



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-111

Memorandum to Council

☒ **Staff**

Subject:	Living Temagami – Qualified Donee Request
Agenda Date:	August 27, 2020
Attachments:	Description of Project from Living Temagami

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the request to be a flow through qualified donee for Living Temagami if successful in their application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to development an online hub for tourism experiences.

AND FURTHER THAT all requirements associated with the funding application and all future maintenance and updating of the website will be the responsibility of Living Temagami.

INFORMATION

Living Temagami Arts & Culture became incorporated February 19th, 2020. The Ontario Government and Ontario Trillium grants available at this time require an organization to be operating as an incorporated entity for one entire year prior to being considered eligible to independently apply for a grant. Without collaborative assistance by an established, eligible party, they would be unable to apply for any investment programs towards our region's wellness before February 19th, 2021, when these opportunities may no longer be available.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund (with a deadline of September 2, 2020) is willing to support up to 100% of the costs of a venture building "organizational capacity and their ability to deliver programs and services" so they can "create and/or adopt new approaches for organizations to work together to meet the needs of communities." Furthermore, the current socio-economic COVID climate and globally recognized importance of an online presence, has made this the ideal time to develop the region's online footprint. Living Temagami wants to apply for assistance while development funding is still available and tourists are still browsing for new remote holiday opportunities in Canada.

Municipal Staff have reviewed the application guidelines/eligible projects and it does not pair well with any of the municipal projects that have been discussed by council or staff in the past.

This project would benefit the community and surrounding area. And could lead to greater interest in visiting and/or establishing roots here.

There are to be no direct financial costs to the Municipality for the project, though there may be minimal personnel related costs as Living Temagami is looking to gather information that may be easily accessible to municipal staff, to populate the website.

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