



December 3, 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations
Mike Mostow, Fleet Supervisor**

Re: Transit Bus Service Tender

Recommendation:

That the only tender for the provision of transit and accessible transit services received from First Canada ULC under contract to the City of Kenora, in the amount of \$1,106,073 (plus HST), be hereby received and accepted; and further

That Council give three readings to a bylaw to authorize an agreement between First Canada ULC and the City of Kenora for the provision of Conventional Transit Services.

Background:

The City of Kenora's public transit service contract, which has been held by Excel Coach Lines Ltd. for the past five (5) years, is due to expire December 31, 2012, as per By-law #128-2007.

A public tender was advertised for the provision of transit and accessible transit service for the City of Kenora with only one proposal received from First Canada ULC.

A copy of the proposal is attached and contains several conditions as outlined.

First Transit is the brand used by First Canada ULC. (dba First Student/Transit Canada). First Canada has a long history of providing bus transportation and maintenance in Canada dating back to the 1950's and in 2007 bought out Grey Hound and Laidlaw Bus Lines making it the largest bus operator in North America.

Until the City can provide a third bus First Canada ULC will supply the City with a backup bus for an additional \$1.66 per hour.

I recommend that approval be given to accept the proposal, as amended, submitted by First Canada ULC to operate the City owned buses for the next five (5) years providing a Monday to Saturday operation and to include all staffing and maintenance works.

Budget: 2013 Operating Budget

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Bylaw required for authorization of contract

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