

September 9, 2009

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor & Council

From: Jim Carambetsos, Information Technology Supervisor

Re: Intelligent Community Forum Alumni Association

Background:

Last year the Intelligent Community Forum selected Kenora as one of its 'Smart 21' for 2009 in recognition of the efforts made to promote digital inclusion through the Kenora.ca Community Portal.

About ICF:

The Intelligent Community Forum is a think tank that studies the economic and social development of the 21st Century community. Whether in industrial or developing nations, communities are challenged to create prosperity, stability and cultural meaning in a world where jobs, investment and knowledge increasingly depend on advances in communications. ICF seeks to share the best practices of the world's Intelligent Communities in adapting to the demands of the Broadband Economy, in order to help communities everywhere find sustainable renewal and growth.

Intelligent Community Forum leaders have come together to form the world's first Association of Intelligent Communities. The Association is currently working on developing a program of activities and the business plan. The Mayor of the City of Kenora has been asked to sign a memorandum of understanding to express support for the formation of the Association.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the City of Kenora was selected as one of the 'Smart 21' for 2009 by the Intelligent Community Forum; and

WHEREAS the Intelligent Community Forum is currently developing the world's first Association of Intelligent Communities; and

WHEREAS the Intelligent Community Forum has approached the City of Kenora to sign a memorandum of understanding to express support for the formation of this Association, including the City of Kenora's commitment to the goals and activities as set out within that memorandum of understanding;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Mayor hereby be authorized to sign the memorandum of understanding expressing support for the formation of an Alumni Association of the Intelligent Community Forum.