



**July 30, 2013**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**TO: Mayor and Council**

**FR: Charlotte Caron, Manager of Property and Planning**

**RE: Transfer of Federal infrastructure to City of Kenora – Keewatin Wharf**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby directs the Manager of Property and Planning to proceed with the transfer of the dock/boat launch and lands associated with the Keewatin Wharf from the Federal government.

### **Background:**

The City of Kenora has an agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours Branch for the use of the premises locally known as the Keewatin Wharf.

The mandate of Small Craft Harbours is to support commercial fisherman/industry, and the use of the Keewatin wharf area no longer fits within that mandate. Facilities such as this one are being transferred to municipalities which will accept them.

The lands are unencumbered by agreements with the Province, and upon application and provision of gross estimates of works required in order to bring the infrastructure up to standard, Small Craft Harbours will begin the process of transferring the lands/infrastructure to the City of Kenora. This process may take upwards of one year to complete, depending on the cost to upgrade (funds provided by grant to the City and the City would complete the works) and whether or not that amount is available in the current year's budget.

One of the caveats to transfer is that the City cannot transfer the lands for at least five (5) years.

**Budget:** Terms of sale to be negotiated

**Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:** By agenda for Property and Planning and Council; Manager of Property and Planning, CAO, EDO, Planning Administrator, Facilities Coordinator, Managers

