



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-159

Memorandum to Council



Staff



Committee

Subject: 2020 Christmas Events

Agenda Date: **November 19, 2020**

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the 2020 Christmas Events.

INFORMATION

Due to COVID 19 the Municipal Staff and other local organizations are unable to offer Christmas Celebrations in our community as they have in the past years.

Working collectively with organizations as well as municipal staff, we are trying to come up with a COVID friendly solution to keep our community safe, follow all health unit regulations at the time, and for social distancing Christmas activities.

Funding for some of these events is being provided by the organizers of Ville Noel in the absence of this even this year as well as Citizens and Community Groups located in the Municipality of Temagami.

Details of activities below:

Lite up Temagami

A Christmas Decorating contest for residential and businesses to enter with a registration form for mapping purposes for the community to be able to drive within the municipality and see the houses that have been entered. Prizes to be given out based on a panel of volunteered judges

Virtual Breakfast with Santa

This will be a collaboration with the Temagami and Marten River Fire Departments. Households will contact the Municipal Office to register their family to receive pre-mix pancake batter, syrup, treats, and a toy/game. The Fire Departments will deliver the Christmas bag to the registered houses and leave the bag in a safe location adhering to physical distancing practices and upon departure the Fire Truck will give a little blast of the horn for kids. In the Christmas bag it will have instructions on how to join Santa on Sunday December 13, 2020 from 8am – 10am via Zoom to participate with Santa as he will cook alongside families virtually with some interaction while eating.

Virtual loop for Christmas

This will be a social media event which will include but not limited to some Entertainment, Storytelling, and Dignitary comments/stories. This loop will run on the Municipal Facebook Page from December 23, 2020 until December 26, 2020.

Memorial Tree Lighting

Tree lighting will continue to take place at the Train Station with the community having the option to view the lighting and the read out of names virtually or in person but keeping physical distancing practices in consideration. This event to be held on Saturday December 12, 2020 with a time yet to be determined. Memorial Tree donations will continue to take place at various locations in Temagami as well as contacting the municipal office. Staff may be asking Members of Council to read the names that have been submitted in memorial.

Elf on the Shelf Temagami Style

Staff will dress up as the Elf on the Shelf and get photos throughout the Municipality doing various activities and those pictures will be displayed on the Municipal Facebook Page daily for the month of December. This will be for entertainment for kids and adult alike for our followers on Facebook. There will be a total of 18 photo's posted running from Tuesday December 1, 2020 until the 24th of December, 2020. Following the 4th of December the pictures will be uploaded throughout the week (Monday-Friday).

Respectfully Submitted:

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