



# Living Temagami

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From: Board of Directors , Living Temagami

To: Municipality of Temagami Mayor and Council

Re: Blanket Request to use Community Center during 2021 for community programming events

I am seeking a blanket approval of council for the upcoming calendar year, 2021 that Living Temagami may work directly with town staff to arrange for use of this facility for appropriate **non-profit** community events. We are further asking that any associated fees would be waived for these events.

Event dates would be set so as not to conflict with paid programming use of the facility. Event insurance would be in place as we did for the Drive - In Movie theater events last month. With respect to the number of occasions, we anticipate that the events could be once per month.

As we have shown through past events this year, Living Temagami will continue to co-ordinate and/or facilitate community programming in a covid safe manner with other like - minded community groups.

## **Rational for this request:**

Events that are fee generating for the town would take priority.

However, beyond that, if council could pre-authorize this request, it would facilitate more timely delivery of events as they are planned.

The requested usage is for events that are not money making and are being offered to stimulate community resiliency over this next year.

In the covid period we find ourselves, it is imperative that we have safe outlets to gather and respect appropriate social distancing. We will use the station as a place to gather small groups but require larger community space for safe gathering of larger groups. We believe that it is important to the well being of our community members to continue to offer programming where people can choose to gather in person, safely, over these winter months.

Case in point Christmas Bazaar will not be held this season as the local facilities ( Catholic church or Legion ) cannot provide the space to ensure appropriate social distancing. By the time we were able to ensure that we could facilitate the bazaar, in different space, the timeliness of us then going through the approval stage of council to use the community center has put the organizing time for the event out of reach.

Regards

Dave MacDonald, Chair, Living Temagami Arts & Culture