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## Notice of Intention to Designate – Mink Bay Wetlands – City of Kenora

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora intends to designate the property locally known as the "Mink Bay Wetlands" being described as #1) Pt. Tract of land within Township 9, Range 22E of the principal meridian, Keewatin Part 2, 23R, Kenora (Wetlands area); #2) Plan M269, Part 1, Parcel 15680 (part of wetland area, north of Hwy. 17); #3) Pt. Tract of land within Township 9, Range 22E of the principal meridian, Keewatin Part 14, 23R 7902, Kenora (area south of Second West Bay Road), as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (RSO 1990, Ch. O.18). A By-law to designate the property is scheduled before Kenora City Council on **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2015**.



### Design or Physical Value

Portage Bay is one of the original six portages between the Winnipeg River and Lake of the Woods. It is estimated that the portage has been used for over 6,000 years. In 1999, the wetland area was designated as Provincially Significant.

### Historical or Associative Value

The lands are the site of the earliest industrial development of the Town of Keewatin, being the original site of the Keewatin Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd's sawmill, when it was built in 1879. The first residences, in the Town of Keewatin, were located here, along the old "Sawdust Road", now called West Bay Road. The area is associated with the founding pioneer of Keewatin; John Mather.

### Contextual Value

This area is the gateway to the Mink Bay Trail, which meanders through significant historical areas. The property is key to defining, maintaining and supporting the character as Keewatin's earliest industry; saw milling, with the remnants evident in the remaining coffer dam and control gate that was used to activate

the mill and is still used today to control the water depth from the Lake of the Woods to the Winnipeg River, and the sensitive wetland area.

**Additional information** on the proposed designation is available at the Lake of the Woods Museum, City Hall and the City of Kenora Planning Department.

Any person may send by registered mail, or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Kenora, notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Kenora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**The last day for filing objections** is Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

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You have received this notice per section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.