



Date 30 August 2010

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Compton & Members of Council

Fr: Karen Brown

Re: LOWWSF Support and Stakeholders Advisory Group Appointment

Recommendation:

That Council hereby acknowledges and reconfirms its continued support for the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation, the International Joint Commission and the new Bi-National Task Force as established, and the important works performed by these various organizations; and

That Council hereby supports the development of a permanent Bi-National Water Quality Management Board and that the scope of that Bi-National Water Management Board include the entire Lake of the Woods, together with its watershed; and

That Council hereby appoints Len Compton to sit as a community liaison appointment on the non-municipal Stakeholders Advisory Group for the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation and to act as a liaison between that group and Kenora City Council; and further

That a copy of this resolution hereby be forwarded to each of these organizations.

Background:

On August 24, 2010, Todd Sellers (Executive Director), together with Tony Stephens (President) and Joelle Thorgrimson (Summer Student) provided an update to Council on recent developments related to their ongoing efforts for safeguarding the water quality on the Lake of the Woods. It was noted that a Bi-National Task Force was recently established, and its report will be required by July 15, 2011.

Future plans include the creation of a Stakeholder Advisory Group, a permanent Bi-National Water Quality Management Board, with the entire Lake of the Woods and its watershed under the jurisdiction of that Board.

As part of the discussion, it was suggested that Kenora Council could continue to provide support to this important initiative through passing a resolution, as

well as considering appointment of a liaison to the soon to be formed Stakeholder Advisory Group.

Budget:

There is no budget impact related to this resolution, except for any potential costs incurred related to attendance at the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Any such costs are expected to be minimal, and would be built into future year's budgets.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

A copy of the resolution should be sent to the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability, the International Joint Commission and the new Bi-National Task Force.

Cc: Todd Sellers, Executive Director, Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation