

June 30, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: Highway 17 Four-Laning

Recommendation:

That Council hereby supports in principle that the location of the new Highway 17 four lane project be kept north of the existing road bed between the Red Pine Ridge Road and the Kenora Bypass to help protect the Lake of the Woods water quality.

Background:

An email was received from Robert Giguere requesting that the City of Kenora review the details of the four laning of Highway 17 West and take a position that the route from Rush Bay to the Kenora By Pass remain exclusively north of the existing road bed.

In general I agree that the roadway should be kept north of the existing roadway as the options are limited where you can go. The majority of the new highway is shown north, but depending on the criteria that the consultants are using some sections were shown crossing to the south side between Sherwood Lake, Granite Lake and Deception Bay.

I have also reviewed the Design and Construction Report for Highway 17 four laning between the Manitoba / Ontario border and Rush Bay and see that many of the concerns raised are covered off by the consultant. I expect the same will be done for this section.

I have also noted that an additional Public Open House will be held on July 24, 2010 to allow the public another opportunity to review and comment on the proposed routes.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution

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