

## COUNCIL REPORT

July 22, 2010

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Bill Preisentanz, CAO**

**Re: Video Surveillance – CP Pedestrian Bridge**

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**Recommendation:**

**That** Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorize withdrawal from the Video Reserve in the amount of \$12,500.00 to acquire and install Point to Point wireless video surveillance system for the CP Pedestrian Walkway; and

**That** in accordance with Notice Bylaw Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2010 Municipal Operating and Municipal Five Year Capital Plan by by-law at its August 09<sup>th</sup> meeting; and further

**That** Council hereby give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2010 budget for this purpose.

**Background:**

**The CP Pedestrian walkway has presented numerous enforcement challenges over the years due to its location and remoteness from the downtown core area. While there has been long-standing safety concerns raised over the years, most recent reports from the OPP refer to intimidation complaints, public intoxication, cleanliness/graffiti concerns.**

**The City's Video Surveillance policy AD-3-1 provides guidelines when the installation of video surveillance cameras is being considered;**

- **Specific reports of incidents of crime, safety concerns, etc.**
- **Impacts on personal privacy**
- **Video surveillance records to remain under City control**
- **Signage notifying the public of video surveillance areas**

**Jim Carambetsos from the City's IT Department has had extensive experience in the area of video surveillance and has provided a recommended surveillance system for the CP pedestrian walkway which includes 4 remote vandal-resistant cameras with a point-to-point wireless connection to City Hall server. The cost estimate is \$12,500.00 plus HST.**

**The OPP support the use of the video surveillance system for the CP Pedestrian Walkway.**

**Budget:**

**The current projected reserve levels in the Video Reserve at year end is \$32,636.00.**