



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.  
2020-M-118

☒ Staff  
☐ Committee

<b>Subject:</b>	Ambulance Building Purchases – Paramedic Requests
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	September 17, 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2020-M-118;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to coordinate with the Team Lead of the Temagami Ambulance Service to determine the priority of the requested purchases.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be authorized to use the retained portion of the 2019 surplus towards the priority items and that the remaining items be considered in future budgets.

**INFORMATION**

The Temagami Ambulance Service is an Emergency Medical Service that has been operated out of the municipally owned building at 7 Stevens Road for many years. The Service is manned 7 days a week and 8 hours per day, and on call for the remaining 16 hours per day. There is no obligation for the medics to stay/sleep at the base during the on call hours but this is something that many of the medics do because of the part time/casual nature of the job. There are only 2 full time positions for this service and only one medic that has a residence in Temagami. The majority of our part time/casual medics have a primary position in another municipality.

Over the years, the Temagami Paramedics have made requests for upgrades/purchases for the Temagami Ambulance Base. The list of requests include:

1. Upgrades to the kitchen area: Purchase and installation of a stove, hood vent, new cabinets, countertop and sink. The recommendation has been that if a stove is installed that it be set up in a way that it would automatically time out and shut off after a short amount of time. This would eliminate the risk of the stove being left on, if a call came in while a medic was cooking. Currently they are using a toaster oven and microwave to make their meals.
2. Air Conditioner Upgrades: We have been informed that the current A/C unit does not cool off the entire staff area of the building and is quite dated. Given the age of the unit, there may be more energy efficient options available.
3. Bathroom Renovations: We have been informed that the washrooms facilities are unpleasant and dated. They are the original washrooms fixtures from when the building was constructed.
4. Lockers: As many of the medics do not live in temagami, lockers have been made available to them for their equipment and personal items. There are not enough lockers for all of the medics.
5. A New washer and Dryer: There have been some issue with the washer and dryer at the base, they have since been fixed, but we may need to plan for the replacement in the near future.
6. A security camera for the entrance door: this was brought forth as a safety concern for times when only one medic is staying at the base during an on call shift. Some people will drive to the ambulance base to seek medical attention, so knowing what you are opening the door to may eliminate this concern.
7. A large whiteboard: This would be used to leave messages and note additional duties for the next medic on shift.

There was a surplus from the Ambulance budget at the end of 2019, which DNSSAB has agreed that they would give us a small portion of (\$3,425.44), equal to the remaining amount of the deficit from 2018 which was covered by the general levy at the time. Knowing that budgets are limited and that all budgeted funds have been allocated for the year, it is being recommended that any surplus dollars given to the Municipality from DNSSAB be used to cover the priority item(s) and that future budgets, through conversations with DSSAB, include the remaining items.

In the meantime, the Team Lead can coordinate with contractors to obtain quotes for the purchase and installation of the remaining items, for the purposes of this process.

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