



Mar. 7, 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Canfield & Council

Fr: Charlotte Edie, Treasurer

Re: ISF #117 Highway 17 Gateway Rehabilitation 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 Highway 17 Gateway Rehabilitation 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 \$4,666,666 for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Highway 17 East and West within City limits. The project was completed under budget.

In 2010 the City received approval to expand the project into Norman in order to fully use the entire amount of the funds. The original project deadline was March 31, 2011 however the City could not complete the extended project within this time frame.

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 extended project will be reflected in the City's 2011 Capital Budget.

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.