

**March 3, 2011**



## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

**Re: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NAFN Hockey Tournament**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the use of the Kenora Recreation Centre for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual North American First Nations Hockey Tournament held April 7-10, 2011.

### **Background:**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual North American First Nations Hockey Tournament of Champions will be hosted this year by Wauzhushk Onigum Nation on April 7-10, 2011 at the Kenora and Keewatin Recreation Complexes. This NAFN tournament has become a tradition in the City of Kenora over the past 20 years and is a huge economic boost to our local economy during a quiet period in the City.

As you are aware, the tournament was in jeopardy of not being held in Kenora this year due to the lack of leadership to take over the event after Buck Matiowski retired. A group of concerned volunteers quickly put together a committee under the leadership of Wauzhushk Onigum Nation to ensure the event still took place in Kenora.

As in previous years, the NAFN tournament committee is seeking financial assistance to help with the costs associated with such a large event.

### **Budget:**

This event has been an annual budgeted item in the amount of \$3,000 towards the event and this amount has been identified in the 2011 budget for consideration. Due to the timelines of the event, the grant needs approval prior to the budgets being passed.

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

N/A