

January 2, 2013



City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

**FR: Kevin Robertson, CBO/Supervisor of By-Law Enforcement
Rick Perchuk, Manager of Operations**

RE: Discharge of Firearms By-law 148-2010

Recommendation:

That Council hereby amends the Discharge of Firearms By-law Number 148-2010 by adding the following sections:

2. Definition/Interpretation:

(i) "Registered trap line area" means an area designated as a trap line area in a Schedule to Part 1 of Ontario Regulation 663/98 (Area Descriptions).

(j) "Trapper" means a person licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources to hunt or trap furbearing mammals and black bear in the area designated in the license.

5. General Exemption:

5.6 A trapper licensed to manage a registered trap line area within the boundaries of the City of Kenora, provided the firearm is limited to a .22 caliber long rifle; and further

That three readings be given to a by-law for this purpose.

Background:

The City of Kenora prohibits (with exemption) the discharge of firearms south of the by-pass. The City also has a registered trap line area south of the by-pass managed by local trappers. There are times when animals are alive in traps or snares and the most humane way to dispatch them is to use a .22 caliber long rifle.

To qualify for a license, trappers must successfully complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course. The course is administered by the MNR and delivered cooperatively by trapper organizations. The course emphasizes safe and humane trapping, survival skills, good pelt preparation and sustainable management practices.

Budget: There are no budget impacts on this amendment

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Operations Agenda, Council Agenda, Ontario Provincial Police, By-law Enforcement, Manager of Operations