



**Date 12 April 2010**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor Compton & Members of Council**

**Fr: Karen Brown**

**Re: Budget Amendment – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Levy**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council hereby approves reducing the 2010 allocation to the District of Kenora Home for the Aged by \$22,289 to an amended amount of \$1,363,694; and

**That** in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2010 Municipal Operating Budget by by-law at its May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; and further

**That** Council hereby gives three readings to a by-law to amend the 2010 budget for this purpose.

### **Background:**

At the April 19, 2010 Council meeting, the City's 2010 tax ratios and tax rates were approved. As part of that report, it was noted that the City had received the final budget request from the District of Kenora Home for the Aged (Pinecrest). The final allocation to the City of Kenora was \$1,363,693.94, representing a reduction of \$22,289.06. In this report, it was recommended that this amount be used to reduce the net tax levy requirement as the reduction in the education rates, as posted by the Province, had resulted in a loss of \$50,937 in municipal tax room. Using the savings related to the original budget estimate for the Pinecrest levy would help reduce the related impacts on the taxpayer. At that time, it was discussed that the associated budget amendment would come forward for approval at the May 2010 Council meeting.

This item should be considered housekeeping in nature, as the rates as approved by Council have already been adjusted to reflect the reduced levy amount.

**Budget:**

Approval of this change will help reduce the impacts to the taxpayer from the loss in municipal tax room resulting from the reduction in the education rates. This adjustment has already been factored into the 2010 tax rates as approved by Council.

**Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

The City needs to provide notice in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007 that it intends to amend its 2009 capital budget at its February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Cc: Bill Preisentanz