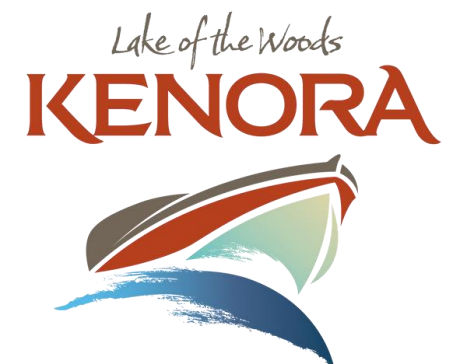


Kenora Youth Engagement Guide

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Youth (18-24) Voter Turnout 2022

809

Eligible to
vote

223

Those who
voted

27.56%

Voter
Turnout

From Elementary Youth to High School Graduates

1. Early Exposure
2. Municipal Rep Day program
3. Expanding the co-op program
4. Student Councillor program
5. Expanding the bursary program

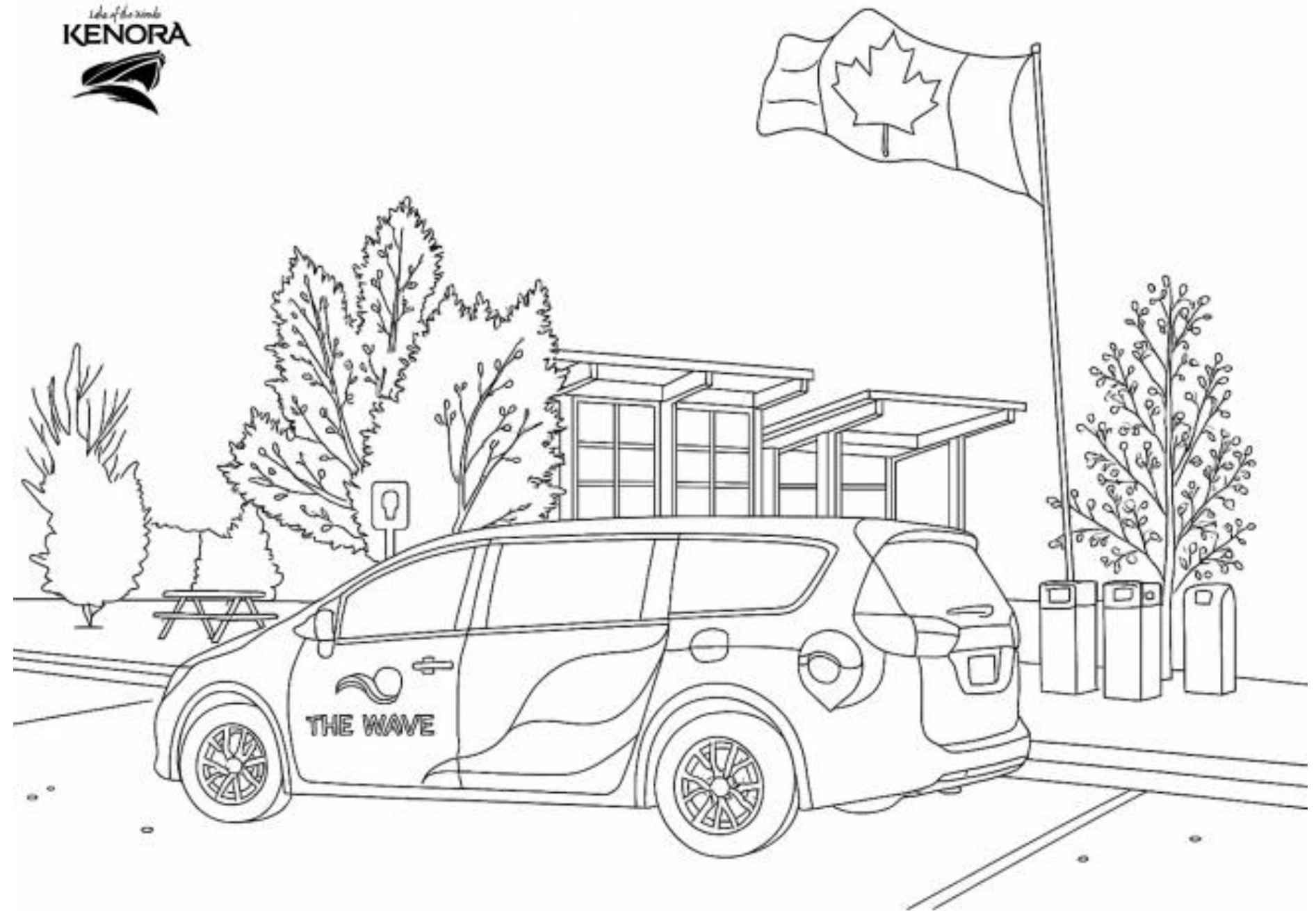
Early Exposure

Grades 4-6

Early exposure

Introducing municipal concepts in fun, indirect ways using materials and games suited to younger learners.

- Distribute civic themed colouring books created by the City (e.g. parks, transit, recycling)
- Expand reach beyond City Hall tours into classrooms.
- Host creative contests like "design a park" or "draw a waterslide."
- Goal: Foster early curiosity, pride, and awareness of local services.





Municipal Rep Day Program

Grades 6-7 Municipal Rep Day Program

Building on classroom learning by pairing curriculum with in-person interaction with civic leaders.

- Program includes 3 interactive lessons delivered by teachers.
- Ends with in-class visit by Mayor, Councillors, and City staff.
- Reinforces classroom learning and encourages civic confidence





Co-op Program Expansion

Grades 9-12 co-op program expansion

Exposing students to real municipal careers through structured, diverse placements.

- Currently offered in Bylaw, Fire, and Trades (mechanics, electricians).
- Expand to include: Finance, IT, Planning, Communications, Recreation, Parks etc.
- Offer rotational or focused placements for a well-rounded experience.
- Promotes talent development and builds pipeline for municipal careers.





Student Councillor Program

Grades 10-12 Student Councillor Program

Empowering high school students by integrating their voice directly into Council proceedings.

- Non-voting members attend Council and Committee meetings.
- Report on and represent youth voice.
- Helps students understand governance and feel heard in civic affairs.





Bursary Program Enhancements

Grade 12 Bursary Program

Supporting student's post-secondary goals while aligning awards with City priorities

- Currently: \$500 per school per year.
- Proposed:
 - Increase total amount and flexibility to split among recipients.
 - Prioritize students engaged with the City (e.g. through co-op).
- Encourages return-to-work pathways and celebrates civic involvement.



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Thank you!