



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

**Memo No
2020-M-103**

Memorandum to Council

☒ **Staff**

Subject: MNRF Forestry Island House

Agenda Date: **August 27, 2020**

Attachments: Permit; Map; Pictures

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo- 2020-M-103.

INFORMATION

Staff attended Forestry Island #34 on August 13th after receiving reports of damages that occurred on August 12th 2020. Campers had been using the property as part of a canoe trip and caused damage to the house located on the property. The individuals broke the windows and door. The property is under MNRF Land Use Permit (LUP) (See Appendix 1 and 2).

Pictures of the building illustrate the damage to the house and the state of the building. (See appendix 3) In accordance with the Property Standards, the building will have to be secured to protect against the entrance of people, the elements and animals. The cost of securing the building will be approximately \$3000.00 (labour, materials and transportation). The OPP did charge 2 adults and 3 young offenders with Mischief under \$5000. The court appearances are set for early November. An estimate for the cost of repairing the windows and doors is being prepared as part of the OPP investigation.

Furthermore, the dilapidated building and shed have fallen into a state of disrepair. The ceilings have collapsed, ceiling rafters have rotted away, floor tiles have lifted and animals have gained access and are living in the building. The house was built at a time when asbestos was used in the drywall, the floor tiles and the exterior siding. The state of the building raises concerns with safety and liability. Since the building is on land under a MNRF Land Use Permit (LUP), staff have been in communication with the MNRF to determine the best course of action and who is responsible from both a liability perspective and the cost to remedy the concerns. The LUP is active until June 30, 2027.

The MNRF Corporate Management and Information Division is currently reviewing the site. Further information will be provided by the local MNRF District Office as soon as information comes available.

Respectfully Submitted:
Daryl Bell,
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer