



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-132

Memorandum to Council

Subject:	Correspondence from Ratepayer
Agenda Date:	October 8, 2020
Attachments:	Letter from Mr. Black, 41 Goward

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from ratepayer;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to coordinate any disturbance in the road for this project and offer \$3,000 towards the cost.

INFORMATION

Attached is a letter received from Mr. Black regarding a failed heat trace on his water line.

By way of history, when water and wastewater services were extended to this area of Temagami North, initially the then owner of 41 Goward declined these services as they had an adequate well and septic. As such, when the services were installed, the initial installation stopped at 32 Goward.

Later, the owner reported that the well was in poor condition and services were extended at that time. Construction was not to extend the water main but rather to provide a service line from 32 Goward, where the main stopped, to 41 Goward. As is par for the course in our municipality, bedrock was encountered relatively close to the surface and, as such, the lines are only a couple feet deep. To counter the effects of frost, a heat tracer as well as a circulating pump was installed.

There are a few other properties in the Municipality that have a very long heat trace line which we believe is the responsibility of the homeowner. This seems to have been handled on a case by case basis by this and previous Councils. This term, the one exception was on a very crowded street in Temagami South where Council did reinstall a heat trace with a cost of under \$2,000. In this case, we asked for an estimate to reinstall a heat trace and were told that the previous line was 'stuck' and to replace would require excavation. This would also require road repairs. As such, the estimated cost of replacing the heat trace is \$13,000.

Continuing with the premise that the landowner is responsible for the lines from the curb stop to their service location, this cost should be at the homeowner's expense. For areas where it crosses the road, we could contribute, say \$3,000 for excavation and repair of the road after the heat trace issue has been resolved.

As always, Council is free to accept the recommendation, reject, or come up with their own. From a budget perspective, we do not have funds in our water budget for this project. As such, it would either be added to next year's water rates or from a discretionary reserve when reviewed at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Treasurer/Administrator