



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.  
2019-M-130

Staff  
 Committee

**Subject:** Report from Treasurer Administrator

**Agenda Date:** August 8, 2019

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-130.

**INFORMATION**

**Taxes – Current year**

Property taxes have been billed for the year. Installments are August 27<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>. For those properties that do not receive a tax bill, the invoices for special charges (water/sewer/grinder/garbage) have also been issued.

**Taxes – outstanding from 2016 and beyond**

We have issued 39 letters to property owners who have taxes outstanding in 2016 and prior. Included in the letters is an offer of a monthly payment, including amount, which if accepted and paid for five years, should clear taxes owing on their account. An unsigned agreement was included to allow the effected ratepayers an opportunity to take advantage of this in a time effective way.

The letter also highlighted that those properties where there was no action (agreement or payment) by October that registration procedures will commence. For Council's information, the services of Realtax will be used to administer the registrations process. Once files have been transferred to them, a more indepth search is completed on the properties prior to registering the tax arrears certificate on title. Once registered, the property owner has one year to pay the amount owing or enter into an extension agreement (in the first 283 days) which sets out the minimum monthly payment required until the balance is paid in full. Should any property remain unpaid after the year (and without an extension agreement) then the Municipality has a further year to organize a conduct a tax sale.

Communication was also sent to the Province as there are a number of Provincial properties where previously assessed Grant In Lieu amounts have not been paid. We are working with the province to identify the reasons for this non payment.

We are also compiling information for about 10 more properties that owe money for the 2017 tax levy which should be leaving the office by Labour Day. These properties, if no payment plan is accepted or payments received would be sent for registration at the start of 2020.

**Grants**

The Province recently announced the next intake for the Rural Economic Development Grant program. Applications will be accepted until early September. There will be a report for the next meeting to provide options for this program.

**Ambulance Building**

At the next session of Council, a report on required improvements and priorities for the Ambulance will be presented for discussion.

Ambulance Service

Earlier this year, there were two items that have an effect on the Temagami Ambulance Service. One is the departure of Jim Stewart from the North Bay Regional Health Centre and the other was the threatened reduction of Provincial Funding.

The Municipality of Temagami has an agreement with the North Bay Regional Health Centre for 'Management Services'. Presently, now that Mr. Stewart is no longer our point of contact, the definition of 'Management Services' is being questioned. This is also evolving into larger discussions between the DSSAB and the three ambulance service operators in light of changes being contemplated by the Province related to Emergency Medical Services. While we are not yet at a point where there are any tangible recommendations, I thought it was important for Council to know that the discussions were taking place. As we work through the Fall, there will be further information presented to Council once it is available.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Craig Davidson**  
**Treasurer/Administrator**