



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memo No.**  
2019-M-156

**Memorandum to Council**

☒ **Staff**

☐ **Committee**

**Subject:** Incorporate Life Saving Equipment at our Municipal Docks

**Agenda Date:** **September 26, 2019**

**Attachments:** Resolution No. 19-386

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that Memo 2019-M-156 be received for information.  
The resolution is attached for reference.

**INFORMATION**

The purpose of this report is to investigate the feasibility of incorporating lifesaving equipment at our Municipal Access Points to ensure adequate protection for the public.

**Life Rings**

A life ring presents the opportunity for someone standing on the dock to assist the person in the water. The potential rescuer may be a non-swimmer. Life rings need to be strategically placed so that they are readily accessible. The life rings need to be in good working order, and have enough line to reach persons in the water. The line should also be made of a material which allows it to float on the water. Having this line would allow the thrower the ability to retrieve and throw the life ring again. The floating line allows the swimmer to grab the line in case the life ring is not accurately thrown

**Ladders**

If a person is alone and their fall into the water goes unnoticed, safety ladders placed throughout the access point could give the person a chance to exit from the water easily. Exiting from the water in a timely basis could be critical in cold water

A combination of life rings and safety ladders at a Municipal waterfront could mean the difference of a person safely getting out of the water safety or not.

Adequate and suitable life-saving equipment should be provided and maintained for the rescue of anyone in danger of drowning.

**Staff – Observed Access Points**

The Public Works Department currently maintains eight access points.

Ladders – Not all access points require ladders. Should anyone fall into the water they would be close enough to the shoreline or boat launch to exit the water.

Life Rings – Only provide life rings at the Municipal waterfront dock (designated swimming area and the Mine Landing due to volume).

Spill Kits – Provide at two locations (secured from theft).

Lights/Tape – Install navigation aid tape at some locations instead of lights. Some Access Points are well lighted.

Access Point	Location	Life Rings	Ladders	Spill Kits	Lights
Net Lake	Spruce Drive				Tape
Snake Lake	Stevens Road				1
Cassels Lake	Fox Run				Tape
Temagami	Lakeshore Drive	2		1	3
Temagami	Temagami Marine Road		1		2
Temagami	Mine Landing	1	1	1	2
Temagami	Manitou Landing				2
Rabbit Lake	Rabbit Lake Road		1		1
		3	3	2	11
Sub Total		<b>\$405</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$550</b>
Total		<b>\$2,285.00</b>			

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Who will manage the equipment (maintenance and monitor)?
2. How will we secure the equipment from theft?
3. Post “No Swimming” signs at Access Points that are not designated for swimming.

Please note: Transport Canada does not provide any regulations for municipal docks and access points. This is a public courtesy not a legal requirement.

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