

## COUNCIL REPORT

February 22, 2010

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Bill Preisentanz, CAO**

**Re: NOMA Membership 2010**

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**Recommendation:**

**That Council of the City of Kenora hereby direct administration to identify a funding source in the 2010 municipal operating budget in the amount of \$2,157.00 for the shortfall in funding associated with the 2010 NOMA membership.**

**Background:**

**In 2009 the City of Kenora re-joined KDMA and NOMA after a lengthy debate and withdrawal from NOMA membership at the regional level over a document authored by the NOMA led Regional Recovery Program Committee – ‘Forging the Future ... an economic vision for Northwestern Ontario.’ It had been the City’s position at that time that while the City of Kenora supported the issues and development plan including associated policy changes at the senior levels of government, there still needed to be recognition and inclusion of strategic First Nation partnerships in an economic vision of Northwestern Ontario development.**

**Upon re-joining KDMA and NOMA in 2009, the City of Kenora received an invoice for the NOMA membership broken down as follows:**

**NOMA Membership – 13,414 @\$0.141944106 = \$1904.04**

**NOMA Special Projects – 13,414 @\$0.15 = \$2012.10**

**The City of Kenora subsequently paid both levies in 2009 in the amount of \$3,916.14.**

**Recently, the City of Kenora received an invoice for the 2010 NOMA membership broken down is follows:**

**NOMA membership – 13,414 @\$0.31511 = \$4226.89**

**Upon review and discussion with the KDMA Secretary-Treasurer, it was pointed out that at a previous NOMA Conference in was agreed to combine both levies together.**

**In the approved 2010 budget for Council memberships, only \$2,050.00 was approved for NOMA membership leaving an unfunded balance of approximately \$2,157.00.**