



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memorandum to Council**

**Memo No.**  
Memo 2019-M-184

☒ **Staff**  
☒ **Committee**

**Subject:** Country Christmas

**Agenda Date:** November 7, 2019

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-184;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the purchase of the third party liability insurance for the Temagami Country Christmas and contribute to the event through hay wagon rides.

**INFORMATION**

Over the last few years Peacock Woodcraft and a few very dedicated volunteers have organized and implemented the Temagami Country Christmas. This event includes lit up forest trails, spectacular lighting displays, an opportunity for your photo with Santa, hay rides, a bonfire, a small petting zoo, Santa's workshop and much more. All proceeds from this event go towards the Temagami Legion Christmas hamper program, which provides large food basket to families who are less fortunate during the holiday season. The event has been gaining more and more momentum over the years and is a huge part of the contributions for the Christmas Hamper Program.

In preparation for this event, Peacock Woodcraft has to shut down their manufacturing shop weeks in advance to commence the sorting of lights/displays and to set it up for the thousands of people that come through on an annual basis. They also have to pay for additional insurances and have to dedicate all of their time for numerous weeks to the set up and take down. During this time the business suffers, their hydro costs increase, and their insurance costs increase.

With that being said, the owners of Peacock Woodcraft were not certain if they would be able to host the event again this year. After a meeting with Municipal representatives, the owners of Peacock Woodcraft stated that they would be willing to host again this year, if they could receive help with the insurance coverage from the municipality. In the future, it was suggested that we could look at other venues and organizations to be able to host the event.

The Municipal representatives stated that they would get more details about the insurance coverage and bring it forward to council for a decision.

The cost for the Municipality to cover the third party liability insurance is \$512.00 with our contribution to the event, being the hay wagon rides on our Municipal Road. The volunteers that are already in place doing the hay wagon rides would be covered under our current policy.

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