

21 August 2012



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Student Councillor Program to replace Kenora Youth Council

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a "Student Councillor Program" to replace the previously approved "Kenora Youth Council" by adopting a municipal policy to establish the program for the purpose of allowing a student perspective to be considered by City Council when making applicable decisions; and

That this policy take effect following adoption at its September 17 Council meeting in order for the program to dovetail with "Local Government Week" in October; and

That Council give three readings to a by-law to adopt the Student Councillor Program Policy #CC-16-1; and further

That By-law Number 25-2012 which established the Kenora Youth Council be and is hereby repealed.

Background:

Further to Council direction at its July 16, 2012 meeting to review the Terms of Reference for the Kenora Youth Council structure, the Town of Marathon's policy has been reviewed further to a presentation at my Spring AMCTO Zone meeting and it has been determined by staff that a Student Councillor Program would be the best alternative to the Youth Council model. The policy is self-explanatory and the Marathon Policy tailored to fit our needs. The policy provides for appointment of up to two (2) Student Councillors and this is dependent on interest. A 250 word essay will be required as well as endorsement from their School Principal. The program will be promoted in conjunction with Local Government Week with selection of the Student Councillor(s) on the Friday at the end of that week. The term will run November 15 to June 15.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Contacting schools to make them aware of the program through promotion of Local Government Week.