

City Council Committee Report

Date: February 1, 2012

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Heather Paterson, Tourism Development Officer

Re: NOHFC Northern Ontario Youth Co-op Program Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby give three readings to a by-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under the Northern Ontario Youth Co-op Program for finalizing costs associated with the hiring of one Tourism Summer Student in 2011.

Background:

In May 2011 one of the Tourism summer students that was hired indicated that the City was eligible to obtain funding for her summer position through the NOHFC Northern Ontario Youth Co-op Program Agreement, due to the fact that her employment was considered to be a co-op placement because it was related her studies in the Tourism and Hospitality field.

The application was made to NOHFC for a grant in the amount of \$2,940.00. Program officers indicated that we should go ahead and hire our candidate pending approval because it was a lengthy approval process. Our application was accepted in late August, but due to the Provincial Election we did not receive our agreement from NOHFC until December 21, 2011. This is the first opportunity available to bring this report to council. Once we have entered into the agreement, we will begin the process of submitting our final claim for the position.

Budget: Will be contributed to 2011 operating budgets, to offset summer student wages

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: N/A at this time