



4 May 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Closure of South Harbourfront Parking Lot - Harbourfest

Recommendation:

That authorization be hereby given for the closure of the South Harbourfront Parking Lot as set out below in conjunction with Harbourfest 2012:

From Friday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. to
Sunday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m.; and

That Harbourfest is responsible to erect and dismantle the necessary barricades for this purpose and to provide access to the lot for Emergency Vehicles if and where required; and

That the City of Kenora is not responsible for the removal of, or owner notification to any vehicles that may be parked in the South Harbourfront Lot at the posted closure times; and further

That Administration develop a policy for the use of the South Harbourfront Lot for events for Council's consideration.

Background:

Harbourfest has requested closure of the South Harbourfront Parking Lot during its events for purposes of accommodating the KidZone and Crafters areas rather than using the Scotiabank parking lot.

I've struggled a bit with this request as one of the reasons for having the permanent tent structure on the Harbourfront is so the south lot did not have to be closed for events and patrons moved to accommodate an event. However this is our first request and it is for the weekend only which will not disrupt those with reserved parking. It would be my suggestion that we not get into the habit of providing use of and closing the South Harbourfront lot unless it is for the weekend only, and only for a significant event. A policy could be developed to this end so there is no disruption to patrons and the City having to provide parking to those in reserved spaces. General revenues are lost during weekdays and with having to close the lot and provide some 70 guest passes for those affected to park on the streets, results in a further loss of revenue, and there is no user fee in place at this time to close the South lot.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Affected Patrons; By-law Enforcement.