



**Date: September 05, 2012**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council**

**Fr: Lisa Oakes**

**Re: Human Resources & Skills Development Canada–Enabling Accessibility Fund**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council hereby approves the request to submit an application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Human Resources & Skills Development Enabling Accessibility Fund to create and improve accessibility for people with disabilities within our community that use the Kenora Recreation Complex and enable people with disabilities to perform activities within the complex; and further

That the application be submitted prior to the October 5, 2012 deadline.

### **Background:**

The Facilities Supervisor, along with the Budget/Auditor General would like to apply for funding through the Human Resources & Skills Development Canada for a grant in the amount of \$50,000. At least twenty-five percent of the total eligible costs must come from non-federal government sources. The project funding request would include the final installation of the accessibility automatic door openers at the KRC (22 remaining at approx. \$4,400/each) to help ensure community-based projects that improve accessibility, remove barriers and enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute within their communities.

Eligible project activities include;

- Constructing an interior or exterior ramp
- Installing wider doors or automated door openers
- Raising or lowering sinks &/or counters
- Improving lighting & increasing color contrast
- Building an accessible washroom
- Installing accessible door handles & light switches
- Installing an elevator or lift
- Providing computer enhancements such as interactive speech capability
- Installing a wheelchair lift on a community-based vehicle
- Any other activities that contribute to creating or enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities & that are deemed acceptable by HRSDC

We ask that Council to approve the amount of \$50,000 to come from the City of Kenora to match maximum funding available from HRSDC in the amount of \$50,000 for this application. The application funding plus the matched City amount would be a combined total of \$100,000. Application deadline is October 5, 2012. The maximum funding amount per project is \$50,000. The projects must start in the current fiscal year, before March 31, 2013.

### **Budget:**

This project is potentially being \$50,000 funded by the Human Resources & Skills Development Canada through this grant and has \$50,000 City budget impact, if approved.

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

N/A