



October 15, 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council

From: Lisa Oakes

Re: Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum Request

Recommendation

That Council of the City of Kenora supports the request of the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation and authorizes a donation in the amount of \$500 for the 2013 International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum; and further

That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation.

Background:

The International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum is the primary conference for researchers and resource managers working on the bi-national water quality and ecological issues facing Lake of the Woods, the second largest inland lake in Ontario.

Founded in 2004, and now entering 2013 - its 10th year, the annual water quality conference will attract over 100 researchers and resource managers from Ontario, Manitoba, Minnesota and federal agencies and the university community as well.

The Forum provides the primary venue for development of collaborative research projects and for showcasing the research efforts of agencies working on Lake of the Woods and its watershed.

The 2013 Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum will be taking place on March 13-14, 2013 in International Falls. The Forum is funded by their Foundation and a variety of resource management agencies and other groups active in the watershed.

Budget: \$500 (five hundred dollars) to be included in the 2013 operating budget under Mayor & Council donations for the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution required.