

21 November 2012



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

**Re: Endorsation of Resolution – Discontinuation of Overnight Camping
(Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls)**

Recommendation:

That as requested by the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, the Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports and endorses the following resolution:

Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources has announced the end of overnight camping in ten provincial parks in Northern Ontario, including Caliper Lake Provincial Park in the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, Fushimi Lake, Greenwater, Ivanhoe Lake, Mississagi, Obatanga, Rene Brunelle, Springwater, The Shoals and Tidewater; and

Whereas the decision will result in job losses for Northern Ontarians and negatively impact tourism and Northern Ontario's way of life; and

Whereas local stakeholders and municipalities have not been consulted on these closures and have been denied the opportunity to make these parks more sustainable;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby petitions the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately suspend plans to cancel overnight camping at the ten provincial parks named above; and further

That Kenora Council supports Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls in its efforts to consult with various stakeholders and regional economic development organizations regarding the long-term viability of preserving Northern Ontario's provincial parks.

Background:

Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Council is consulting with and requesting various municipal Councils to support them in their effort to have the province immediately suspend plans to cancel overnight camping at various provincial parks, and in particular, Caliper Lake in Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls. This recommendation is in support of those efforts.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

As per resolution with a copy to the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls.