



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Report from Treasurer/Administrator

Agenda Date: January 21, 2021

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report from Treasurer/Administrator dated January 21, 2021.

INFORMATION

Ambulance Service Delivery

As included in information correspondence, the Nipissing DSSAB has included in their 2021 budget a study to determine the best method of providing land ambulance services, whether through the continued use of delivery agreements or whether through direct delivery by DNSSAB. It should be remembered that the Province has determined that land ambulance services is provided by Counties, Regions and DSSABs. So, while it is DNSSAB's study and decision to make, we have offered to participate should they wish as this study moves forward in 2021.

2021 Budget

Draft Budgets have been received (or discussed) including capital requests. We are still on track to having a draft 2021 budget in February.

Asset Management

Ontario regulation 588/17 created a time frame for asset management plan enhancement. We did complete and public an asset management policy in July 2019 and the next step is enhanced asset management plans for core infrastructure assets to be completed by July 1, 2021. Even with the pandemic, the Province has yet to alter this date.

A key focus of asset management planning is level of service. Staff has attended workshops on this topic this week. Level of service, combined with the condition assessment that has been completed over the past 18 months, will allow Staff to prepare draft asset management plans for infrastructure assets for Council's consideration this spring.

Community Safety and Well-being

Another deadline that the Province is moving ahead with during the pandemic is the creation of Community Safety and Well-Being plans. Before the pandemic, there was a plan to create these plans for the whole of Timiskaming District. We are proceeding on the basis that this is still the desired course of action and have reached out appropriately to try to have this verified.

District Affiliation

An introductory meeting has been scheduled with Timiskaming District. This meeting should give an idea of the willingness to discuss this matter further and what next steps, if any, may be.

Waste Management Master Plan

A final report was circulated to Council in December for review. We are working with Tulloch to organize a meeting where questions and answers related to the Waste Management Master Plan can occur before the end of January.

Service Delivery

After a seasonal pause, Marina and I have been exchanging emails that are reviewing organizational structure and job descriptions to support that structure. They were not to the point for presentation and discussion at the time this agenda was being put together. Once this is done then I will communicate with the Mayor whether there should be a special meeting of Council or if this should go to the next regular session. While the structure may change as we work through other aspects of the Service Delivery Review, it is important to have the base understanding as we review other areas.

At the next regular meeting of Council, as per the draft timelines presented at the December meeting, we will be discussing options for the future of the arena including pros and cons of these options. While this will inform a larger recreation strategy, the future of the arena is very key to what the recreation strategy may be.

Playground

Staff are still working through different options related to placement of the playground. These were delayed due to the seasonal break but should be available for the next regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Treasurer/Administrator