

Memo 2019-M-139

AMO Main Street Revitalization Initiative for Temagami, ON

Title: Temagami Village Park

Description:

This proposal which we (former Economic Advisory Committee) have been researching over the last two years, is to create a much needed family and senior friendly accessible village park. This small park would be located in an empty municipally owned area of land (approx. 60' W X 100' D) beside the new downtown Temagami Skateboard Park. This area is currently a former parking lot, cleared, flat and gravelled over with some grassy patches in nature and would require little work to improve.

The Village Park would contain a centrally located small white octagonal (no maintenance style) gazebo similar to one currently gracing the Temagami waterfront area, recycled plastic park benches, and small playground facility/structure, directional information signage. The AMO grant in 2018 March was for \$36,723. It went up slightly for April 2019.

Note: (We are still waiting for some quotes to come in for these from suppliers)

Approximate cost of the small gazebo \$11,900. Delivery \$900 and base \$2000

Approximate cost of small playground facility: \$4,000

Signage estimates (artwork supplied locally) \$3000-4,000

Landscaping (unknown at this time anticipating quote Mon. Aug. 19/19)

Quote from Peacock Woodcraft (July/19) plus taxes for the following:

2 recycled plastic park benches: reg. \$499 sale: \$449.00 each

2 recycled plastic hexagon shaped picnic tables: reg. \$1699 sale: \$1399

The grounds area would consist of patio stone base or cement base for the gazebo and small, decorative, gravel pathways. Also the addition of local decorative rocks e.g. Sherman Mine Jasper, granite etc. would be low maintenance features such as shown in the Cobalt Rock Walk, at Northern College School of Mines.

This park area is located next to the historic Temagami Train Station 1910 (separated by O'Connor Drive Rd.). The train station recently has undergone revitalization/renovation and now contains 3 major tourist attracting organizations: Temagami Chamber of Commerce, Temagami Community Foundation, and Living Temagami.

Also, during the summer months, the very successful Temagami Community Market (since 2008) is located in the station parking lot area. There is a definite need for young families, local citizens and visitors to have somewhere year round to sit and rest, eat their lunch at picnic tables or have their kids play in a playground in town. There is a lot of local foot traffic: seniors, public and high school students, moms and their children and so on that pass by this proposed Village Park area are daily.

This location for a small park would beautify this current undeveloped and unattractive downtown area and be visible from Hwy 11. It would really be a great visual upgrade to Main Street downtown Temagami! Perhaps some MTO supplied "picnic area" signs could be provided also. We need people to stop in town and visit our stores and businesses.

Signage:

Another feature of the park would be a large information sign (possibly 6' X 8') showing a detailed illustration of the whole municipality of Temagami and other features such as year round community events, locations of local businesses and service clubs. It could have a "You are here" aspect and guide people about all the great opportunities we have available.

A few more signs using the same graphic design theme are needed in our community for directional aids to access the Temagami Tower, waterfront, boat launches, and many other features in the downtown area. There is a need for uniform visual branding/graphic design in our community.

Trails and Recreation:

The trail entrance to the White Bear Forest walking trails, Caribou Lake, Caribou Mountain, Beaver Pond and Temagami Fire Tower are located steps away from our proposed park area. This Village Park would provide a meeting/gathering place for groups and events such as: mushroom walk tour, photography tour, hikes, cross-county skiing, snowshoe walks, senior's pole walking, nature walks, and possible development of this trail for mountain bike rentals or paths etc. in the future.

Many other phases of development for this location could be created such as: small splash pad area, mini putt featuring historic aspects of Temagami, outdoor fitness equipment/stations (as was recently announced for seniors in the City of North Bay at Lee Park), dog walking park area, and so on.

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Lighting:

This project will also include funding for decorative small white LED lighting for the downtown dock area of the waterfront. This proposed Lighting would accentuate and be visible year-round and feature the two white gazebos at this location as well as emphasize four decorative landscaping trees at the waterfront each tree approx. 10' in height and all the same type of

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deciduous species. Many Temagami events are convened at this central downtown location such as: Temagami Canoe Festival, Shiverfest Winter Carnival, Canada Day celebrations, Aboriginal Day celebrations, Culture Days etc.

An estimated cost for this feature has been estimated at \$3500-\$4500 by a local Electrical Company, there is a consideration for more power locations to achieve this.

The addition of 2 bear proof garbage cans would also be needed for the Village Park location.

Every effort in our view should be given to procuring equipment, services and the above items from local companies and suppliers in our view for the Temagami Village Park. Also, to meet the time restraints for this to happen this year.

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*Illustrations and photographs for this proposal will be supplied on Mon. Aug. 19, 2019

