

28 May 2013

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Donation of City Hall CPR Clock to Railroad Museum

Recommendation:

That further to CP Rail generously donating its 'old station pendulum clock' thirty-one years ago to the then Town of Kenora in recognition of the Town's Centennial Year – "Kenora for You in 1982," the Council of the City of Kenora appropriately donates this Canadian Pacific Station Clock, 'as-is' to the Kenora CP Rail Retiree Club to display in its Railway Museum; and

That an invitation be extended to the CP Rail Retiree Club to attend the June 25 Council meeting for the station clock to be officially presented to representatives of the Club; and further

That should the CP Rail Retiree Club cease operations in Kenora that the station clock be returned to the City of Kenora to determine a suitable location for the clock and/or to turn it over to the Lake of the Woods Museum.

Background:

Since the station clock in Council Chambers is in need of some repair to its hands mechanism a suggestion was made to donate the clock to the local CP Retiree Club for its Railway Museum. As noted in the recommendation, the former 1982 Town of Kenora Council was the recipient of the clock in recognition of the Town's Centennial celebrations that year. However it would seem fitting to donate it to the Club and to replace the clock in Chambers with a newer similar style clock.

I did a bit of interesting research online regarding the history of the station clock and have included it with this report on SharePoint. I suspect there was and may still be a certificate of authenticity attached to the back of the clock, this will be evident when the clock is removed from the wall at which time it can be determined if in fact it has an original number associated with it for authenticity purposes. If the clock is ever returned to the City it may be appropriate to turn it over to the Lake of the Woods Museum.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Contact with the CPR Retirees Group to attend for presentation.