

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Mayor & Council

Date: April 2, 2010

From: Bill Preisentanz, CAO

Re: Welcome Back Summer Visitors – Outstanding Invoice

Recommendation

That Council of the City of Kenora authorize a grant in the amount of \$3,591.00 to KAR to be applied to the 2009 Welcome Back Summer event account.

Background

On July 02-05, 2009, a weekend special event was organized on the Harbourfront which was chaired by Dennis Wallace and supported by BIZ and a number of other event organizers. The event, known as Welcome Back Summer Residents included the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and a fireworks display. The large tent was erected on the south parking lot for this event and remained up for the 2009 season.

The event was intended to be funded through corporate and private donations for the fireworks and ticket sales for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. While the costs for fireworks and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra were paid, KAR's invoice for expenses related to erection of the tent as well as support services for the events remain unpaid. Subsequent meetings were held as there was some dispute as to the original invoice amount. The final amended invoice amount was \$6,216.00. Applied to this outstanding invoice was \$2,500.00 from BIZ leaving an unpaid balance of \$3,591.00. The event organizers for this event have advised that there are no further funds available to pay off the balance of this account.

The Welcome Back Summer event was a one-time event organized by a group of local citizens and BIZ. The economic activity and benefit to the City for the weekend event met the expectations of the downtown business community. As well, many of the residents and visitors to the City were provided the opportunity to participate in a cultural event and witness a spectacular fireworks display.

