



December 22, 2009.

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor & Council

FR: Barbara A. Manson, Parks Supervisor
Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager

RE: **Integrated Pest Management Project–Kenora Central Park**

Background:

The Kenora Integrated Pest Management Committee (KIPMC) was organized in 2002 and was comprised of members of the Northwestern Health Unit, municipal representatives and professional pesticide applicators. Since its inception the Committee had developed a mission statement, education material, market survey, benchmarking survey, developed strategies and ranked pesticides. The City of Kenora has used IPM (integrated pest management) practices since 2000 and has not used pesticides on any municipal parks properties since that date. In 2009, the Ontario government declared a province wide ban on pesticides.

In 2006, the City of Kenora and the Northwestern Health Unit designed a project known as the Kenora Integrated Pest Management Project (KIPMP) at Kenora Central Park. The main goal of this project was to develop an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to limit pesticide use and to educate the general public. Integrated pest management (IPM) is a pest control strategy that uses a variety of complementary strategies including: mechanical devices, physical devices, genetic, biological, cultural management, and chemical management (as a last resort).

Please find enclosed a final report on the KIPMP at Central Park. The KIPMP has proven to be a successful project. On this site it was proven that an integrated pest management approach is ideal for the reduction of pests and the reduction of harmful pesticides. With the recent ban on pesticides, the IPM approach is still valid except for the final resort; using chemical management, which can no longer be utilized.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/notice By-law Requirements:

Parks Supervisor, Operations Manager

Recommendation:

THAT Council of the City of Kenora receive the Final Report on the (KIPMP) Kenora Integrated Pest Management Project at Kenora Central Park.