

May 5, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: John Nabb, Facilities Coordinator

Re: Coney Island Shuttle Service 2011-2012

Recommendation:

That Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora give three readings to a by-law to authorize an contract extension between the City of Kenora and Mr. John O'Flaherty to provide the Coney Island Shuttle Service for the 2011 – 2012; and

That the approved municipal grant of \$7,500 for the Coney Island Shuttle Service be reduced to \$5,000 for the 2011 year, and a review of the 2011 season to determine the funding requirements for the 2012 season, be hereby accepted; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Kenora and Mr. John O'Flaherty.

Background:

Council, through the Kenora Port Authority, invited interested parties to submit expressions of interest for a proposed Coney Island Shuttle Service for the 2009-2010 season with provisions for a further two (2) year option as mutually agreed. Responses were reviewed by the Kenora Port Authority. Mr. O'Flaherty was the successful party to provide the service and received a grant in the amount of \$7,500, approved under the former Council, to assist with operating costs. The Coney Island Shuttle Service operates from the dock at the Harbourfront adjacent to the MS Kenora.

As indicated there were provisions for an extension of contract and Mr. O'Flaherty has expressed interest in exercising the two (2) year option. Following a review of Mr. O'Flaherty's Financial Report it is clear that a grant is necessary to offset losses, but a reduction to \$5,000 for the 2011 year would provide financial stability for the continued success of the Coney Island shuttle program. Further, a review of the 2011 season will take place to determine the funding requirements for the 2012 season.

An allocation of \$7,500 per year has been approved under the 2011 Operating Budget.

The Coney Island shuttle service, provided by Mr. O'Flaherty, is meeting all expectations which were determined in a review completed by the Facilities Coordinator. A priority within the initial Request for Proposal for this service was to promote the increase in usage of the Coney Island Park beach by local citizens and the visiting public. Mr. O'Flaherty's service has received favourable comments from the public.

Budget: Operating Budget 2011- 2012

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-law required:

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