



May 13, 2013

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Mark Duggan, TDO on behalf of LOWDC

RE: 2013 Harbourfest Fireworks Tax Deduction Request

Recommendation:

That as recommended by the Lake of the Woods Development Commission, the Council of the City of Kenora hereby authorizes the issuance of tax receipts for any donation of \$100 or greater made to the City of Kenora between July 2, 2013 and August 31, 2013, unless otherwise specified, to be used specifically towards the 2013 Harbourfest fireworks display on August 4, 2013; and

That the City will pay the invoice(s) for the actual purchase of fireworks, including any specifically related expenditure, direct to the appropriate supplier(s) for the 2013 fireworks display to a maximum of the actual donation amounts received; and further

That the issuance of tax receipts for donations for fireworks be restricted specifically to the 2013 fireworks display in recognition of the tourism impact the event has to the City of Kenora.

Background:

2013 is the 22nd year for Harbourfest which is a Festival that attracts thousands of residents and visitors from all ages to Kenora's Harbourfront over a three day festival. On Sunday Aug 4 the Harbourfest Committee produces a fireworks display which is the main event for all to witness from Harbourfront. Hundreds of Lake Cottagers come in by water for this breath taking show. The donation whereby receipts would be offered would be for Harbourfest Fireworks display only in recognition of the tourism impact Harbourfest has on the City of Kenora.

The City of Kenora has been asked to accept the donations and issue tax receipts for any donation of \$100 or greater made to the City of Kenora between May 1, 2013 and August 12, 2013.

Budget:

n/a

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

n/a