



19 May 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Closed Meeting Investigator Services Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council hereby authorizes a joint agreement with various municipalities for the purposes of retaining Closed Meeting Investigator Services for the year 2011, with two further one year automatic renewals under the same terms and conditions; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Paul S. Heayn with respect to services as a Closed Meeting Investigator.

Background:

This is a follow-up to Council's resolution appointing Paul Heayn as Closed Meeting Investigator by resolution. The agreement has now been prepared by the City Solicitor for the City of Thunder Bay based on the same terms and conditions as provided for in the original agreement from 2008. I am recommending that Council authorize entering into the one year agreement with the aforementioned municipalities; it should be noted the agreement runs until the end of December this year, with two one year automatic renewals under the same terms and conditions.

Participating municipalities include: Atikokan, Dryden, Fort Frances, Thunder Bay, Oliver Paipoonge, O'Connor, Ear Falls, Machin, and Red Lake. The applicable Mayors and Clerks will be required to execute the agreement. Our Solicitor had reviewed the original agreement but since this agreement is the same as the previous one we are relying on the City of Thunder Bay's legal team, which has prepared the new agreement without charge to the other municipalities.

Budget:

Provision of costs for this agreement has been included in the 2011 budget.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

N/A – notice of the process remains posted on the Portal for the information of the public.