

Aug.4, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager
Barbara A. Manson, Parks Supervisor**

Re: Kenora Community Bicycle Routes

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora approves the mandate of the Bicycle Committee, a Sub-Committee of the Kenora Urban Trail's Committee, to enhance a network of on-road cycling facilities, trails and routes; and,

That approval be granted for the proposed Kenora Community Bicycle Routes as attached; and further,

That approval be granted for the 2011 Bicycle Project which includes share-the-road signage and bicycle stencils from the Keewatin Bridge to the Roundabout.

Background:

The Kenora Urban Trails Committee (UTC), a committee of Council, was formed in October, 2005 in partnership with the Kenora Health Providers to develop urban trails within Kenora. The UTC has established four official trails.

The Beaches, Parks & Trails Report – 2010, the Kenora Nordic Trails Study (2002), the Economic Development Plan (2006) and the Official Plan (2010) have all identified the need for bike routes in the City.

In 2011, a bicycle sub-committee of the UTC was formed to develop safe, signed and marked bicycle routes within the City of Kenora. These bicycle routes will build on strong community connections and partnerships, will connect residents, businesses, seasonal residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to Kenora's many exciting attractions, and inspires a vision of the City as a premier biking destination.

The mandate of the Bicycle Committee is to promote Kenora as a bicycle friendly community by identifying and prioritizing bicycle shared routes within the City, through community education and awareness, signage, mapping and by pursuing fund raising and grant opportunities. The Bicycle Committee will

report directly to the Kenora Urban Trails Committee, who in turn, will report to Council.

For 2011, two (2) share-the-roads signs and 10 white bicycle stencils have been incorporated into a paving tender (Capital Project) for approximately 2.4 km of roadway from Keewatin Bridge to the Husky Station in Norman at a value of approximately \$3,000.00 with future maintenance of the signs and stencils the responsibility of the City of Kenora.

The Bicycle Committee is working very closely with the Parks, Roads and Engineering Departments regarding the proposed bicycle routes.

The 2011 Bicycle Project is to include shared-signage and stencils (see attached samples) on portions of the pathway (Keewatin Bridge to Roundabout) not included in the above tender. Financing is supported by the Kenora Community Foundation (\$915.00 approved grant), and LOWBIC (\$5,000.00 – approved grant). The City of Kenora to install both the stencils and signage.

Budget:

Kenora Community Foundation - Grant
City of Kenora – Operational & Capital Budgets
LOWBIC - Grant

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution only.
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