



January 27, 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: Neighbourhood Watch Program - Signage

Recommendation:

That as requested by the Kenora Community Policing Committee in response to requests by the public as a means to deter neighbourhood crime, Council hereby authorizes the purchase, installation and maintenance of the "Neighbourhood Watch Signs" in support of the Neighbourhood Watch Program being organized by the Policing Committee; and

That funding for the purchase, installation and maintenance of signage for this purpose be through the approved 2012 Roads Operating Budget; and further

That the Operations Department be authorized to look after the installation, maintenance and replacement of the signs as required by requests received by the Policing Committee under this program.

Background:

The Community Police Committee was approached to start up a "Neighbourhood Watch Program", whereby signs would be erected to deter crime in neighbourhoods. The signage would serve as notice that there are people watching and provide a means for reporting suspicious activity to police, see attached sample sign.

Community Police Committee members Cst. David Cain and Bill Richards chaired an Open House, held in November 2011, whereby 85 signatures were received from members of the public interested in participating.

The Community Police Committee is a Committee of Council without a budget. With no funds for the project the Committee was going to approach Insurance Companies for donations to purchase the signs. Since the signage will be erected on municipal property and the fact that the Committee will not have the means to install, maintain or replace the signage it is proposed that the City take on this responsibility. It is proposed that funding for the purchase of signs, installation and maintenance would be through the 2012 approved Roads Operating Budget.

The following three (3) areas were identified by the Committee to start the program: Rabbit Lake, Lakeside and Keewatin - 5th Street (water tower). The

Community Police Committee will establish the protocol and oversee the program. Future requests for signage will be made through the Committee.

Budget: 2012 Operating Budget

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution only required.

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