

September 1, 2011



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Heather L. Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

Re: Attendance at the Ke-ondaatiziying Treaty 3 Area Economic Opportunities Conference 2011

Recommendation:

That authorization be hereby given for up to four (4) councilors and staff to attend the Ke-ondaatiziying Treaty 3 Area Economic Opportunities Conference in Kenora, taking place September 28, 29 and 30th 2011 in Kenora; and further

That all eligible expenses in accordance with Council's Travel & Per Diem Policy be hereby authorized.

Background:

Grand Council of Treaty #3, The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, and The City of Kenora in partnership with The Lake of the Woods Development Commission are hosting an important relationship building conference entitled "Ke-ondaatiziying, Treaty 3 Area Economic Opportunities". The conference will take place in Kenora, Ontario on the historic Tunnel Island on September 28th, 29th and 30th, 2011.

Invitations to attend this event are extended to First Nations, municipal leaders and businesses sharing the Treaty 3 area. The conference will provide an opportunity to build business relationships and identify new and existing economic development opportunities by identifying protocols for good business practice and investment readiness.

There will be a focus on four key sectors of the economy: Forestry, Mining, Tourism and Arts & Culture with discussion panels formed of organizations and businesses from the Treaty 3 area with experience building partnerships.

Intended outcomes of the Conference:

- Understanding of the history of the Treaty 3 and what it means today for Economic Development and Ontario resource law today
- Knowledge of historical settlements reinforcing original Treaty 3 rights
- Re-commitment to the "Common Principles Leading to Cooperation between Aboriginal & Municipal Leaders"
- Development of protocol for making economic partnerships with First Nations Communities
- Creation of new partnerships among First Nations Communities, municipalities and business
- Economic prosperity for both municipalities and First Nations Communities in the Treaty 3 area

In keeping with policy, Council will need to approval the registration fee of \$100 per Councillor.

Budget:

Council's budget(s).

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

N/A