



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

**Memo No.**

2021-M-022

**Subject:** Temagami Memorial Park Proposal

**Agenda Date:** February 11, 2021

**Attachments:** Map of Proposed Park Location

## **RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to set aside part of the land located at 26 Lakeshore Drive for the future development of the proposed Temagami Memorial Park.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff draft a lease agreement for this parcel, which will contain the conditions/use of the property, to be reviewed at the next regular council meeting.

## **INFORMATION**

At the November 19, 2020 Council meeting, Council received a delegation from Susanne Daneault, a resident of Temagami, requesting a commitment to the lands between the skate park and the Family Health Team to develop a memorial park. Mrs. Daneault has received interest from a third party wanting to donate, in memory of a loved one, to a playground in the town core.

The land that has been requested is currently being used as an overnight Municipal Parking lot and is typically quite full in the summer months. The use of the parking area is without payment and is not well laid out (no parking stall lines, so vehicles park how they see fit). There have been some discussions internally, in line with the service delivery review, to further develop our parking areas and start collecting fees for the use.

Currently we do not have a public play area in the town core of Temagami. The Seniors Home Support and Non Profit Housing complex have a small playground between the two buildings. We have two public play areas in Temagami North, Spruce Park and The Temagami Community Centre (which the Municipality has been trying to apply for funding to fix up).

Some of the locations that Municipal staff have considered and the reason for not recommending them are:

1. O'Connor overnight parking area – This would eliminate some of the well-used downtown parking.
2. Caribou Mountain – Distance from the town core would make it difficult for those with mobility issue.
3. Forestry Island (providing a water shuttle service in the summer months) – access would be limited to certain times of the day and only in the summer.
4. Private land north of the Ronnoco and Minawassi – Owner is not interested in selling at this time.
5. Temagami North Community Centre Complex – Not in the down town core.

Staff are recommending the north half of the land at 26 Lakeshore Drive (known as the Busby Property), be allocated for the Temagami Memorial Park. The area is adjacent to the Ronnoco and Minawassi property and the location would allow for future expansion projects to the north, as the Municipality owns a lot of the lands in behind. Please see the attached Map, the proposed area is approximately 200' X 300'.

Staff is recommending that a lease agreement be executed between the Temagami Memorial Park Team and the Municipality for the land for the sum of \$1.00 per year, outlining the conditions of the use and maintenance of the land.

**Submitted by:**

**Sabrina Pandolfo, Deputy Treasurer**