

May 24, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council

Fr: Charlotte Edie

Re: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to a by-law permitting the City of Kenora to enter into the letter of agreement with the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program for 2010-2011.

Background:

The Ministry of Transportation has created the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program under which and over time two cents of the existing provincial gas tax will be provided to municipalities for public transportation expenditures. The purpose of this initiative is to support increased public transportation ridership in Municipalities. The Ministry is requesting a signed letter of agreement with regard to this program.

Budget:

There is no expected budget impact as a result of this program. Gas tax revenues are intended to support increased municipal public transportation expenditures and not to reduce or replace current levels of municipal public transportation funding.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

The Ministry of Transportation requires two copies of the letter of agreement. Further communication to Operations and Kenora Handi Transit.