



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memo No.**  
2020-M-141

**Memorandum to Council**

<b>Subject:</b>	Firearm By-Law
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	<b>October- 8 -2020</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	Discharge of Firearms By-law, 92-297, as amended

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a new Discharging Firearms By-law within the Municipality of Temagami for their consideration at the next Council Meeting.

**INFORMATION**

Staff and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have received complaints of individuals using firearms with the urban area. Currently, Discharge of Firearms within the Boundaries of the Township of Temagami By-law 92-297, as amended, raises concerns about validity.

The recent complaints revolved around hunting within the urban area and when investigated, staff could not prove hunting but could prove firing a firearm. There is an offence for firing a firearm within 400 metres of a building, residence, municipal or private property within the Township of Temagami. While this is an offence under the by-law, the antiquated by-law did not support enforcement. The by-law was passed in 1992 under the Township of Temagami and did not contain a penalty clause.

The amalgamation of Temagami In 1998 increased the Municipal boundaries to include lands from Marten River to Smoothwater. The by-law needs to meet the requirements of the Municipal Act, 2001 and become an inclusive by-law supporting enforcement within all the municipal boundaries.

Staff recommend repealing *Discharge of Firearms within the Boundaries of the Township of Temagami. 92-297, as amended*, and that a new by-law be brought forward to the next council meeting for council's consideration.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
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