

Agenda Date:	October 8, 2020
Attachments:	

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Treasurer/Administrator's report dated October 8, 2020.

INFORMATION

CENGN

In August, an expression of interest was submitted for CENGN's next mile broadband internet program. This program matches host communities with technology providers to expand the availability of broadband internet into northern communities. We have been notified that we have advanced from the expression of interest stage and are now starting to discuss options with community partners selected by CENGN. The goal is to have a proposal filed for October 26th. We have engaged Bernardi Consulting to assist in the technical aspects of this proposal. CENGN's desire is that we can also work with Temagami First Nation for a mutually beneficial internet solution. As last year's phase one report became a mutual effort I noted that this should not be an issue and we will include Temagami First Nation in communication and invite to meetings related to the next phase of this project.

Access Point Parking

I did have a follow up call with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. While our position remains that changing the Ministry's regulation to include First Nations Communities in the definition of public entities would resolve our structural issue, their advice was to engage legal counsel who specializes in Municipal Corporations. In addition to this call, we also received an email from Robin Koistinen, Manager of Lands and Resources for Temagami First Nation on this matter which is on the agenda for this meeting.

Housing Supply Challenge

In a recent AMO Communication, the Housing Supply Challenge was launched. Staff are gathering information to see if this may be a beneficial avenue to explore to address our housing needs.

North Lagoon Sludge Removal

We have been notified by Bishops Water that due to the pandemic their timetable has been pushed back. They now have us scheduled in the spring of 2021 and have offered a discount for this time period. As it relates to the UV Filtration system, the bulk of the work required to prepare tender packages is being completed this fall and we are planning to issue tender packages shortly after the sludge is removed. We are still tracking to have our UV Filtration system operational well before the April 2025 deadline.

Service Delivery Review

We are scheduling a meeting with our consultants, BDO, for October 26th.

Waste Management Master Plan

We are trying to schedule a meeting with our consultants, Tulloch Engineering, either October 14th or 15th to discuss the initial draft of this plan.

Respectfully Submitted: Craig Davidson Treasurer/Administrator