

Agenda Date:	October 29, 2020
Attachments:	

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Treasurer/Administrator's report dated November 19, 2020.

INFORMATION

COVID-19

The Province did issue a self-assessment tool which was distributed to Staff. In essence, this tool asks questions designed to keep people with symptoms at home and away from the workplace. While local health authorities have asked that travel be restricted to our district, we are maintaining travel restrictions within a radius of 120 km as this maintains the choice of shopping in either New Liskeard or North Bay without violating the travel restriction. If travel is necessary beyond this limit or it there are guest from outside this limit (kids in school etc.) then there are further self-assessment questions related to sanitization and contact protocols.

DSSAB Affiliation

While this process initially started at the beginning of the year, after a COVID related pause, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and I recently met with representatives of the Nipissing DSSAB to have initial conversations on the possibility of us being aligned with the District where most of our services come from. The next step in this process is to reach out to the Timiskaming DSSAB to have a similar conversation.

Until this second conversation is held, it is premature to report any possibilities in this forum. As noted, the aim of the discussions is to provide a more inclusive one stop for all of the services, including public health, that are citizens may require.

Tax Registration

Recently, five additional properties have been sent to our service bureau for tax registration procedures to commence and another four have been provided a second letter with a date to be sent to have these procedures commence. We are working with about half a dozen more on monthly payments and have sent sixteen letters for the next round of properties that will become eligible. At the meeting in January we will report on our tax arrears situation and what steps Staff have taken in an attempt to collect these past due amounts.

Tax Account Statements

As noted in our user fee by-law, the first group of tax account statements for those who are on our preauthorized (by installment) plan have been sent out. We will do the same for those on monthly plans after the December payment. We now have over 10% of our total tax collection completed through preauthorized payments.

Respectfully Submitted: Craig Davidson Treasurer/Administrator