

**March 29, 2010**



## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator**

**Re: Transfer of lands from Keewatin-Patricia District School Board to City of Kenora for trail purposes**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora accepts transfer of a 30 metre strip of land, for the purposes of an urban trail, along Laurenson Creek for \$1.00; and

That the City of Kenora will assume responsibility for survey, legal and transfer costs associated with the transfer; and

That, should the City not proceed with the trail project, the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board will have the option to repurchase the property for \$1.00.

### **Background:**

The Rat Portage Trail is an urban trail which is 6.5 km long over flat or gently rolling paved streets with sidewalks of wood, interlocking brick or concrete and will now wind along Laurenson's Creek within the City's trail network. It begins at McLeod Park goes along the Harbourfront to First Avenue South, along 7th Street S, then along Fourth Avenue S. to Old Chalet Lane, through Anicinabe Park to Miikana Way, then along Hwy. 17 East to Fifth Street to Seventh Avenue South to Fourth Street South, then along Laurenson's Creek, through the Recreation Centre Grounds back to First Avenue South and downtown. The addition of the school board property will provide an alternate route, including greenspace, rather than using sidewalks throughout the trail. There is an existing trail, however the transfer of the lands, to the City, will entrench the use and permit improvements to it. The property to be transferred is indicated on the attached map as "land to lease".

The Rat Portage Trail markers are scheduled for installation at McLeod Park and Anicinabe Park by the long weekend in May.

### **Budget:**

**Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Per Notice By-law; notice by agenda of Property and Planning Committee and Council. Municipal solicitor.**