



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No
2020-M-013

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Report from Treasurer Administrator

Agenda Date: January 30, 2020

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report from the Treasurer Administrator.

INFORMATION

Official Plan

A draft has been received from MHBC concerning the methodology, schedule and pricing for the review of the Official Plan. Some adjustments have been requested to ensure there is continual Council involvement. Most notably, after further consultation with the public and stakeholders, there would be a meeting with Council before text is drafted to ensure there is agreement and little wasted effort in drafting unneeded text. This updated plan should be available for the next meeting of Council.

OCWA

OCWA will be at our February 20th meeting to discuss the 2020 Capital letter. At that time we can also review the grant that was applied for to upgrade Temagami South Water as outlined in their letter. The options were reviewed with OCWA as the grant application was being completed. This will be presented to Council at the meeting of February 20th for ratification once Council has an opportunity to meet with OCWA.

Asset Management

One of the detractors for current asset management planning is ensuring our condition assessments remain current. If Council recalls when we were applying for road funds in the spring the condition assessments we had were from 2013. The municipality also has information in the Municipal Data Works (MDW) system. That information is also dated.

In order to update our information and then to ensure it remains current, Public Works has been charged with the task of maintaining this data base. While at ROMA, I did speak a little with an individual who knows the system well and still has a relationship with OGRA to provide support and training where required as we update our information.

Once current, MDW can be used to modelling and forecasting capital and life cycle needs well into the future which can then inform an updated Asset Management Plan.

Accounting Changes

Since 2009, there have been ongoing changes in accounting policies as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB). The latest of these is Asset Retirement Obligations which become effective in 2022. The Municipal Finance Officer's Association is sponsoring case studies to better understand the effect of this change. We have been selected as one of the case study municipalities.

Interim Tax Bills

Interim Tax Bills were mailed the week of January 12th. Due dates are February 24th and April 27th.

Engineering

Working with Tulloch Engineering, there will be an agreement for Council's consideration at the next meeting. As well, we are working to get an overview of methodology and price for the completion of a waste management master plan.

MOU Meeting

WE have been in contact via email and left a voice mail and will continue to try to arrange a time that is mutually agreeable for the next MOU meeting.

Year End Financial Update

At the next meeting we will have most of the year end balances solidified and be able to make recommendations on reserve transfers and unfinanced capital as well as reporting how we ended up in our taxes receivable.

Of note, we did send notices of unpaid taxes early in 2020 which resulting in a flurry of payments and calls which were researched and confirmed.

Process

We have started three processes. First, the Welcome Package – not only will it advise of balances owing in the tax account, it will also provide municipal and community information to new property owners. At the same time, it is nice to receive something from the Municipality as you become an owner.

Second, we have a database by which to track resolutions passed by Council and how they were acted on.

Third, we have a database on planning matters to allow us to track timing for the various planning processes that are ongoing at any point in time.

Respectfully Submitted

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