



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.
2019-M-031

☒ **Staff**
☐ **Committee**

Subject:	Resolution from the Town of Mattawa
Agenda Date:	March 12, 2020
Attachments:	Correspondence dated February 11, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo No. 2019-M-031;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports resolution number 20-10 dated February 10, 2020 calling on the Nipissing DSSAB to look at reducing costs and services, if necessary, in order to mitigate any municipal levy increase.

INFORMATION

A letter was received from the Town of Mattawa and is attached to and forms part of this report.

While the letter addresses concerns of last spring when the Province had significant reductions in funding contained in their budget and these changes were ultimately reversed, the concern does continue with the increase in the 2020 Nipissing DSSAB budget being 4.42%. This increase is magnified as the Nipissing DSSAB levy is allocated to member municipalities using weighted assessment which translates into our levy increasing by \$60,728 or 6.97% over last year. This increase is a little more than 1.5% of our total budget.

Asking the Nipissing DSSAB to investigate other avenues than increasing their municipal levy is prudent stewardship of our tax levy. Our operations are also affected by changes in provincial funding and inflationary pressures. If a reasonable increase in our tax levy is consumed totally by our payments to the DSSAB and other areas of our budget beyond our control like Au Chateau and the Timiskaming Public Health Unit then Council is faced with either reducing services, not investing minimal amounts to manage our infrastructure deficit or increasing taxation beyond the rate of inflation.

Respectfully Submitted:
Craig Davidson
Treasurer Administrator