

January 6, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Rick Perchuk, Manager of Operations
Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

Re: Chipman Street Parking Lot

Recommendation:

That the Chipman Street Parking lot resume daily metered parking for public use; and further

That Council hereby repeals by-law number 113-2010, a by-law to amend By-law Number 66-2006 to establish and regulate Parking Lots and Structures within the City of Kenora.

Background:

On February 16, 2010 Council approved the addition of eight (8) parking stalls at the Lakeview Parking Lot to be leased out on a monthly basis to accommodate displaced users from the South Harbourfront Parking Lot as the result of Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Due to the construction on the Harbourfront and the displacement of the South Harbourfront parking lot patrons during the construction, it was then necessary to lease out on a monthly basis all parking stalls at the Chipman Street Parking Lot. At that time, the Chipman Street Parking Lot was a coin operated parking lot with no fees payable between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. and no fees payable Sunday or Public Holidays and was open for general use.

Now that the construction is nearing completion, the South Harbourfront parking lot will no longer be effected and the majority of the patrons who prior to construction, parked in the South lot, have returned to the South lot from the Chipman Street Lot. This leaves the Chipman Street lot very vacant with only 5 patrons accessing the monthly only option. It has been suggested that we reopen this lot as a daily use parking and reinstall the coin operated machine for daily use. The monthly patrons would be relocated to an alternate monthly location of their choice.

The City will be required to erect new signage to inform the public of the change in metered parking from Monday to Friday to allow it to be open to the public evenings and weekends free of charge.

Budget: minimal signage replacement costs at approximately \$200.00

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Public notice in the Municipal Memo as well as signage at the Chipman Street Lot. A By-Law to repeal by-law number 113-2010 is required.