

March 10, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Operations Manager
Barb Manson, Parks Supervisor**

Re: Addition – Parks Seasonal Staff

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby approves the hiring of one additional parks seasonal staff for a total of 26 weeks between April and October, 2010.

Background:

Upon completion of the downtown revitalization the new flower & tree beds require regular maintenance. These beds include the bump outs, tree wells and the round-a-bout. This maintenance work includes watering the bed 3 (three) times a week, damaged plant replacement, weed removal, natural fertilizing and garbage control. These new areas are not included in the current Bedding Contract. The current contractor was approached to quote on the addition of these areas. A quote for contracting the work came in at \$5,000.00 per month for a total of \$30,000.00.

This amount was approved in the 2010 Operating Budget for the Harbourfront. To hire an additional parks seasonal staff member for 26 weeks to perform these tasks would cost approximately \$24,000.00 and this staff person could be used for other tasks within the parks department (eg. sidewalk weed control in the downtown core). This would be a cost savings of approximately \$6,000.00 to the City.

Budget:

Allocation approved in 2010 Operating Budget

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Operations Manager, Parks Supervisor, Finance Manager, Human Resources Manager, & Payroll Clerk