

Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No. 2019-M-145

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Committee

Subject:	Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative
Agenda Date:	September 5, 2019
Attachments:	Guide to the Municipal Funding Agreement/ 7 Lakeshore Drive Map/ Community Use Zone Requirements

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-145;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to enable staff to complete the use of funds in a timely fashion.

INFORMATION

After laying out the required setback, the area left available for building is not large enough to construct a 30 X 60 structure. In addition, the proposed area covers a number of water drainage pipes that would be permanently covered by the structure preventing access for any future maintenance or repairs. Having the structure erected over the underground pipes could also lead to damaging them since the ground would freeze much deeper in the winter do to the lack of snow cover. Even without the setback constraints, erecting such a large structure in that location would limit the amount of remaining space available during special events.

Based on these facts, it would be recommended that a different location be considered for the construction of this structure. One location that could be considered for the future construction of this new proposed structure would be the current location of the Caribou Mountain Chalet near the fire tower. If it is determined that the cost for updating the existing structure to bring it back to operating condition would be substantial, the old structure could be removed and the new structure could be erected in its place. This new structure could be used by the municipality and rented out for special events.

With the current funds available and the time constraints, it would be recommended that the funds be applied to other projects that would also fall in the required scope. Such projects could include removing existing picnic tables, benches, garbage bins and replacing them with new ones constructed of composite materials that would last for an extended period of time and would not require maintenance. The signage in town could also be replaced with new and more appealing ones. These items listed could all fall under the Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative.

Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative

Scope / What is eligible:

As of April 1, 2018, municipal governments can invest in revitalization activities that will support small businesses through activities undertaken to revitalize main streets. The work can be identified as priority through an existing Community Improvement Plan or municipal physical infrastructure priorities identified through other municipal land use planning document for the municipality's main street that involves the construction, renewal, renovation or redevelopment, or material enhancement in each of the following categories:

Implementation of priority financial incentives in existing Community Improvement Plans such as:

- a. Commercial building façade improvements;
- b. Preservation and adaptive reuse of heritage and industrial buildings;
- c. Provision of affordable housing;
- d. Space conversion for residential and commercial uses;
- e. Structural improvements to buildings (e.g. Building Code upgrades);
- f. Improvement of community energy efficiency; and
- g. Accessibility enhancements.

Funding of strategic municipal physical infrastructure such as:

a. Signage - wayfinding/directional, and gateway;

b. Streetscaping and landscape improvements – lighting, banners, murals, street furniture, interpretive elements, public art, urban forestation, accessibility, telecommunications/broadband equipment, parking, active transportation infrastructure (e.g. bike racks/storage, cycling lanes and paths) and pedestrian walkways/trails; and

c. Marketing plan implementation – business attraction and promotion activities, special events.

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