



5 December 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Atikokan Generating Station (AGS)

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby endorses the following resolution circulated by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association:

Where the operation of the Atikokan Generating Station (AGS) of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has been and continues to be very critical to the economy of the Town of Atikokan; and

Whereas the jobs which exist at the AGS are vital to the workers at the station, their families and the community of Atikokan; and

Whereas the proposed conversion of AGS to burn biomass as a fuel source to replace coal would achieve significant environmental benefits, would create opportunities in the forest industry, and would maintain AGS jobs vital to our local community and economy; and

Whereas the Ontario Power Authority has been directed to negotiate an Energy Supply Agreement for Atikokan Biomass Power with OPG;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kenora supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association in strongly supporting the Province of Ontario in the repowering of the AGS as quickly as possible to meet the 2014 deadline.

Background:

The above resolution was circulated by NOMA to all municipalities in support of the continuation of the AGS and maintenance of jobs in the community/area and same will be forwarded to the province by the Association.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

N/A