



**August 20, 2012**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor Canfield & Members of Council**  
**Fr: Lisa Oakes**  
**Re: Thunder Bay Disaster Relief funding request**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council of the City of Kenora participates in the donation request from Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee, and authorize a donation of \$1,000 to the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Fund to help compensate those affected by the flooding this past spring; and further

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee.

### **Background:**

Attached please find a copy of a letter from the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee.

In the early hours of May 28, 2012, more rain fell in Thunder Bay and Area in two hours than normally for the entire month of May causing extensive damage and flooding in many areas of the City. Several homes were flooded with sewage resulting in life-altering destruction. The aftermath tragedy was massive piles of flood-damaged belongings (property, family pictures & a place to call home) for several in the area.

While much of the cleanup has been completed, there are thousands of affected homeowners and businesses faced with the task of repairing the damage and restoring their buildings. It is estimated that \$15 to 20 million will be required to help those either without insurance or under-insured.

As a result of the flood, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the region of Thunder Bay and Area as a "Disaster area" which allowed the municipality to access provincial funds through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). A Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee has been formed and is spearheading the local fundraising effort. They are asking that all Ontario municipalities assist in the fundraising efforts. All donations will be matched 2:1 by the province. Thunder Bay is looking to raise \$5 million to help those affected by the flood.

### **Budget:**

Funds available in the Council donations expense line to cover this \$1,000 donation.

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

A letter, including Council's resolution, will be sent to the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee, together with the City's \$1,000 donation.