



June 22, 2011

## City Council Committee Report

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations**

**Re: One Call – Call Before You Dig System**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** authorization be hereby given for the Corporation of the City of Kenora to join the Ontario One Call system; and further,

**That** the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports and endorses a provincial initiative.

### **Background:**

Union Gas representatives provided Council with a Power Point Presentation on the “One Call – Call Before You Dig” system, noting that a second reading has been given to the Private Member’s Bill regarding this matter.

The main focus of this initiative is safety for both the public and worker from injury and damages caused by digging up buried utility lines.

A single one call system would assist excavator companies by reducing the calls to locate gas, telephone, cable, hydro and water & sewer lines down to one before they dig.

Union Gas is requesting the City of Kenora join the existing one call system and support the call for a provincial initiative. The system has four (4) key benefits:

- Reduce Risk
- Cost Effective
- Business Friendly
- It Works

To participate in the program there is a onetime set up fee of \$1,000.00 (plus HST) per membership, which includes 4 hours of mapping.

**Budget:** 2011 Operating Budget

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

Resolution required.

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