

Date April 19, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Colleen Neil, Recreation Services Manager

Re: Kenora Baseball League Grant Opportunity

Recommendation:

THAT Council agrees to support the Kenora Baseball League's application to the Ministry of Citizen, Recreation and Culture naming the City of Kenora as a lead applicant.

Background:

Kenora Baseball League is a growing baseball club with a vision of growth. This season they are the proud recipient of a Lake of the Woods Community Foundation Grant plus we developed corporate sponsorship with KMTS, Wal-Mart, San Gold and Wilson's Sport Company. The League has also grown in numbers and has developed Select ball teams with more skilled players. The League did host an in town tournament with teams from Manitoba and now that we are part of Baseball Manitoba we will have the opportunity to host Regional events.

The League continues to need help from the City to assist them in pursuing grant opportunities. Kenora Baseball League would like to explore funding opportunities to purchase much needed equipment and team uniforms plus obtain funding to properly train our coaches and umpires. This year Kenora Baseball League would again like to use the City's charitable number in order to apply for a grant through the Ministry of Citizen, Recreation and Culture. The anticipated amount of this grant would be approximately \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00

Kenora Baseball League is committed to the expansion of baseball in our community. Exploring this funding available through this Ministry is their next initiative. However, the league needs to secure the City's commitment to the League before this option can be thoroughly explored. It is therefore necessary that they secure a commitment for the City as soon as possible in order to meet the Ministry's grant deadline of April 30, 2010.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Finance and Administration

Kenora Baseball League