

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Mayor & Council

Date: September 01, 2009

From: Bill Preisentanz, CAO

**Re: Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution – Hwy 17 Gateway
Rehabilitation Project**

Background

When the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund was announced on April 14th, the City of Kenora made application for funding the rehabilitation of Highway 17 East and West in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. This was an on-line, one page application process for shovel-ready projects.

On June 16, 2009 the City received notice that the application was successful with 2/3 (\$4,666,666) funding being provided by Federal and Provincial governments. The City's source of funding for its share of the costs was identified through the issuance of debenture debt.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has now forwarded an agreement to the City for Council ratification.

For Council's information the \$7 million works include:

- Hwy 17 E (eastern boundary to Transmitter Rd) 8.5 km
- Hwy 17 W (western boundary to Bay St. bridge) 2.6 km
- Replacement of guard rails and culverts
- New gateway signage

Recommendation

That Council of the City of Kenora give three readings to a bylaw to ratify an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement for funding Highway 17 Gateway Rehabilitation Project; and That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to execute the Contribution Agreement; and

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2009 Operating & Capital Budget at its September 21, 2009 meeting, to issue debentures in the amount of \$2,333,334 to offset the cost of this capital project; and further

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2009 budget for this purpose.