

**October 7, 2010**



## **City Council Committee Report (closed meeting)**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator**

**Re: Request to purchase municipal property - Gallik**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** Staff be directed to indicate to James Gallik, that the shoreline reserve property, adjacent to lands described as PLAN M25 LOT 7 PART DESIGNATED AS RP KR1891 PARTS 1 & 2 and Laurence Lake, will not be declared surplus by the City of Kenora as the lake is deemed to be "at capacity" in the Official Plan and there are no municipal services available at the site. Sale of the shore allowance could result in increasing the proximity of a private sewage system to the lake and to the Provincially Significant wetland area in Laurensen Creek.

### **Background:**

The City of Kenora recently received a request, James Gallik, to purchase a shoreline reserve and a portion of other municipal property abutting his property on Rocky Heights Road. The applicant's property is split by Rocky Heights Road with a portion abutting Laurensen Lake.

Section 6.1 (h) of the City of Kenora Official Plan states that there shall be no new development on ... Laurensen Lake without the availability of municipal sewer and water services. By the City maintaining ownership of the shore allowance it also ensures that a private sewage system is set back from the lake. The topography is such that if a sewage system ever fails the resulting effluent will progress towards Laurensen Lake.

The road allowance area is zoned as RR – Rural Residential/ HL - Hazard Land which reflects the flooding data. There is only one permitted use in the Hazard Land designation, that of a wildlife conservation reserve.