

February 26, 2010



**City Council
Committee Report**

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator

Re: Funding Agreement with Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs – Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Kenora authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a funding agreement, on behalf of the City, with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in order to receive funding in the amount of \$250,000, under the Rural Economic Development (RED) program, for the Port of Kenora Destination Tourism Project: Phase II.

Background:

The City of Kenora has implemented the Kenora Downtown Revitalization Plan over the past three years. The City has applied for funding for various components of the revitalization project. One of the programs under which the City applied for funds was the Rural Economic Development (RED) program, administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. One component of the application was a \$25,000 contribution by Harbourtown BIZ. This funding is to be applied to landscaping and streetscaping works, including wayfinding and events signage, banners, benches, waste receptacles, landscape plantings, and information kiosks associated with Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization project.

Budget: Budgeted capital

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Notice by agenda of Property and Planning Committee and Council, Finance Department