

September 17, 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: Discharge of Firearms By-Law – Request for Exemption

Recommendation:

That Council acknowledges the Youth Ministry entitled “Centershot Ministries” operating under The Way Christian Fellowship Inc. held at the former Our Lady of the Valley School; and,

That a component of the Ministry is the practice of indoor archery; and,

That Council grants The Way Christian Fellowship Inc. an exemption to By-Law #148-2010 Section 6; and further,

That three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

Background:

The City of Kenora has received a request from the organization *The Way Christian Fellowship Inc.*, for an exemption to By-Law #148-2010, being a By-Law to regulate the discharge of firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any class or type thereof.

The Pastor runs a Youth Ministry entitled “Centershot Ministries” and leases space in the former Our Lady of the Valley School (owned by Kenora/Patricia Family Services) for church meetings and indoor archery. The program was initiated in 2009 and would like to run from September 25th, 2010 until June 4th, 2011.

Section 6.2 of the Firearms By-Law #148-2010 requires that exemptions to the By-Law be made in writing and must set out the reasons for the proposed exemption and the location and time of the exemption.

Pastor Bill Cowan has submitted a written request for an exemption stating that the archery component would be run indoors for recreational purposes at the former Our Lady of the Valley School on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays following their worship service until 2:00 p.m.

I recommend that Council grant *The Way Christian Fellowship Inc.* an exemption to By-Law # 148-2010.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-law required.

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