



**September 14, 2010**

## **City Council Report**

**TO: Mayor & Council**

**FR: Lake of the Woods Development Commission**

**RE: Beaches Parks & Trails Development Project Final Report**

**Recommendation:**

THAT Council hereby receives Beaches, Parks & Trails Development Report.

**Background:**

In 2008, City Council adopted the Economic Recovery & Diversification Strategy, which outlined key economic infrastructure projects to be completed from the Economic Development Plan.

In 2009, those project recommendations were included in the updated City of Kenora Economic Development Plan (2009)

One of the key projects recommended was the development of concept plans and preliminary cost estimates for improvements to the City's beaches, parks and trails. The project recognized that these green space areas in the community are key for enjoyment by local residents, new residents, summer residents, and visitors.

Scatliff Miller Murray worked with Ruth Marr Consulting and the project steering committee to develop concept plans for each of the following areas: Coney Island, Anicinabe Park, Garrow Park, Beatty Park and Portage Bay as well as provide preliminary routing for bicycles throughout the City.

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The project also received input from the City of Kenora's Urban Trails Committee and members of Keewatin BIZ for the Keewatin portion of the project. An internal workshop was held with City staff from recreation, parks, engineering, public works, tourism, economic development and planning.

In June, 2010, the Consultants held an open house where members of the community were able to provide input into the final plan. Comments received at the open house were very positive about all aspects of the project.

In August, 2010, the project steering committee met with the consultants to review the final draft report.

On September 10, 2010, the Beaches Parks & Trails Development Project Final Report was received by the Board of Directors of the Lake of the Woods Development Commission and recommended for forwarding to the City of Kenora Council's next meeting.