



8 November 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Establishment of a City of Kenora Volunteer Youth Council

Recommendation:

That further to Council's October 17 request for development of a Terms of Reference for establishment of a Volunteer Youth Council, Council hereby give three readings to a by-law to establish a Terms of Reference for a City of Kenora Volunteer Youth Council; and further

That following adoption of the by-law, arrangements be made by Administration to advertise for applications with a view to having the Youth Council established in January, 2012 for the start-up term.

Background:

The draft Terms of Reference attached to this report are self-explanatory and have been reviewed by the CAO, the Recreation Services Manager, the NWHU Youth Advisor and the three youth who have been integral in having a Youth Council established in the community.

The Terms of Reference may be summarized as follows: the Youth Council will mirror a regular seven Member Council with a Mayor, Deputy and Councillors. Youth will be between the ages of 14 and 21 (conditional on meeting certain criteria in terms of education, interest, etc.) Resource staff to the Council will be an elected official (Mayor or designate), the CAO, the Recreation Services Manager and the NWHU Youth Advisor. The term will be for one year, July 1 to June 30. However for this start-up year we would look at having an extended term to cover a projected start period from January to July, 2012 depending on interest received, and then follow the full year process and if there is a need to call for further applications. The City will provide basic office supplies and meeting room space at the Rec. Centre's Multi-purpose Room as youth would have access to coffee room facilities and internet service. No funding or transportation services would be provided by the City. Finally it is being suggested the three youth that have been very involved would not have to apply but would automatically fast forward to the interview process.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

No Notice requirements. Copies of the Terms will be provided to the applicable Departments including the youth group through the NWHU Youth Advisor following approval.