



February 25, 2013

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk

RE: Boat Docking Rentals with Parking

Recommendation:

That in keeping with the intent of the new parking strategy where the shift of longer term parking is moved away from the downtown core, Council hereby directs the Harbourfront boat docking parking (not applicable to Mooring Buoys), currently included in the monthly rental fee as authorized by By-law Number 100-2011, as amended, be limited to the Lakeview Drive and McLeod Park parking lots only; and

That parking in the McClellan Avenue Parking Lot as previously approved by amending By-law Number 32-2012 is no longer included in the monthly docking fee; and

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend By-law Number 100-2011 for this purpose; and further

That By-law Number 32-2012 be hereby repealed.

Background:

In August Council endorsed a Parking Strategy for the City of Kenora. Within this strategy is a plan to move the long term parking away from the Harbourfront into parking lots located away from the Main Street. In keeping with this strategy, the intent is to keep the McClellan lot and South Harbourfront lot open for hourly parking with no long term parking.

During the busy summer months our prevalent parking issues come during the prime months of June, July and August. To contribute to these parking challenges, are the customers who pay for boat docking at the Harbourfront in which they receive a parking space in either the Lakeview Drive (primary) lot or the McClellan lot with their boat docking. These patrons receive parking passes which allow them to park in either the Lakeview Drive parking lot, or the McClellan lot. They are advised that the McClellan lot is only a last resource should there not be enough space in the Lakeview Drive lot, however, the majority of the docking patrons choose to go right to the McClellan lot leaving Lakeview lot empty and tying up limited prime parking in the McClellan lot for extended periods of time. Many of these customers can go out to camps for extended periods of time, tying up primary parking spaces when their vehicles could be parked in lots less immediately located to the downtown core.

We have several pay schedules for docking at City owned docks. The Keewatin docks along with the Harbourfront docks, which include a parking space, are \$546.00 monthly (plus applicable tax) and the Coney Island and Water Street docks are \$365.00 (plus applicable tax) monthly with no parking privilege attached. The docking that does not have parking attached to it is \$181.00 less per month than the docking that does include it. If you take the daily parking rate for a full day of \$6.75 times 20 days (4 weeks excluding weekends) the cost of parking would be \$135 per month. This would work out very close to what the users are paying for their monthly docking with parking.

In comparison, most private docking in Kenora from businesses who rent dock spaces (for boats up to 20 feet which is our maximum for Harbourfront docking) is in the upward cost of \$700 per month, most include parking. It is recognized that our docking costs are very reasonable in comparison to others located outside of the downtown core.

To keep with the long term strategy for parking in the downtown area, it is recommended that we no longer offer parking in the McClellan lot to be included with the monthly rentals for Harbourfront docking. Patrons of the dock space are permitted to use the Lakeview Drive parking lot, or the McLeod Park lot but McClellan is no longer included. This will take some of the pressure off of the high demand for the McClellan lot in the summer months and ensure that these patrons are using the primary designated lot which is not as heavily used for short term parking.

Budget:

None

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Notice will be given to patrons as they rent their boat docking spaces for the 2013 season and parking passes will reflect this.