

November 22, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager
Barb Manson, Parks Supervisor

Re: Downtown Core – Labourer’s Position

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approve the hiring of one (1) Park’s Seasonal Labourer for the Downtown Core (for 26 weeks) from April – October, 2011 ; and further,

That this position is conditional upon Council approval of the 2011 City Operational Budget.

Background:

The Downtown Revitalization Phase I was completed in 2009 and it was decided not to include a water supply to the bump out gardens or shrub & tree beds. To rectify this it was recommended to add \$30,000 to the 2010 Harbourfront Bedding Contract (this amount supplied by Contractor) to include these beds in the bedding contract. Complaints had also been received that the downtown core was not being kept clear of ground garbage, cigarette butts, and weeds along the sides of buildings which made the downtown core unsightly, especially during the spring, summer and fall seasons. It was decided it would be less expensive to hire a seasonal labourer to water and weed the gardens and keep the downtown core looking clean and garbage free than to include this to the Harbourfront Bedding Contractor which would only involve looking after the beds themselves. The Bedding Contractor wanted the \$30,000 for watering, weeding and garbage pick up in the gardens only. A seasonal Downtown Core labourer was approved by Council and hired for the 2010 season for 26 weeks. (See attached resolution).

Many compliments were received on the improved state of the downtown core and the gardens were kept watered and free of weeds. Please see the 2010 Year End Report which includes all duties of the seasonal labourer, year end inspection and bouquets and concerns.

The recommendation is to include this parks seasonal position in the 2011 Operational Budget for 26 weeks. (April – October)

Budget:

2011 – Parks Operational Budget – \$22,184

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Charlotte Edie, Finance

Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager

Barb Manson, Parks Supervisor

Gwen Gall, Payroll

Sharen McDowall, Human Resources