

Date November 3, 2009



City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor & Council

FR: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

RE: Human-Black Bear Conflict Management– Generic Municipal Response Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes the City of Kenora to enter into a Generic Municipal Response Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Kenora and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources with respect to Human-Black Bear conflict management activities; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose.

Background:

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will provide financial assistance for the control of black bear activity within the City of Kenora limits. The assistance covers the training of employees of a municipality whose responsibilities relate to animal control, the costs associated with the trapping and transporting of bears to the outlying area and the cost to respond to incidents/occurrences received from the public or police.

The City of Kenora shall submit information, reports and services to the MNR and the MNR shall review the information. If the MNR determines the City of Kenora has fulfilled its obligations consistent with the provisions of the Agreement, the MNR shall remunerate the City of Kenora in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). The remuneration shall be paid in two installments: the first installment of \$15,000 by October 31st, 2009 and the second installment of \$5,000 by March 31st, 2010.

I recommend that the attached agreement provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources be accepted.

Budget:

MNR Grant – 2009 Bear Wise Project

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution required

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