



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-059

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Report from Treasurer/Administrator

Agenda Date: June 4, 2020

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from the Treasurer/Administrator dated June 4, 2020.

INFORMATION

Audit

The initial draft of the audited financial statements have been received. There were some changes in the budget numbers requested. Once these have been updated, draft statements will be circulated. The auditors have been invited to attend the June 25th meeting of Council, virtually.

Budget

The budget proposal was circulated prior to this meeting. The intent was to provide Council time to review and discuss at this meeting. As noted in the last meeting, there may be special meeting(s) required to finalize the budget so rate by-laws can be prepared for Council's consideration for the meeting of June 25th.

Official Plan Amendment/Zoning By-Law Amendment/Official Plan Review

For the next meeting we are expecting to receive information regarding these processes. The last public comment for the OPA and the ZBA were received by the Planners on May 15th.

Waste Management Master Plan

Staff had the initial meeting with Tulloch Engineering and GHD Ltd regarding the waste management master plan. This meeting reviewed information that has previously been exchanged and highlighted the additional information required at the beginning of the project. Once the information has been reviewed the work plan can be finalized. The work plan will include how the public and Temagami First Nation will be consulted. During the conversation it was noted that if the first draft can be received around Labour Day then we would be able to incorporate recommendations in the planning for 2021.

Service Delivery Review

Staff had the initial meeting with BDO for the Service Delivery Review. This meeting was introductory and a meeting is being scheduled to review information exchange. A broad outline of a work plan was discussed. There are some blanks to be filled in such as public engagement but it was noted that the drafts need to be received with provide Council with time to review and implement any changes for the 2021 year.

Public Engagement

At the interim tax billing in 2019 a newsletter was included that promoted the communicate@temagami.ca address as a way to get messages to our ratepayers. The concept was that ratepayers could sign up and we would sent them notifications from time to time. At the time of writing this report, we have 439 different email addresses in this database. In addition, there are some associations that will broadcast our mailings to their members. While not 100%, we have developed a critical mass that can be used for public engagement that has a broader circulation radius than our weekend papers. This number also far exceeds the average attendance at any of our public meetings. This will be useful when we are working through processes where public input is vital to good decision making.

Office

While nothing is changing presently, Staff have been responding to requests for services as required. We are mostly using outside to transfer burn permits and other items requested.

As the Province moves to a further stage, we will be ready for limited opening of the office that complies with the safety advice issued by the Province.

COVID Relief

While there are still no official programs of the other levels of government that is providing sources of funding to municipal governments, the conversations are starting. Staff is accepting any invitation to be part of these discussions. Personally, I have been asked to sit on a technical committee for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Delegations

Now that we have completed our second virtual Council meeting, Staff will start inviting delegations to the Council meetings once again. It was important that Council have a couple of meetings to get use to the virtual meeting before adding another layer of complication.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Treasurer/Administrator