



**April 27, 2010**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations**

**Re: Environmental Policy Amendment**

### **Discussion Only**

#### **Background:**

In 2008 Council adopted the Environmental Policy OP-3-1 in recognition of the importance of the natural environment to the citizens of the City of Kenora. The policy was developed with the guidance of a volunteer group of interested citizens and support from members of Council.

The Environmental Advisory Committee was established in 2009 to provide advice and direction to Council on a wide range of environmental matters and to maximize opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle materials, and identify opportunities for citizens, organizations, businesses and government to be good stewards of the environment. The Terms of Reference, adopted by By-Law 16-2009, gives the Committee the authority to provide recommendations to Council regarding potential improvements to the policy etc.

The Committee would like Council to adopt the the following changes to the policy: 1) correct grammar 2) use more action oriented / affirmative wording and 3) change the order of items to reflect priorities, see attached.

Councillor David McCann has requested this item be placed on the May Agenda for discussion with a recommendation to follow for the June Standing Committee Meeting.

**Budget:** N/A

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

Resolution & By-law required.

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