



Date 12 October 2010

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Compton & Members of Council

Fr: Karen Brown

Re: Fall Feast Funding Request

Recommendation:

That Council hereby denies the request for financial support for “The First Annual Kenora Community Fall Feast”; and

That Council hereby approves the continuation of various in-kind services as previously offered through City administration to show support of this new event.

Background:

Attached is a request for the City to provide funding support for “The First Annual Kenora Community Fall Feast”. As per the request, this event is being put on through an ad hoc Planning Committee, spearheaded through the OPP.

There is no question that this is a worthwhile venture, one that is seeking the opportunity to improve community relationships, bringing citizens together not only from Kenora, but from many surrounding communities. This is somewhat reminiscent of the Spring and Fall Feast currently held on Tunnel Island twice a year.

The City has, in the past, provided support through in kind contributions of staff time to assist with this type of endeavor, although financial contributions have not been made. In addition, there is no funding identified in the City’s 2010 budget to assist with this initiative.

Currently, City staff members have been involved to a minor extent in the development of this event. Heather Kasprick has done up a poster advertising the event (albeit on her own time). The City’s finance department will be tracking any funds received and expenses paid on behalf of this committee (similar to what is done for the OPP DARE program). The Committee has also been made aware that City roads staff are available to erect barricades if required for the event – things the City can do administratively without incurring incremental costs. It is recommended that this assistance should represent the City’s entire contribution to this event.

Budget:

N/A – no funding has been recommended.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

The Committee will be advised of Council's decision in this matter.