



**April 11, 2011**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Heather Paterson- Tourism Development Officer**

**Re: TD Canada Green Streets (Tree Canada) Funding**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council gives three readings to a by-law to authorize execution of the Tree Canada agreement in the amount of \$15,000; and further

That City Council authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign the Tree Canada funding agreement in the amount of \$15,000.

### **Background:**

In the fall of 2010 the City of Kenora applied to the TD Canada Green Streets program (through Tree Canada) for financial assistance in completing a portion of the Discovery Centre Landscaping project. The application was submitted with a letter of support by the Mayor.

The application requested assistance from TD Green Streets to allow the City to reforest a 1400 square meter area of the Discovery Centre Site with an interpretive forest. Mature local Northwestern Ontario tree Species and local natural history will be developed to complement the Discovery Centres mandate. The interpretive program will teach both local community members and visitors about the scientific and cultural aspects of the reforested area and surrounding local forests. The interpretive plan will be geared towards both children and adults, getting children and their parents actively involved in identifying and learning about each type of tree and the significance of local forests.

Our application was accepted in the early Spring of 2011 and the information was made public on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Budget:**

The total budget for the project is \$41,000. With this agreement Tree Canada has committed \$15,000. The remaining \$16,000 commitment that we have made is already allocated in the Discovery Centre Landscaping budget.

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**