



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held Tuesday, January 9, 2007
(following Community Services Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers
4:40 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](#)

N/A

[B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST](#)

There was none declared.

[C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES](#)

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

THAT the Minutes of the last meeting held December 12, 2006 be confirmed as written.

[E. DEPUTATIONS](#)

Mr. Rollie Reynard: Water Damage.

Councillor McCann advised that Mr. Reynard could not attend and Rick Perchuk gave the background of this item to Committee. The damage was as a result of vandalism to Mr. Reynard's vehicle during which a garden hose was placed in his car with resulting water damage with use of about 180 gallons. Mr. Reynard is looking for a billing adjustment in the amount of \$50 due to this damage. Mr. Perchuk denied this claim and advised Mr. Reynard to pursue same through his insurance. However Mr. Reynard wanted this matter to go before Council. Mr. Perchuk added that an increase in the meter reading is not likely from the running garden hose, but for some other reason. Mr. Perchuk responded to Councillor Poirier that he did do a review of a month over month analysis but is not convinced there could be that amount of water over that amount of time through the hose that Mr. Reynard is suggesting is the case; Mr. Perchuk believes something else has

contributed to the reading. Further, Mr. Perchuk indicated that “faulty meters” do not read up, nor are there ever any over-charges; if anything, a lower bill would result if there was a defective meter.

Committee agreed that Mr. Perchuk send a letter to Mr. Reynard, formally denying the claim and that if he chooses to pursue the matter that he do so through his insurance.

RPerchuk

F. REPORTS

ROADS

1. 2007 Hired Equipment and Truck Rental Tender

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the attached ranking lists be accepted and adopted for purposes of hiring non-owned equipment and trucks for the City of Kenora during the period January 1 to December 31, 2007.

Recommendation approved.

JMcMillin

2. Snow Plow Operations – Hidden Trail Road

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the City of Kenora decline from performing snowplowing operations to the end of Hidden Trail Road.

Discussion:

Councillor Cuthbert voiced concern that it's not fair to cut-off this service in the middle of winter and that the City allow him time to prepare his new drive-way while we continue to plow for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Perchuk advised of the history involving the plowing in this area prior to the earlier approved land severance.

It was asked what the Sitch complaint is; access being denied or the plowing being cut-off? Councillor Cuthbert responded that the complaint to her was there was no notice given to them by the City, otherwise he would have prepared his other drive-way for access.

Committee recommend this item go forward as presented to Monday's Council meeting for a vote.

JMcMillin

3. Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative (RIII)

Bill Preisentanz reviewed his report with Committee, explaining the details of the funding requirements for this one-time initiative, noting that February 5 is the deadline for the application and that some 284 municipalities will be involved in the process. Bill briefly covered the criteria and that there can only be one project, but suggests Council be apprised of the options available under this initiative.

Bill P.

It was suggested Council meet following the January 15 Council meeting to review this item and Councillor Poirier suggested the information be provided to them before this Friday with a view to processing the application at the January 23 Council meeting.

HOLD

ITEMS ON HOLD:

- 318 Mellick Avenue Laneway – Marciniak

HOLD for report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Transfer Station Fire

Rick Perchuk gave a brief update on the extensive damage to the facility and that the investigation with Police and Fire is ongoing to determine the cause.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2007.

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by R. McMillan, and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.