



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memo No.**  
2020-M-065

**Memorandum to Council**

**Subject:** Ground Testing – Parkwood Lane

**Agenda Date:** June 25, 2020

**Attachments:** Executive Summary;  
Map

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the executive summary of the ground testing report completed by Shaba Testing Services Ltd. for the Parkwood Lane area.

**INFORMATION**

As part of the 2019 budget, there was testing completed in the Parkwood Lane area for the purpose of determining the cost of providing water service to those properties that do not presently have access to this service. The results of the testing indicate that it would cost in the neighbourhood of \$500,000 to extend the services to the property lines of the four properties that presently have a residence serviced by a private well. Shaba Testing also notes that, in their opinion, there is little anticipated capital recovery of this cost through the sale of future lots since the soil conditions and topography make the area not marketable.

If the area was more conducive to future lot development then it would be appropriate for the municipality to carry an unfinanced capital outlay into future years which would be recovered as the lots were sold. Presently, in addition to water services, wastewater and road services would also need to be extended, the cost of which has not been calculated due to the marketability of the area.

Staff have not yet explored the possibility of the benefitting landowners covering the project cost. In other cases, municipalities have fronted the cost and charged a local improvement charge on the benefitting landowners. Staff have not investigated the potential of local improvements as of yet for this project.

As noted in the budget document, this project has not been included in 2020 capital projects and there are no plans to include further spending in this area due to the cost of servicing being \$125,000 per property.

The full report is available for viewing at the municipal office.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Craig Davidson**  
**Treasurer/Administrator**