City Council
Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie – Support for Bill 206

Recommendation:
That the City of Kenora hereby supports the following resolution passed by the Council of the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie:

> Resolved that City Council express its full support of Bill 206 – TransCanada Highway Improvement Act, legislation introduced by David Orazietti, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, which proposes that the Federal and Provincial governments develop a plan to improve Highway 17 in a variety of ways that address the concerns of Northern Ontario motorists; further that former federal funding levels be reinstated; and that this resolution be forwarded to FONOM and municipalities along the Highway 17 corridor for endorsement.

Background:
In May of 2011 David Orazietti, M.P.P. Sault Ste. Marie initiated Bill 206 proposing that the Federal and Provincial governments adopt a plan to cost share improvements to the Northern Ontario portion of the TransCanada Highway in order to enhance public safety, support regional economic growth and boost tourism.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is requesting that all northern communities along the Highway 17 corridor pass a resolution in support of the following resolution, which was passed at a regular meeting of Council held on August 15, 2011:

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Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:
Resolution required.
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