



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2023-M-221

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Economic Development Report

Agenda Date: **November 9, 2023**

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

For Council Information

INFORMATION

Temagami Dry business potential is in the active process of evaluation and seeking out partners. A meeting was held on October 19, which went very well. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled for late November. There seems to both interest and a positive business case for this endeavour

An introductory meeting was held with representatives of the Temagami First Nation, the Teme Augama Anishnabai, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation, myself and Mayor Dan O'Mara. All agreed that some form of practical management of the Mine Landing was necessary and we agreed in spirit to try to develop some solutions.

Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation is very close to incorporation, simply awaiting indemnity insurance quotations from our broker before continuing.

I attended the Ontario Northland Community Connection event in North Bay on November 3 and the "virtual" event on November 9.

On October 12, Council authorized Economic Development to organize the Haunting of the Temagami Fire Tower Trail.

The Friday, October 27 dance raised about \$1000.00 for local animal shelter Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary, with approximately 70 people attending.

Our fog machine set off the fire alarm and our Volunteer Firemen responded both quickly and sympathetically. No fights. No evictions. No injuries.

On Saturday, October 28, we put on the Haunting of the Fire Tower Trail. We had rain up until the night before then had rain and snow the night after, so something was on our side.

About 30 community members stepped up, along with local business Pharmasave and the Chamber of Commerce. No less than four Councilors volunteered their time and effort. It's difficult to gauge the attendance of these things, but the bus drivers estimated about 800.

I had about 800 "newspapers" printed, and there are around 175 left, (as not everyone takes one), so I would guess that number is pretty accurate.

We had a swell of people at the start of the event last night, whereas last year we had the swell late at night.

We had exposure from a Tony Ryma interview on CTV and from The Temiskaming Speaker.

We decided to opt for voluntary donations instead of a requisite fee. We raised 852.55, which paid for the buses (698.00) that Council agreed to front us the money for, so essentially, we recouped our entire budget.



Respectfully Submitted:
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