



Mar. 7, 2011

## City Council Committee Report

**To: Mayor Canfield & Council**

**Fr: Charlotte Edie, Treasurer**

**Re: BCF #28078 Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre Project Extension**

### **Recommendation:**

**Whereas** the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has allocated funds to the City of Kenora for the purpose of funding the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre Project; and

**Whereas** the City of Kenora's request for an extension to October 31, 2011 has been approved to allow for an additional construction season to finish the project;

**Now therefore, let it be resolved that** authorization be given for the Corporation of the City of Kenora to enter into an extension agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and further

**That** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to execute the amended Contribution Agreement.

### **Background:**

In 2009 Council entered into an agreement to receive 2/3 funding in the amount of \$2,077,006 for the construction of the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre. The original project deadline was March 31, 2011 however completing the project in that time frame would be difficult.

The funding agencies were finding that many municipalities had the same difficulty in completing their projects and had decided to accept extension requests. On February 25, 2011 the City received confirmation of its extension request. The funding agencies are in the process of amending the City's Contribution Agreement to reflect the revised deadline. The amended Contribution Agreement must be signed and dated by April 1, 2011.

**Budget:** The City's 2011 Capital Budget already reflected the completion of this project.

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

Submission of the signed and dated amended Contribution Agreement to the Canada Ontario Infrastructure Secretariat by April 1, 2011.