



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Colleen Neil, Recreation Services Manager

Re: Budget Approval for the conception design work for expansion of the Kenora Recreation Centre.

Recommendation:

That approval be hereby given to the Recreation Services Manager, on behalf of the Event Centre Committee, to request proposals for service to aid in the development of a conceptual design and establishment of costs for the expansion of the Kenora Recreation Centre; and

That in accordance with Notice By-law #144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give permission at its August 13, 2013 meeting to withdraw funds from the Kenora Recreation Centre Operating Budget in the amount of no more than \$45,000.00 to offset the cost of this purchase of service; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the 2013 budget for this purpose.

Background:

On July 9th 2013 the Event Centre Committee presented their community research findings to the Council of the City of Kenora. The research illustrated that the community is statistically significantly in favour of developing the Kenora Recreation Centre in order to increase the level of service the facility can offer to the community and to attract visitors to the City. These findings are in line with the Kenora and District Chamber of Commerce study that was also recently completed in the community.

In closing of the presentation to Council the Committee Chairs presented the next steps of the Committees work plan and were seeking Councils support to develop a conceptual design, budget figures for the project, time lines and future operating costs. In preliminary discussion with the commercial project management firms the fee of \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00 was given depending on the scope of work assigned for this type of service.

The Kenora Recreation Centre has recently gone through some staff reorganization and there are some cost saving attached to these changes. The amount of saving due to the changes could allow for previously approved staff dollars to made available to fund the cost of the design and budgeting service.

Budget:

An amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 from the Kenora Recreation Centre Operating Budget.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Notice required to be placed on Committee Agenda, Minutes and subsequent Council Agenda/Minutes.