

December 14, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Operations Committee and Mayor & Council

Fr: John Nabb, Facilities

Re: Enabling Accessibility Fund – Mid-sized projects – Norman Park

Recommendation:

THAT the Corporation of the City of Kenora approves and supports an application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund Program – Mid-sized Project Component, in order to create and enhance accessibility for people with disabilities and to provide inclusive opportunities to those regardless of physical ability, thereby strengthening the City of Kenora by increasing the opportunities for everyone to participate socially and economically; and further;

THAT Staff be hereby directed to incorporate this project into the 2011 capital budget, with no impact to net tax levy allocated to capital spending in 2011.

Background:

The Enabling Accessibility Fund is part of a three-year commitment to expand opportunities for people with disabilities and improve accessibility across Canada. The objective of the Enabling Accessibility Fund is to help communities undertake larger retrofit projects or foster partnerships for creating new facilities, the Government of Canada announced in 2010 that the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) will support a number of mid-sized projects designed to provide contributions for retrofits, renovations or new construction of facilities within Canada.

Eligible expenditures are limited to expenses for retrofits, renovations or new construction of facilities within Canada that house services and programs that emphasize a holistic approach to the social and labour market integration needs of people with disabilities. The Norman Park project will provide an accessible, inclusive venue for individuals and families to access Kenora's natural attraction; the Lake of the Woods, in the park setting.

All projects must create or enhance accessibility for people with disabilities within Canada. Also, all funded projects must involve community partnerships. The City of Kenora has secured an in-kind donation from a Channel Engineering. This community partnership will provide professional services for the development of the project.

The minimum amount payable per project is \$500,000. The maximum amount payable per project is \$3 million.

- Total Costs - \$1,410,000
- Accessibility funding - \$1,057,500
- Net City Share - \$352,500 – represented by:
 - In Kind donation (Engineering Company) - \$25,000
 - In Kind donation (City – docks) - \$50,000
 - City sidewalk budget (normal allocation in capital budget) - \$100,000
 - City sidewalk reserve - \$20,000
 - Remaining City share - \$157,500 to be funded through City’s capital budget (in addition to sidewalk funds normally allocated in budget)

**Budget: Transfer of title – 2011 Capital Budget
Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Per Notice By-law; notice by agenda of Operations Committee and Council meetings.**