



May 22, 2013

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Lori Nelson, Museum Director, Tara Rickaby, Planning Administrator

RE: Harbourtown CIP – Request to Amend 2013 Non-capital special projects/unusual spending budget

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves amending its 2013 Non-capital special projects/unusual spending budget to accommodate an additional request from Heritage Kenora to increase the available financial incentives by \$50,000 with funding to be appropriated from the Land Planning Reserve to accommodate two outstanding applications and to provide additional funds for the balance of 2013 in order to encourage the rehabilitation and improvement to private lands and to coordinate public and private works in the Harbourtown Centre; and further

That in keeping with Notice By-law 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to give three readings to a by-law for this purpose at its June 25, 2013 Council Meeting.

Background:

The 2013 budget included a line item of \$170,000 for grants associated with applications made by businesses in the Harbourtown Centre, for the community improvement plan sign replacement/façade improvement program. The amount included allocation of funds granted in 2012 and not yet paid out (\$70,000). The program has been accessed, in 2013, by seven businesses, with a total of \$99,999.02 allocated for 2013. There is one application which cannot be funded because the budget is at its maximum already. Heritage Kenora discussed the matter at its most recent meeting and because of the success of the program, is respectfully requesting that Council considers providing additional funds to the program for the balance of 2013.

Budget:

The additional \$50,000 request could be taken from the land planning reserve, the balance of which was \$135,012.61 at the end of 2012.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

By Agenda of Property and Planning and of Council; Treasurer, Heritage Kenora, Manager of Property and Planning, Museum Director, Planning Administrator