

March 5, 2012



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: John Nabb, Facilities Coordinator

Re: Coney Island Shuttle Service 2012-2013

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to a by-law to authorize an contract extension between the City of Kenora and Kenora Marine Transportation Services to provide the Coney Island Shuttle Service for the 2012 season; and

That approval be given to reduce the amount of the municipal grant from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for the Coney Shuttle Service 2012 season, and that a review take place of the 2012 season to determine the funding requirements for the 2013 season ; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Kenora and Kenora Marine Transportation Services.

Background:

Council, through the Kenora Port Authority, invited interested parties to submit expressions of interest for a proposed Coney Island Shuttle Service for the 2009 season with provisions for a further two (2) year option as mutually agreed. Responses were reviewed by the Kenora Port Authority. Mr. O'Flaherty was the successful party to provide the service and received a grant in the amount of \$7,500, approved under the former Council, to assist with operating costs. The Coney Island Shuttle Service operates from the dock at the Harbourfront adjacent to the north dock on Coney Island

As indicated there were provisions for an extension of contract and Mr. O'Flaherty has expressed interest in exercising the two (2) year option. Following a review of Mr. O'Flaherty's Financial Report it is clear that a grant is necessary to offset losses, but a reduction to \$2,500 for the 2012 year would provide financial stability for the continued success of the Coney Island shuttle program. Further a review of the 2012 season will take place to determine the funding requirements for the 2013 season

An allocation of \$2,500 per year has been approved under the 2012 Operating Budget.

The Coney Island shuttle service, provided by Mr. O'Flaherty, is meeting all expectations which were determined in a review completed by the Facilities Coordinator. A priority within the initial Request for Proposal for this service was to promote the increase in usage of the Coney Island Park beach by local citizens and the visiting public. Mr. O'Flaherty's service has received favourable comments from the public.

Budget: Operating Budget 2012

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-law required:

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