive to do so, but Council may wish to consider this item during budget discussions. For the time being, the one GPS unit is in a Transit bus.

Certificate of Approval - Harbourfront

Rick Perchuk advised that approval has been received for the installation of the air handling unit for odour control at the Harbourfront but that the unit will not be installed until spring.

Doris Meadows

This matter has been referred to the Property & Planning Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 as the February 20 meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.