



September 17, 2012

**City Council
Committee Report**

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator

Re: Dissolution of Harbourtown Centre Committee of Council

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby dissolves the Harbourtown Centre Committee, effective November 30, 2012; and

That Council give three readings to a by-law to repeal Terms of Reference By-law Number 18-2011, effective November 30, 2012; and

That all current appointments to the Harbourtown Centre Committee will be rescinded as of November 30, 2012; and further

That Council expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to the current and former Members of the Harbourtown Centre Committee for their time, commitment and efforts over the years while serving on the Committee which has resulted in a better Harbourtown Centre and community in general, for residents and visitors alike.

Background:

On July 16, 2001, the Council of the City of Kenora dissolved the "Harbourfront Steering Committee". The Harbourtown Centre Committee was established to provide advice and direction to City Council on a wide range of planning and development matters as they affect the downtown core of the City of Kenora, and from time to time, from areas of the City outside the downtown core as the Committee may deem to be important. Generally, the role of the Committee will be to plan and implement tasks and activities in the following areas:

Downtown Cleanup
Property Security and Safer Streets
Streetcaping and Downtown Re-vitalization
Marketing and Promotion
Parking and Traffic Flow

The 2011 terms of reference provided for the following membership:

Two (2) members of the City of Kenora Council plus an alternate

- Four (4) representatives of the downtown business community
- One (1) representative of Kenora Improvement Area (BIA)
- One (1) representative of the Chamber of Commerce
- One (1) representative of the Kenora Assembly of Resources
- One (1) representative from the Kenora Shoppers' Mall
- One (1) representative from Making Kenora Home
- One (1) representative from LOW Development Commission - Tourism
- Chief Administrative Officer – Resource Staff - City of Kenora

- City Planning Administrator – Resource Staff - City of Kenora
- Other City Resource staff as required at the discretion of the City CAO
- Ontario Provincial Police – Resource Staff

Since the summer of 2011 and into 2012, there has been a reduction in the number of interested parties attending the Harbourtown Centre Committee meetings. One of the theories behind this reduction is that the initial mandate of the Harbourtown Centre has run its course.

In May of 2012, the Committee was advised that staff support would be provided only until September, at which time the Committee could continue, however on its own terms. The last meeting of this Committee was held on June 6, 2012.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Notice by agenda of Property and Planning Committee and Council, Ralph Page and agencies/organizations which were represented at the Harbourtown Centre Committee