



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-049

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Report from Treasurer/Administrator

Agenda Date: May 14, 2020

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from the Treasurer/Administrator dated May 14, 2020.

INFORMATION

Audit

The 2019 Financial Audit is mostly completed. We were waiting on fill rates for the waste sites which is now in the hands of the auditors. Part of what the auditor is required to do is to present the statements to Council. We are planning to accomplish this via zoom at one of the meetings in June.

Related to this, I have started the 2019 Financial Information Return required by the Province and it will be submitted prior to the May 31st deadline.

Budget

There are some structural items, such as the taxation ratio, that are included in today's agenda. Once these are known, the budget and presentation on effects can be completed for presentation at the June 4th meeting of Council. As this is a different year as it relates to public meetings, the plan is to create a presentation that can also be sent through our communication email to get as broad a distribution as possible. Any modifications from the June 4th meeting would be included in this presentation.

Presently, the plan is to have the budget discussion at the June 4th meeting with the rate by-laws to be considered at the meeting of June 25th. Depending on the discussion on June 4th, we may need a special meeting to finalize this.

Office

We are making a small change in the office counter by installing a Plexiglas separator that would have an open area at the bottom to allow for document/payment transfer. We are also reviewing the recommendations made by the Province on how best to ensure workers are protected. Part of the recommendation is to limit access to essential people only.

Staff is presently looking at the times when face to face meetings are required. Most often, Council Chambers would be used for such meetings as it can be set up to ensure physical distancing is respected.

COVID Relief

As part of the budget being presented on June 4th will be recommendations for relief for our ratepayers as a result of the COVID response. There has been some discussion at other levels about the need for some relief for municipal governments although at present none has been announced.

It is hoped that there will be some announcements during the month of May which can be incorporated into recommendations for Council's consideration. Failing any funding from the Province or Canada, any monetary relief would be funded by the Municipality.

Respectfully Submitted:
Craig Davidson
Treasurer/Administrator