



April 11, 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Rick Perchuk, Operations Manager
Barbara A. Manson, Parks Supervisor**

Re: 2012 Dragon Boat Festival

Recommendation:

That the Council of the City of Kenora hereby acknowledges the Kenora Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday, August 12, 2012; and further

That the following approvals be granted in conjunction with the above-noted Special Event;

1. That authorization be granted for the officials' boats to operate 50 h.p. motors on Rabbit Lake.
2. That authorization be granted for the event buoys to be placed in the water 1 day prior to the event, to be removed in the following week.
3. That exclusive use of Garrow Park and the Tennis Courts at Garrow Park be approved for this event on August 12, 2012.

Background:

The Tenth Annual Dragon Boat Festival will be held at the Kenora Rowing Club on Sunday, August 12, 2012, with practices to be held on Friday night, August 10th and Saturday morning August 11th. Buoys to be placed 1 day prior to the event. It is necessary for the organizational crew to be on the water for approximately four (4) hours.

The annual approvals are requested:

1. Request to grant a variance for the boat motor size on Rabbit Lake, set by Jaffray Melick By-Law No. 833, passed 17 November 1981. The official boats need to be 50 h.p. to keep up to the dragon boats to ensure their safety on the water.

2. Permission to place buoys in the water 1 day prior to the event & to remove in the following week. The buoys float, thus allowing swimmers, canoeists, kayakers & motorboats safe access to the lake.
3. Exclusive use of Garrow Park and the Rabbit Lake and Garrow Park Tennis Courts on Sunday, August 12, 2012 for an Entertainment Area. The "entertainment area" will be for food vendors and family entertainment.

Budget:

No direct cost to the City of Kenora.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution required.

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