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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: Emergency Service Committee of Council

FR: Warren F. Brinkman, Emergency Service Manager, City of Kenora Fire and Emergency Services

RE: City of Kenora's Emergency Plan

BACKGROUND: Emergencies are situations, or threats of serious impending situations, that will adversely affect a significant number of persons, properties or areas. By their nature or magnitude, these situations may require municipal expenditures, requests for additional resources, provisions for emergency shelter, or evacuation. These situations are distinct from normal operations where coordinated activities among agencies are adequate to resolve the situation.

Municipal departments routinely respond to situations requiring fire, police, ambulance, and public works services; however, some situations may escalate beyond the scope of normal operations. These situations need to be managed and mitigated by way of an emergency plan. The City of Kenora Emergency Plan is a generic and flexible document, adaptable to any emergency situation.

While many emergencies could occur within the City of Kenora, the most likely to occur are: severe storms, floods, air or rail crashes, toxic or flammable gas leaks, transportation incidents involving hazardous materials, electric power blackouts, uncontrollable fires, explosions, or any combination thereof.

The City of Kenora Emergency Plan is a tool to assist emergency personnel in their response to such situations. In order to use this tool to its full potential, it is important that all personnel are aware of their roles and responsibilities within the response framework. To this end and to help increase this awareness, the City of Kenora Emergency Plan provides for training, exercises, and evaluation.

The aim of the Plan is to provide a set of generic action guidelines to increase the City's ability to efficiently and effectively deploy services and resources to protect the property

and the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Kenora during emergency situations.

From time to time the Kenora Emergency Plan requires review and revision to address current trends and changes to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. This review has been completed and the City of Kenora's Emergency Plan has been amended accordingly.

BUDGET:

As set out in 2009 Operating Budget.

COMMUNICATION PLAN/Notice By-law Requirements:

Media, Municipal Memo, Portal

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the revised Emergency Plan dated April 2009; and further That Council for the City of Kenora repeal By-Law Number 112-2004 and give three readings to By-Law Number xxx-xxxx, a By-Law to Establish an Emergency Management Program for the Protection of Public Safety, Public Health, the Environment, the Critical Infrastructure and Property, and to Promote Economic Stability and a Disaster-resilient Community.

