

February 2, 2009



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator

Re: Request by KMTS to relocate sign to former location – Main Street

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora denies the request by KMTS to re-locate a sign to its former location west of City Hall as that area is integral to the Downtown Revitalization project; and That the location of commercial signs on public property be addressed in the sign by-law currently under review.

Background:

The City received a request from KMTS to re-locate a billboard sign, which was removed in order to accommodate equipment for the development of the City Hall area in the Downtown Revitalization project. KMTS would relocate the sign at their expense. Discussion of billboard signs, by the Property and Planning Committee, on November 10, 2009 indicated that the City would not permit new billboard signs to be erected. The sign was located on publically owned property.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Letter KMTS indicating that the sign, formerly located west of City Hall, will not be permitted to be re-erected.

Tara Rickaby

From: Bill Preisentanz
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2010 3:43 PM
To: Tara Rickaby
Subject: FW: KMTS Sign beside City Hall

Tara: In light of the current status of our Sign Bylaw and there is also the issue of signs on City land, this should go to the Property & Planning Committee.

Bill P

From: Gander, Stace [mailto:sgander@kmts.biz]
Sent: January 29, 2010 2:35 PM
To: Bill Preisentanz
Subject: KMTS Sign beside City Hall

Hi Bill,

Further to our conversation, the following is a quick sequence of events to review with the Property and Planning Committee.

- When KMTS originally started its cellular operation, Kenora Cellular had a billboard placed beside City Hall. I don't know which year it was erected or if a permit had been issued.
- During the summer of 2009 when the City was doing its Main Street construction, contractors removed the sign to accommodate equipment required to place the large stones placed on the side of the ramp leading to Council Chambers. Neither Jeff Port or I was aware that this sign was going to be removed at that time.
- I contacted Jeff to express my disappointment regarding a lack of adequate notice. Jeff explained that the City was in the process of introducing a new Bi-law and that all signs along the greenbelt would be removed in the coming month. I explained that if that didn't occur, that he would be hearing back from me as KMTS benefited from having that sign in such a high traffic visibility area.
- The new bi-law was not introduced.

My request is to be able to replace the old sign at KMTS' expense.

Thanks for your consideration.

Stace

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First St. N

Former location of KMTS sign

Main St. S