



**8 July 2010**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk**

**Re: Change in Committee Structure to a Committee of the Whole**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** as recommended by the City Clerk, Council hereby amends its present Governance Model from a Standing Committee structure to a Committee of the Whole structure, with the exception of the Property & Planning Standing Committee; and

**That** Council gives direction to the City Clerk to prepare the applicable revised by-law to establish Rules of Order and Procedures for the Council of the City of Kenora, to reflect the governance modification throughout the by-law; and

**That** this by-law be presented prior to the end of this term of Council with the by-law taking effect and coming into force in December, 2010; and further

**That** By-law Number 29 -2009 be and is hereby repealed.

### **Background:**

Prior to the incoming Council taking office, it would seem timely to modify the Procedural By-law to recognize the regular monthly Standing Committee Meetings as a Committee of the Whole, with the exception of Property & Planning Committee which would stand alone and remain the same. While in the past we've experienced several varied Committee structures, the single Committee of the Whole structure was used for many years and was, in my opinion, the preferred model.

For the most part the format of the Standing Committee Meetings will remain the same and each Councillor would maintain their applicable 'portfolio,' continuing to provide reports under the status-quo.

This action would make for a more efficient process from an administrative perspective by eliminating preparation of four separate sets of agendas, four sets of minutes; separate public notices, separate Declarations of Pecuniary Interest, etc. Further, it would eliminate the need for additional training in the new year as Council would only require the initial orientation in November and would start fresh by attending meetings under a more streamlined model.

### **Budget:**

**N/A**

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

**N/A**