

4 January 2012



## City Council Committee Report

**To: Mayor and Council**

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Operations Manager**

**Re: Endorsation of Resolution – Township of Carling – Paving  
Highway Shoulders**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** the Council of the City of Kenora hereby receives the December 16, 2011 resolution from the Township of Carling respect to supporting and endorsing a Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders; and

That if the Bill is passed it would require a minimum one metre paved shoulder on certain provincially owned highways to improve public safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike; and

That studies in other jurisdictions confirm that where paved shoulders exist, accidents are drastically reduced; and

That there is obvious health benefits for individuals and society in general, as more opportunities are provided to cycle and walk for recreation or for transportation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Kenora supports MPP Norm Miller's Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation of Ontario, Andrea Horvath, Kenora-Rainy River MPP, and the Township of Carling.

### **Background:**

The City received the attached resolution from the Township of Carling requesting support of a Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders. In general I support this; however we have very little MTO roads in Kenora, with the Redditt Road being the only one. It should be pointed out that the request would be in keeping with our Official Plan statement, also attached (see 7.6a), whereby we encourage paved pathways for such things as biking and walking on these roadways and if successful through the endorsement of this resolution across the province, the MTO may very well be directed to pave the shoulders of the Redditt Road for this purpose.

### **Budget:**

N/A

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

N/A