

Dear Mayor Dan O'Mara and Council:

Each year Temagami First Nation (TFN) hosts a Pow Wow that draws visitors to the area and is an important part of the cultural identity of the Temagami First Nation. The Pow Wow is a cultural celebration, a ceremonial gathering and a time for visiting with new and old friends and family.

Our Pow Wow generally is attended by over 1200 people, including invited guests, dancers, drummers, dignitaries, vendors, community members, neighbors and visitors. It is of great benefit to the region as a whole, both culturally and financially. As you may be aware, a Pow Wow is a huge event for Temagami First Nation in terms of financial and human resources.

Over the past 24 years, the Pow Wow has been held both on Bear Island and in the town of Temagami. The Pow Wow Committee and the Municipality have worked in cooperation in past years when the event occurred in town.

This year the Pow Wow will be a two-day event taking place on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Pow Wow Committee would like to have it in Temagami. We are interested in working in collaboration with the Municipality of Temagami to make the event a success. I have contacted and tentatively booked the arena; with the approval from council

For a location, the Pow Wow Committee is interested in the **townsite ballfield grounds**, with **some usage of the arena building (kitchen, upstairs hall, bathrooms, changerooms, electricity for a small PA system)**. We were also considering the Caribou Mountain/ski chalet area. After scouting from Tracy and Alex Paul, it was determined that the site is too small to host the Pow Wow.

We are asking for Council's support of the Pow Wow and for **in-kind usage of the location**. In the past, the Municipality also assisted with **setting up the grounds (tents, chairs, bleachers etc.) and garbage collection/removal**. And, of course, we would like to invite the Mayor O'Mara to the Grand Entry. And everyone is welcome to attend.

The details could be worked between the Pow Wow Committee and the Municipality's contact person(s). Our Pow Wow Coordinator is Tyler Paul, 705-237-8900.

The Committee is looking forward to this year's Pow Wow and working with the Municipality of Temagami for this important celebration.

Thank You/ Miigwetch,

Tyler Paul

Temagami First Nation  
Community Youth Worker/ Pow Wow Coordinator