



**July 2, 2013**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**TO: Mayor and Council**

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

**RE: Deer Management in the City of Kenora**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council hereby accepts the "Deer Management in the City of Kenora Report" and associated action items as outlined in the July 2, 2013 report of Charlotte Caron, Manager of Property and Planning.

### **Background:**

There have recently been two attacks on local citizens by deer, specifically does believed to be protecting their young. The City of Kenora's deer management committee met to discuss what further steps can be taken to protect the citizens of Kenora and ways to manage the urban deer population. The members of the committee determined that a multi-pronged approach is needed to address Kenora's urban deer issue. The committee proposes the following four actions:

1. Education – the Ministry of Natural Resources together with the OPP will contact the local school boards offering to come and give presentations at the schools regarding deer, deer behavior and appropriate actions. The MNR together with the City of Kenora Bylaw department and local media will issue news releases and newspaper articles and utilize the City website to spread information regarding deer, deer behavior and appropriate actions. Action: Scott McAughey (MNR), Paul VanBellenghem (OPP), Kevin Robertson, and Heather Kasprick
2. The City of Kenora together with MNR will continue to lobby for an increased number of tags per person as well as a further reduced cost of deer tags. Action: Deb Weedon (MNR) and Dave Canfield
3. A reduction in the size of areas available for hunting to five acres as well as a boundary adjustment of the no discharge of firearms area to be brought to council for review at the August meeting. Action: Charlotte Caron and Scott McAughey (MNR)
4. In order to better understand the City's urban deer population and what further tools may be used to control the population, Lakehead University to be contacted to determine appropriate methods of population estimates and sustainable herd numbers. Action: Charlotte Caron and Scott McAughey (MNR)

**Budget: None**

**Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:** Charlotte Caron, Dave Canfield, Heather Kasprick, Kevin Robertson, City Portal, MNR, OPP and local school boards.