



**Date 8 February 2011**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council**

**Fr: Karen Brown**

**Re: Northern Harbour Development**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council hereby directs administration to send a letter advising Mr. Clark that, while the City recognizes the potential benefit of increased docking facilities in the area, the City further recognizes that this development falls outside of the City of Kenora and would therefore defer to the Ministry of Natural Resources and their approval process.

### **Background:**

At the January 10, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Alex Clark provided a presentation to Council with regards to the proposed expansion at Northern Harbour. As part of the presentation, Mr. Hall indicated that he was hoping to obtain a letter of support from Council with regards to the proposed development. It was Mr. Hall's feeling that Council's support would be beneficial to Northern Harbour in moving through the required approval process. The request was subsequently discussed at the City's Property & Planning Committee meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

It is important to note that this development falls outside of the City of Kenora boundaries. The approval process for this type of development is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources. While there could certainly be some argument made for the benefit of increased docking facilities within the Kenora area, it should also be noted that the City has not performed any further investigation into the actual development and related impacts (environmental and other), Ministry requirements or other potential docking locations.

It is recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Hall recognizing that, while the City recognizes the potential benefit of increased docking facilities in the area, the City also recognizes that this development falls outside of the City of Kenora and therefore we would need to defer to the Ministry of Natural Resources and their approval process.

### **Budget:**

n/a

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

A letter will be sent to Northern Harbour advising them of Council's response to their deputation.