

Mayor and Council:

I am here on behalf of the New Horizons Seniors Centre – Keewatin Branch.

Today, I would like to start with our Mission Statement which is .. *"to provide a centre with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for the senior members of the community where they will have the opportunity to participate in recreational and social activities and have access to information and support services related to seniors issues."*

The New Horizons Seniors Centre in Keewatin offers all of this and there is no other place in Keewatin that is as accessible and central.

Because it is our space, we are free to schedule activities of our choice as we see fit. Being our space, we have furnished the Centre with essential equipment for our activities. We have worked hard to acquire suitable couches, chairs, handmade wooden tables, card tables and stacking chairs to furnish our centre – and we are proud of it.

Come to Kenora – use the Centre there – we are told. This sounds easy enough, but for many seniors in Keewatin who are now unable to drive or who have no means of transportation, coming to Kenora on a regular basis to attend the New Horizons is not that easy. Bus service is very limited and non existent after 6 p.m. A taxi trip to Kenora would cost approx. \$20 each way. Being able to walk to the New Horizons is a definite plus for the seniors of Keewatin.

Those who come to the centre enjoy the sociability and support of other seniors – they often stay for lunch – have a cup of tea or coffee – play bridge and whist and attend exercise class. This is the place where seniors can go freely and have a good time in their own environment. Many who come to the centre take pleasure and greatly appreciate being able to visit the Library while there. The location is ideal.

Please – do not take away what we have worked so hard to acquire and enjoy so very much. Seniors have so many changes to contend with – many of which are far from pleasant. Let us at least keep our centre in Keewatin – this cozy, comfortable, accessible spot with its' central location and home-like atmosphere – do not force another change on us.

With this deputation, I sincerely hope you can understand and respect our strong feelings for this wonderful gathering place and how it would break our hearts to have it taken from us.

Thank you for your time.



Alice Jardine

There is over \$20 Million dollars in our Reserve Fund. The Reserve Account is money that has been collected through our tax dollars to maintain our assets. The Keewatin building belongs to the tax payers.

It is the obligation and the responsibility of this council to protect this building for our community. It is shameful that we, the senior tax payers, have to give up our own pension money to keep a building that we have already paid ^{for} her and continue through our taxes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alice Jackson".

Community Foundation Facts

Our vital statistics



- › Cumulative grants of **\$254,000** benefiting **40 different organizations** – over **80 wonderful volunteers**
- › **\$870,000** in endowed assets
- › Pledges of **\$1.9 Million**
- › **Two Youth in Philanthropy Groups** at Beaver Brae Secondary School and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School
- › Two major charity fundraisers/year: **Festival of Trees** at the Lake of the Woods Museum and the **Dragon Boat Festival** at Rabbit Lake
- › **Loonie Bear** on the Harbourfront: to brighten, protect and improve the future of the region's children

Community Foundation Facts

*Building a More Caring
Community and Region*



Contributions to the City of Kenora and Region

- Facilitated a major gift to the City of Kenora: a \$500,000 contribution to the former Kenora Medical Clinic
 - now the Paterson Medical Centre
- Facilitated a major gift to the Kenora and LOW Region: a \$500,000 First Nations Youth Apprenticeship Program – to benefit area first nations youth in perpetuity
- Received a gift of trust for Handi Transit Service
- Working with the Library Board to promote their endowment funds

Community Foundation Facts

Our financial picture

Expenses

- › Salary and Benefits: **\$54,000**
- › Insurance: **\$5,000**
- › Other: **\$11,000**
- › Total: **\$70,000**

Income

- Charity Fundraisers: **\$30,000**
- Administration Fee: **\$10,000**
- City of Kenora: **\$25,000**
- Township of Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls: **\$2,500**
- Loonie Bear: **\$2,500**
- Total: **\$70,000**



**Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional
Community Foundation
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2006**

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To the Directors of Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation:

We have audited the statement of financial position of Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation as at December 31, 2006 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

As is the case with most organizations of this nature, we were unable to independently verify revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenue over expenses, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves with respect to the completeness of donations and fundraising revenues, as described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Kenora, Ontario

June 7, 2007

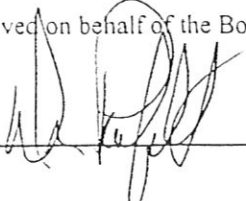
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Chartered Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants

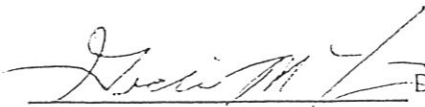
Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 17,144	\$ 1,662
Investments (Note 1)	697,574	415,436
Accrued interest receivable	-	102
Accounts receivable (Note 2)	<u>25,100</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 739,818</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 467,200</u></u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,340	\$ -
Deferred revenue (Note 3)	9,455	4,048
Flow through funds (Schedule 2)	<u>2,800</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>13,595</u>	<u>14,048</u>
Net Assets		
General funds	20,288	17,724
Reserve for general fund	1,000	-
Community funds (Schedule 1)	7,841	-
Endowment funds (Schedule 3)	<u>697,094</u>	<u>435,428</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>726,223</u>	<u>453,152</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 739,818</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 467,200</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:



Director



Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2006

	General Funds		Community Funds		Flow-Through Funds		Endowment Funds		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
REVENUE										
Receipts/Donations (Note 3)	\$ 29,361	\$ 26,500	\$ 35,041	\$ 41,900	\$ 65,000	\$ 41,900	\$ 228,558	\$ 394,739	\$ 357,960	\$ 463,139
Investment income	-	287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287
Municipal contributions	27,500	27,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,500	27,500
Fundraising (Schedule 5)	34,962	28,165	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,962	28,165
<i>Total Revenue</i>	91,823	82,452	35,041	41,900	65,000	41,900	228,558	394,739	420,422	519,091
EXPENSES										
Administrative and other (Schedule 4)	67,620	59,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,620	59,320
Fundraising (Schedule 5)	12,184	6,402	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,184	6,402
<i>Total Expenses</i>	79,804	65,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,804	65,722
Excess of revenue over expenses before undernoted items	12,019	16,730	35,041	41,900	65,000	41,900	228,558	394,739	340,618	453,369
DEFERRED REVENUE (Note 3)	(9,455)	(4,048)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,455)	(4,048)
DISTRIBUTIONS										
Community funds (Schedule 1)	-	-	27,200	-	-	-	-	-	27,200	-
Flow-through funds (Schedule 2)	-	-	-	31,900	72,200	31,900	-	-	72,200	31,900
General and community funds (Schedule 3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,466	-	13,466	-
<i>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</i>	2,564	12,682	7,841	10,000	(7,200)	10,000	215,092	394,739	218,297	417,421
Realized investment income, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,084	689	16,084	689
Unrealized investment income, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,490	-	30,490	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	17,724	5,042	-	-	10,000	-	435,428	40,000	463,152	45,042
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 20,288	\$ 17,724	\$ 7,841	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 10,000	\$ 697,094	\$ 435,428	\$ 728,023	\$ 463,152

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.



Purpose of the Foundation

The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation was incorporated September 4, 2003 under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization, to help improve community living and enhance the quality of life in the City of Kenora and surrounding Lake of the Woods region for both citizens and visitors through building permanent endowment funds and community grant making. The geographical boundaries include the communities of Kenora, Sioux Narrows, Nestor Falls, Minaki, Redditt and neighboring unincorporated and First Nations areas.

The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

Fund Accounting

In order to ensure observance of the limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Foundation, the accounts of the Foundation are maintained in accordance with the principals of fund accounting. Accordingly, resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds. These funds are held in accordance with the objectives specified by the donors or in accordance with directives issued by the Board of Directors. For financial reporting purposes, the accounts have been classified into the following funds:

General Funds

The general funds account for the Foundation's administrative and operational activities. Net expenditures of the fund are financed primarily by municipal and donor contributions, various fundraising activities and investment income earned on the operating endowment fund.

Reserve for General Funds

This reserve has been created to be used for general funds only, at the discretion of the board of directors.

Community Funds

The community funds report amounts, including donations and investment income on endowed funds, that are available to be used for community grant and program purposes.

Flow-Through Funds

The Foundation holds within its assets, amounts which other charitable organizations have requested be distributed to specific charitable organizations upon approval of the donor. To the extent that the conditions/approval of the donor are not met, the funds are to be returned to the donor. To the extent that monies are received in advance of the distribution, the amounts are pooled with the investments of the Foundation.

Endowment Funds

The endowment funds report amounts that are donated to the Foundation on a permanent basis. In addition, they include both realized and unrealized investment income, net of distributions to the general and community funds.

Revenue Recognition

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Recognition of Contributions

All donations and bequests are recorded as revenue only as received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Recognition of Pledges

Because of the uncertainty of the collectability of pledges, the Foundation recognizes only those pledges for which contributions have been received at the date of the financial statements.

Contributed Services

The work of the Foundation is dependent on the voluntary services of many members and community individuals. In addition, many groups/organizations assist the Foundation by providing furniture and equipment, supplies, office premises, etc.. Because of the difficulty of determining the fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued
December 31, 2006

Investment Income

The investments of the Foundation are recorded at market value and include both realized and unrealized investment income within the endowment funds.

The Board of Directors, on an annual basis, establish the portion of the annual investment income to be distributed to the general funds to cover administrative expenses, amounts to distribute to the community funds to cover charitable distributions and amounts to be retained in the endowment funds to provide a reserve against both inflation and lower investment returns.

Financial Instruments

The Foundation's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, deferred revenue and net assets. The carrying values of financial instruments are equal to their fair values unless otherwise noted.

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2006

Note 1 - Investments, at market value

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Credit Union - Trust	\$ 16,641	\$ 349,865
- Trust	26,353	30,008
- Term Deposit	-	35,563
Jarislowsky Fraser Global Balanced Fund	551,869	-
RBC Dexia Investor Services - Cash	<u>102,711</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 697,574</u>	<u>\$ 415,436</u>

Note 2 - Accounts Receivable

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Thomas Sill Foundation	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Receiver General - Source Deductions	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 25,100</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

Note 3 - General Funds Receipts/Donations

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,048	\$ -
Community Foundations of Canada - McConnell Foundation	-	5,000
Kenora District Credit Union Staff	4,580	-
Lake of the Woods Road Race	1,000	-
Loonie Bear	2,308	-
Miscellaneous Donations	-	250
Ontario Trillium Foundation	12,500	-
Paterson Foundation	-	20,000
The Winnipeg Foundation - Moffat Family Fund	1,000	1,000
Thomas Sill Foundation	-	250
TransCanada Pipelines Limited - Edukits	2,000	-
Allocation from operating endowment fund	<u>1,925</u>	<u>-</u>
	29,361	26,500
Less: Deferred	9,455	4,048
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 19,906</u>	<u>\$ 22,452</u>

Note 4 - Statement of Cash Flows

A statement of cash flows has not been presented as the required information is readily apparent from the financial statements presented and the notes to the financial statements.

Note 5 - Comparative Amounts

Certain comparative amounts presented in the financial statements have been restated to conform to the current year's presentation.

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
 Schedule 1 - Community Funds
 As at December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions:		
Thomas Sill Foundation - Youth in Philanthropy	3,500	-
The Jim and Leney Richardson Flow Through Fund	20,000	-
Allocation from endowment funds	<u>11,541</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>35,041</u>	<u>-</u>
Distributions:		
Beaver Brae Secondary School - Youth in Philanthropy	700	-
Child Development Centre - Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program	2,900	-
Child Development Centre - Kenora Area Health Providers	3,500	-
Harbourfront Concert Series	1,500	-
Kenora Association for Community Living	4,473	-
Kenora District Festival of the Arts	900	-
Lake of the Woods Concert Group	1,200	-
Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation	5,000	-
Lake of the Woods Historical Society	3,000	-
Lake of the Woods Ski Patrol	1,027	-
Northwestern Health Unit - Dragon Tamers	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>27,200</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 7,841</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
 Schedule 2 - Flow-Through Funds
 As at December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Contributions:		
The Winnipeg Foundation - Moffat Family Fund	65,000	35,000
City of Kenora	-	6,900
	<u>75,000</u>	<u>41,900</u>
Distributions:		
Child Development Centre - Triple P.L.A.Y.	17,286	-
City of Kenora - Skate Park	10,000	-
Evergreen Community Club	4,500	-
Harbourfront Concert Series	-	3,500
Kenora Aerialettes	6,000	-
Kenora District Festival of the Arts	-	545
Kenora Fellowship Centre	8,400	-
Kenora In-Bloom Ontario Corporation	10,000	-
Kenora Nordic Trails	4,000	-
Kenora Public Library	2,414	-
Kenora Rowing Club	-	4,000
Lake of the Woods Concert Group	-	240
Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation - Baibombeh Anishinabe School	7,900	-
Lake of the Woods Historical Society	-	2,615
Minto - Parent Child Resource Grant	-	20,000
St. Thomas Aquinas High School - Youth in Philanthropy	700	-
	<u>71,200</u>	<u>30,900</u>
Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation - General Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<i>Total Distributions</i>	<u>72,200</u>	<u>31,900</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,800</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
 Schedule 3 - Endowment Funds
 As at December 31, 2006

	Arts & Culture	Community Fund	Environment	Health & Wellness	Operating Endowment	Social Welfare	Donor Advised	Agency -Triple P.L.A.Y.	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,002	\$ 366,204	\$ 11,020	\$ 1,002	\$ 55,098	\$ 1,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,428
Contributions	3,170	28,553	-	500	-	1,760	141,054	53,521	228,558
Realized investment income, net	76	11,133	322	37	1,612	58	2,063	783	16,084
Distributed to general and community funds	4,248	405,890	11,342	1,539	56,710	2,920	143,117	54,304	680,070
	35	11,047	385	35	1,925	39	-	-	13,466
Unrealized investment income	4,213	394,843	10,957	1,504	54,785	2,881	143,117	54,304	666,604
Balance, end of year	192	18,129	505	69	2,524	131	6,481	2,459	30,490
	\$ 4,405	\$ 412,972	\$ 11,462	\$ 1,573	\$ 57,309	\$ 3,012	\$ 149,598	\$ 56,763	\$ 697,094

As at December 31, 2005

	Arts & Culture	Community Fund	Environment	Health & Wellness	Operating Endowment	Social Welfare	Donor Advised	Agency -Triple P.L.A.Y.	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Contributions	1,000	300,639	11,000	1,000	30,000	1,100	-	-	344,739
Accounts receivable	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Realized investment income, net	2	565	20	2	98	2	-	-	689
Distributed to general and community funds	1,002	366,204	11,020	1,002	55,098	1,102	-	-	435,428
Unrealized investment income	1,002	366,204	11,020	1,002	55,098	1,102	-	-	435,428
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,002	\$ 366,204	\$ 11,020	\$ 1,002	\$ 55,098	\$ 1,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,428

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
 Schedule 4 - Administrative and Other Expenses
 For the year ended December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Advertising	\$ 6,478	\$ 6,338
Less: Radio awareness recoveries	-	(1,964)
Automotive and travel	467	-
Dues and fees	575	856
Edukits	1,065	-
Insurance	3,162	2,534
Interest and bank charges	223	11
Meetings and forums	1,129	-
Office, postage and supplies	990	907
Salaries and benefits	52,119	50,638
Youth in Philanthropy	1,412	-
	<u>67,620</u>	<u>59,320</u>
Total administrative and other expenses	<u>\$ 67,620</u>	<u>\$ 59,320</u>

Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation
 Schedule 5 - Fundraising Activities
 As at December 31, 2006

	Festival of Trees		Dragon Boat Festival		Fish Fry		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenue								
Receipts/Donations	\$ 22,196	\$ 14,164	\$ 12,766	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,001	\$ 34,962	\$ 23,165
Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corp.	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total Revenue	22,196	19,164	12,766	-	-	9,001	34,962	28,165
Expenses								
Advertising	1,398	24	-	-	-	165	1,398	189
Entertainment	3,914	2,262	-	-	-	200	3,914	2,462
Rent	477	321	4,635	-	-	-	5,112	321
Repairs and maintenance	-	160	190	-	-	-	190	160
Supplies	1,570	779	-	-	-	2,491	1,570	3,270
Total Expenses	7,359	3,546	4,825	-	-	2,856	12,184	6,402
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 14,837	\$ 15,618	\$ 7,941	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,145	\$ 22,778	\$ 21,763

City of Kenora Proposal

Request:

Triple P.L.A.Y. Advisory Committee is requesting a \$15,000.00 grant from the City of Kenora to support Triple P.L.A.Y. program costs for the 2008 operating year.

Our Kids... Our City... Our Responsibility...



Background:

Triple **P.L.A.Y.** Positive Leisure Activities for Youth was developed when staff at the Lake of the Woods Child Development Centre discovered that families they were servicing were not able to pay the necessary registration & equipment fees to involve their children in activities being offered in the community. For many families the cost of registration fees and equipment needed to participate in various activities was far beyond their family's reach, and as a result these children were missing out. Triple P.L.A.Y. was formed by a partnership of service organizations in 1998 to assist these families financially, allowing children the opportunities to explore their dreams and participate in activities of their choice being offered in the community. Staff from local agencies started to make donations of \$1. per paycheque to a children's fund which would pay for registration fees and some equipment kids needed to be able to become involved in activities in the community. The needs were greater than the volunteer committee could manage and with a three year Trillium Grant a coordinator was hired to administer the program that now services 550 kids each year. Through grants and donations we have been able to raise enough funds to meet the needs of local families. Our continued viability depends entirely on our ability to secure annualized funds, while building our charitable agency endowment fund at the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation.

2008 Triple P.L.A.Y. Operating Budget

Administrative Costs:		Program Costs:	
Program Coordinator	\$ 35,000.00	Kids Registration/Equipment/Transportation Fees	\$60,000.00
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	Program donations - 2008	
Total Revenue Required to Operate	\$40,000.00	\$1. per pay cheque (6 local staff groups)	\$ 3,100.00
Donations - 2008		Local miscellaneous donations	\$ 4,000.00
Local Sport Group Donations	\$ 5,000.00	Tim Hortons Annual Fundraiser	\$ 4,000.00
Richardson Challenge – 2007 Donors	\$10,000.00	Canadian Tire Jump Start Foundation	\$ 4,000.00
Richardson Challenge- New Donors 2008	\$10,000.00	RBC Foundation	\$ 5,000.00
Richardson Matching Donation 2008	\$10,000.00	Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation Grant	\$ 2,500.00
Local Miscellaneous donations	\$ 3,800.00	Endowment Fund Interest Annual Earned	\$ 2,400.00
Enterprise Rent-A-Car Annual Fundraiser	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	Proposals to Foundations Outside Kenora	\$ 5,000.00
Total Anticipated Admin. Revenue	\$40,000.00	Kenora Community Foundation	\$ 15,000.00
		<u>City of Kenora Grant 2008</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
		Total Anticipated Program Revenue	\$60,000.00

In partnership with the city, we will ensure that all kids benefit from recreation & leisure activities. Strong healthy kids are the window to a strong thriving community.

Triple P.L.A.Y. Supports 500 Kenora Kids

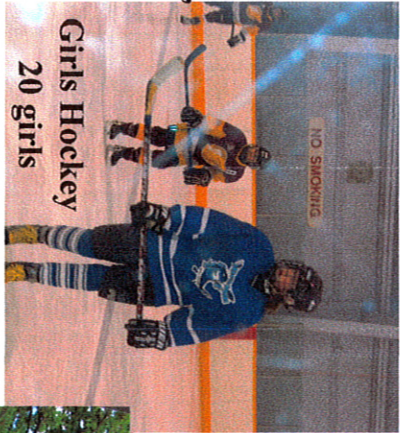


Soccer 29 Kids



School Music Pgm. 15 kids

Scouts, Cubs,
Beavers, Brownies,
Girl Guides
19 kids



Girls Hockey
20 girls



Skating 10 Kids



9th Annual Take-A-
Kid Fishing 24 Kids



Camp Stephens 26 Kids



Piano Lessons 5 kids



Youth Bowling 18 Kids



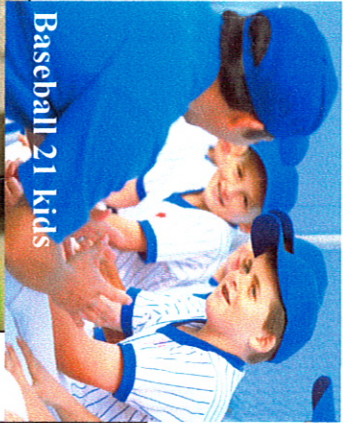
Guitar
Lessons 6 kids



Martial Arts
33 kids



Riding Lessons 20 Kids
Afternoon of
"Horsing
Around" 15
kids



Baseball 21 kids



Gymnastics 20 kids



Learn to Skate
26 Kids



Swimming at Kenora
Rec. Centre Pool 75 Kids



Boys Hockey 65 Kids



Dance Programs
15 kids

To Kenora Council

I live in Lachy, Pallat Township, and have been a member of the Keewatin Library for many years.

As a senior citizen I would find it a great difficulty if the Keewatin Library were to be closed.

I visit the Keewatin Library at least every two weeks ~~and~~ or more.

We are endeavouring to help in any way to keep the Keewatin Library open and we sincerely hope the council will also

Thank you for your attention

Marie L. Ushch.

November 13, 2007

Mayor and council
City of Kenora

I make this presentation at your budget meeting to support the need for the Keewatin Branch Library to remain open. Library's in general promote literacy and lifelong learning and are needed in every community. Even the Honorable Paul Martin acknowledges this with his drive for books that can be sent to our northern communities.

Firstly, on a personal basis I and my husband are avid readers and use the Keewatin Branch a great deal. We rely on the Library as a source of good, current reading material. There are always others in the Library each time I am there. Please remember that the library is not only for borrowing books, but to borrow videos, do research, read newspapers and magazines and most assuredly they are there for people to use the computers. Remember that not all people have the means to purchase what they need. Others are there to do their reading on site and often you hear people visiting and children having fun as they do crafts. This Library is a very important part of our community.

Secondly, I attended the spring meeting at the Lakeside Inn where the City advised their intent to declare the building housing the Library and Senior Centre as surplus. They cited problems with the building and the need to cut operating costs. As I followed the issue throughout the summer it seems to me things have changed somewhat. I understand:

- the building was inspected and it is in good shape.
- if the Keewatin branch was closed, no staff would lose their jobs, but would find work in the Kenora branch so salary dollars are not an excess cost.
- there is money available in the Pannebaker Fund to help with the budget
- over 1700 people have signed a petition and have supported fund raisers throughout the summer raising over \$11,000
- the existing partnership with the Senior Center reduces costs.

Surely keeping this building thus allowing the library and senior centre to remain open is what the people want and can be affordable.

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Keep Keewatin Library Open

The third point is regarding the community as a whole in Keewatin. Like myself, if you look at how you shop, it is likely you do not go to town to do just one thing. It is likely you are doing 2 or 3 things in one trip. In a community as small as Keewatin each business relies on the other to bring shoppers to town.. The Library and the Senior Centre are needed in Keewatin for both their convenient services to residents, non residents and summer residents alike and help to keep our economy healthy. A healthy economy means a strong tax base. The City is looking at ways to bring more people to our area and at this time are allocating their resources primarily to downtown Kenora. I worry that taking two places of business from the local economy would be detrimental to all Keewatin businesses.

At the meeting this spring, Mayor Compton, made a closing comment to the effect that he was sure since so many people were concerned for the Library that something could be worked out. People took this as a sign of good faith. I feel that people (young, old, residence and non residence) have, as a group, put forth a tremendous amount of work and our efforts have shown that there is a workable solution.

I ask that the Library be allowed to remain open.

Thank you

Colleen Ford

Your worship & council

I am here today representing the OECTA association, in support of the Citizens to Save the Library/Senior Centre in Keewatin. As an association of educators we strongly object to the potential closing of the Keewatin Library/Senior Centre. Although I am representing the OECTA organization I have strong ties to the library, since I have taught at St. Louis School for the past 16 years, and I have also lived in the outlying west area of Keewatin for the past 28 years. I present my opinions not only in the large sense of educators but on a personal level as a teacher and parent who sees first hand the positive impact the library and senior centre play within our community.

It is understandable that as councilors you have difficult decisions regarding cost cutting measures. It is the safe thing then to look at the structure of the library/senior centre as just a building. You see the centre as a building in the sense of a noun..a thing. Something that is built or constructed.

But when I see the library/senior centre I see the term building as a verb. Building indicates a useful purpose. To build means to establish, increase, and strengthen, which is exactly what the centre does.

The centre establishes contact within the community and outlying areas. There are 3 senior apartment buildings in Keewatin. The seniors access the centre, which is within walking distance. These seniors, all whom have paid taxes throughout their lives, use the centre on a weekly basis, to establish personal contacts. The students go to the library to establish positive relationships within the community. Weekly over the years I see my students go to the library to finish up homework. I see students who don't necessarily have the greatest home-life hang out in the library, as a safe place to be, which is better than hanging around on the streets.

The building increases our contact within the outlying areas. Summer tourists and the hundreds of residents outside of Keewatin all access the library.

The building strengthens our literacy within our school system. It fosters life long learners from the youngest to the oldest. Seniors as well as students access the readily available books, magazines, newspapers and computers. As we tend to forget, not everyone has these items at home. Many of my students need to research on the computer and are able to go to the library to use the ones offered there. The library keeps the link to learning open to any age.

Establishing contacts, increasing knowledge, and strengthening literacy and the love of learning...all three of these things are being built from the Keewatin Library/Senior Centre.

As elected leaders, please look again at the library and senior centre not as just a building but rather the important role they both play in the building of our community.

Rec'd from

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OECTA

Nov 13/07



City of Kenora **2008 Budget Request**

Request: *that City upgrade self-transport routes, especially Railway Street, Norman Drive and Government Road.*

Background: The Kenora Health Providers are dedicated to making Kenora a healthier community. One means of doing this is to develop walking and cycling trails and to encourage physical activity.

The Kenora Safe Communities Coalition is dedicated to making our community safe through such activities as car seat clinics, Safe Grad and community safety night. Our motto is: “If it’s predictable, it’s preventable”

Rationale: Improvements to streets and sidewalks are necessary to provide safe opportunity for active self-transport in the City: (walking, running, wheelchair and stroller use, cycling, roller-blading)

- Health and Safety Issue - increased exercise & accident prevention
- Environmental Issue - reduction of automobile use
- Economic Development Issue – attracts business, professionals, retirees are attracted to safe, active communities
- Quality of Life Issue – safe travel throughout city
- Economic Issue - some can’t afford busses and taxis

- 2 Critical Routes:**
1. Railway Street (Degagne Motors to Image 1)
 2. Norman Drive, Gov’t Rd., Darlington Bay

Council has accepted the Kenora Urban Trails Study and has committed to adding trails when roads are upgraded. Although such work may not be a high priority when budgets are tight, we know that Council is committed to the safety of Kenora citizens. We ask Council to put a high priority on these routes and make improvements as soon as possible.

Your Worship, Councillors

Section 1.3.1 of the City of Kenora's Official Plan, states, "This Plan is the first Official Plan for the City of Kenora... The City is comprised of the former Towns of Kenora, Keewatin and Jaffray Melick. The former town of Kenora historically functioned as a fully serviced urban community. **The former Town of Keewatin has functioned primarily as a residential community for those employed in the area.**"

This statement is an error in fact. Keewatin has always functioned as a center of commerce, **in addition to being a fully serviced** residential community. To deny this reality is to deny the economic contribution Keewatin makes to the City of Kenora. Keewatin has churches, schools, banks, an LCBO, an active marina and harbourfront, parks, beaches, an urban walking trail, an arena, curling club, post office and over 60 businesses. The mix of businesses includes industrial companies and a sector that provides goods and services, not only to the immediate community but to non-residents, tourists and to those from Kenora that "venture" over the bridge. Until recently, City administration was not aware that there are over 60 businesses in Keewatin. This demonstrates there is a problem with how Keewatin is defined in the Official Plan. If Keewatin is to move forward in planning its future in relation to the economy of the City it has to be accurately defined in the City's O.P.

Keewatin is bordered on three sides by the Lake of the Woods and the Winnipeg River. It has an impressive mix of low income housing, senior's homes and a diverse residential community. The assessment that flows from this community is significant. Keewatin also has a Library and Senior's Center supported by taxpayers.

Since last April, when Council's desire to close the Keewatin Library/Senior's Center was announced, you have been presented with petitions, deputations and letters that support retention of this facility and the service it provides. During the April open budget meeting, you asked for public input. You received an overwhelming response from those in attendance that clearly stated this facility was important to the taxpaying citizens of the City. Two local economists and one of Canada's leading business families, among others, have provided you powerful arguments in writing for retaining this facility. The local community and summer residents have supported the Library through words and donations totaling approximately \$18,000 in six months.

Council heard the input and passed a resolution stating they would defer a decision on surplusizing the building until the Library Board presented a report to Council on the viability of retaining those services in their present location.

Unable to find any document authored by the City (on the rationale for removing this public service from Keewatin) the community and the Library Board, with the blessing of Council, moved forward to produce a well researched and factual report on the economic and social benefits of retaining Library Services in Keewatin. The report provided supporting documentation to demonstrate how this facility achieved many of the objectives of the Economic Development Plan in a cost efficient manner. It also

demonstrated that this Library provides access to information that would otherwise be denied to many. The promotion of literacy and lifelong learning is not limited to the local education system. Rather, it recognizes that learning takes place in and from many different environments. Our public libraries are gateways to knowledge, independent decision-making and cultural development of individuals and social groups. Public libraries are one of the greatest equalizers in today's society. Support for the Keewatin Branch Library is a very ~~small~~ ^{minute} fraction of the City's budget.

Some of the explanations from Council regarding the surplusing of this building have been disturbing. We have consistently heard "we are all one now", as a reason to close a library. On Sunday I attended the Remembrance Day Service to honour the memory and sacrifice made by the boys and men from Keewatin during the World Wars. That respect for the history of Keewatin will never change. We have learned the lesson of denying the history and culture of our First Nations Communities. We respect and honour the contributions that other cultures bring to our City. Why would you not respect and value the history and contribution of Keewatin? What is the benefit to Council and the City in continuing this rhetoric to marginalize and make poorer the community of Keewatin? Citizens and businesses of Keewatin are taking this opportunity to move forward to create business and community groups to promote the community for the benefit of the entire City. It would benefit the City to explore and promote partnerships with these groups to take advantage of the community spirit and entrepreneurship evidenced in this community.

We have heard, from at least one Councillor that he does not believe tax dollars should be used on public buildings. Council needs to consider the public service provided by that building, and that government is elected for the "public good" and good governance is all about respect for the public and democracy. The taxpayers and non-residents (to whom we provide services) have clearly stated their support for the Keewatin Library. At a time when our tax dollars (through the Community Improvement Plan) are being used to support the renovation and history of private business' buildings in the downtown core, I find it surprising for a Councillor to make a statement of that kind. Is it fair to promote and preserve the history of one town while denying the history of another? Is it fair to provide funding for storefront improvements to private businesses at the expense of public services that benefit citizens of every age group, ethnic background, and social status?

As we try to promote how cosmopolitan we are by entertaining ideas of an art and cultural center and by saying we respect and honour diversity and history in our community, the message many are hearing when they see that we choose to close libraries and underfund museums and handi-transit is quite the opposite.

Council has continued to move this issue forward in a positive manner. Please continue to do so. The decision to support the Keewatin Library is not hard - you asked for input and you received it. If you have documented input from other individuals or groups advising you to close the Keewatin Library you should bring it forward. If not, I would hope that you respect the hard work and commitment of the many who have stepped

forward, to trust in the support that has been evident, and think about the community needs. As you deliberate the 2008 budget I urge you to consider what this center contributes to the City and to support the Library Board's report and budget submission.

"Public institutions like the Post Office, the Library, the Liquor Store have been gathering places in communities for generations. Strategically used to leverage economic renewal, they not only restore a street but begin to rebuild a community's tax base." Glen Murray, former mayor of Winnipeg and urban strategist, Toronto Star, 2006

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A Brief History

Incorporated in 1981, The Lake of the Woods Soccer Association (LWSA) has acted as the governing body for all soccer leagues in this community. Since LWSA's incorporation, it has been our goal to provide an affordable recreational activity to all ages and in doing so, promoting the benefits of physical fitness and healthy living. In 1988, the Association built the current soccer complex on Valley Drive, today known as Tom Nabb Park, and since then has become more than just a place to kick the ball around. We provide full time seasonal employment to a grounds keeper/maintenance person, as well as provide work experience to those involved in Kenora's Work Fare Program.

This facility has been maintained to a standard that ranks it as one of the premier soccer facilities in the region. Annual men's, women's, minor and school board tournaments are held there, including a Provincial girl's high school tournament hosted by TA in 2006 and in 2009, Beaver Brae will be hosting OFSSA girl's soccer.

Who Can You Find On the Pitch?

Soccer is continuing to grow as a more recognized sport within our community as more user groups approach LWSA for field time. The following is a list of user groups and events:

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| 1 - Hap's Men's Soccer League | 150 members (6 games per week) |
| 2 - Men's Invitational Tournament | 16 Teams (8 local) |
| 3 - Kenora Women's Soccer League | 120 members (5 games per week) |
| 4 - Women's Invitational Tournament | 16 Teams (6 local) |
| 5- McDonald's Minor Soccer League | 1000members(2hrs per child/week) |
| 6 - Kenora Athletic Soccer Association
(6 youth teams that travel) | 150 members (weekly practices) |
| 7 - Old Timer's League | 40 members (1 game per week) |
| 8 - Keewatin Patricia District School Board
(elementary tournaments & cross country run) | |
| 9 - TA and Beaver Brae hosting NorWOSSA games | |
| 10 - Exhibition Games with out if town teams | |
| 11 - 2009 Beaver Brae will host girl's OFSSA | |

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Our Vision for the Future

In order to maintain the fields to the standards that we have come to expect and appreciate, we developed a 5-year plan of action. The following is a breakdown of our goals for Tom Nabb Park:

Completed in Year 1

- 1- Presentation made to Leisure Services Committee for a Utility Grant – Application was accepted and endorsed by the committee and forwarded to City of Kenora for Council's consideration
- 2- Topsoil was added to back field and goalie areas on both regulation fields received new sod
- 3- Trillum Grant Application was completed and submitted for consideration with notification due in April – small field expansion

Continuing in Year 1

- 1- Financial relief from the City – water/taxes
- 2- Look into expanding “small field” to regulation size
- 3- Develop long term plans to resurface and further maintain fields
- 4- Assess and improve, as required, existing facilities
- 5- Improve directional signage
- 6- Exterior damage to be assessed and corrected as required.

Year 2

- 1- Assess parking lot to ensure it is being used effectively
- 2- Investigate new source of irrigation water
- 3- Issue of parking should new tenants at OLV not allow us to use
- 4- Property at OLV is of interest to Association for expansion
- 5- Cosmetic improvements to lower level

Year 3-5/Long-term

- 1- Develop a definite plan regarding upper level – finish or demolish?
- 2- Finish exterior of building
- 3- Continue work on lower level
- 4- Develop a plan to deal with drainage issue, resurfacing and maintenance of fields
- 5- Look into acquiring alternate locations should they become available – OLV and Valley View properties

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How Can the City Help?

Lake of the Woods Soccer Association has operated by collecting enough revenues to keep its head above water. Walking through the existing building, it is apparent that lack of funds and priority has led to the deterioration of the building. While the toilet facilities are operational, the showers are not. Hot water does not run through the pipes in an effort to save money. Any work that has been done has been mandatory to maintain the standards of our fields and the operation of our building. All leagues that operate under LWSA do so by collecting enough registration money to pay for their field time, refs, sanctioning, facility insurance, equipment and uniforms.

We pay approximately \$6000 in taxes each year and our water bill is around \$3000. We ask that the City of Kenora approve LWSA's application for the \$4000 Utility Grant that Central, Rideout and Evergreen Community Clubs were given in 2007. This money will help to relieve the stress off our books and enable us to move forward with some of the smaller things we would like to accomplish this coming season in upgrading and maintaining Tom Nabb Park.

We realize that LWSA may not fall under the same parameters that the Community Clubs who received the grants fall under; however, we are still an Association that operates within our community to provide the people of Kenora with a safe place to come and play and be fit. Our goal is the same as these community clubs: to remain in operation so that for years to come, others may enjoy what we have enjoyed.

Lake of the Woods Soccer Association is a self-sustaining organization that needs a little help from the City of Kenora to help us move forward. As amazing as all the people who volunteer their time are, not everything can be done on the backs of our volunteers.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak here today. We hope that Lake of the Woods Soccer Association and the City of Kenora can work together towards our future as both a destination city and a great place to come and play soccer!