

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA

BY-LAW NUMBER 115 - 2004

A BY-LAW ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL TO ADDRESS TAX AND SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE CITY OF KENORA

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Kenora has been notified by an organization known as Residents After Fair Taxation, hereby known as RAFT, of their concerns with respect to levels of services and tax rates levied on rural areas of the City of Kenora; and

WHEREAS Section 326 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that Council may prescribe special services within designated areas of the municipality and set out the method of determining the portion of the additional costs to be levied upon the designated area; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 305/02 identifies special services which are eligible for purposes of Section 326(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Kenora hereby deems it appropriate to establish a Special Committee of Council to consult and seek input from RAFT and other agencies, groups or organizations who may wish to participate and provide information in this process of tax fairness;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of The City of Kenora enacts as follows:

PURPOSE

- 1. A Special Committee of Council be hereby established known as the Fair Taxation Review Committee, hereto known as the Committee.
- 2. The Committee shall consult and seek input from RAFT and other agencies, groups, organizations or such individuals who may wish to participate and provide information relative to levels of taxation and service delivery to rural areas of the City of Kenora.
- 3. The Committee shall make a determination on the adoption of special tax rates as provided by Section 326 of the Municipal Act being in the best interest of the City of Kenora and its residents.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 4. The Committee shall consist of the Mayor and six members of Council.
- 5. Staff members shall act as resources as determined by the Committee.

CHAIR

- 6. The Committee shall appoint a chairperson from its members and in the case of absence; the Committee may appoint a chairperson from among its members.

RETAIN 'EXPERT' SERVICES

- 7. The Committee may retain the services of such individuals or Ministry representatives as required to provide guidance and assistance in meeting its mandate.

TERM

- 8. The Committee shall be appointed by bylaw for each term of Council or by passing a bylaw rescinding this present bylaw.

QUORUM

- 9. At any meetings of the said Committee, the presence of a majority of the members is necessary for a quorum and for the transaction of business.

MEETINGS

- 10. The Committee shall meet monthly in accordance with a schedule as established by the said Committee within 10 days of the establishment of this Committee and such schedule shall be publicly advertised.
- 11. The Committee may meet such other times by providing at least 48 hours public notice.

REPORTING

- 12. The Committee shall distribute minutes from its meetings to the public.

**BY-LAW READ A FIRST & SECOND TIME THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.
BY-LAW READ A THIRD & FINAL TIME THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA:

Per:D. S. Canfield MAYOR

Per:J. L. McMillin CLERK

