

December 5, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council

Fr: Charlotte Edie

Re: 2012 Water and Sewer rate increase

Recommendation:

That as recommended by BMA Management Consulting Inc. in the Water and Wastewater Long Range Financial Plan Forecast approved by Council resolution on November 21, 2011, the 2012 water and sewer rates be increased by an additional 5% over the 5% already included as a budgeted increase for the 2012 year; and

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend "Schedule D" By-Law #168-2004 to increase water and sewer rates as set out on the attached "Schedule D"; and

That Council give three readings to a by-law for this purpose; and further

That this by-law shall take effect and come into force on January 1, 2012.

Background:

In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (2002) Council approved the Water and Wastewater Long Range Financial Plan Forecast. One of the recommendations of the Financial Plan was to implement a further 5% increase to water and sewer rates over and above the 5% included in the 2012 budget effective January 1, 2012. The increase would support the ongoing replacement of existing assets, begin to address the infrastructure deficit, and improve revenue stability. The firm of BMA Management Consultants Inc. prepared the Financial Plan.

Budget:

The additional 5% is to be reflected in the 2012 sewer and water operating budget.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Required under Schedule 'A' to Notice By-Law 144-2007: "before passing or amending a By-Law pertaining to fees and charges imposed by the City of Kenora, Council shall give public notice of its intention to pass a By-Law by placing it on the applicable agenda preceding the meeting and subsequently posted on the Portal."