

**TEMISKAMING MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 26, 2023**

	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>Jean Marc Boileau</b>	<b>Reynald Rivard</b>
<b>Brethour</b>	<b>Tom Goddard</b>	
<b>Casey</b>	<b>Bruno Trudel</b>	<b>Guy Labonté</b>
<b>Chamberlain</b>	<b>Kerry Stewart</b>	
<b>Charlton/Dack</b>	<b>Gord Saunders</b>	
<b>Cobalt</b>	<b>Angela Adshead</b>	
<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Lois Perry</b>	<b>Marilyn Lubbock</b>
<b>Englehart</b>	<b>Jo-Anne Farmer</b>	
<b>Evanturel</b>	<b>Barbara Beachey</b>	
<b>Harley</b>	<b>Cliff Fielder</b>	<b>Sophie MacKewn</b>
<b>Harris</b>	<b>Brian Brownlee</b>	<b>Ron Sutton</b>
<b>Hilliard</b>		
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>Larry Craig</b>	<b>Greg Seed</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>Chris Cormier</b>	<b>Rodger Donaldson</b>
<b>Kerns</b>		
<b>Kirkland Lake</b>		
<b>Larder Lake</b>		
<b>Latchford</b>	<b>Sharon Gadoury</b>	<b>Jo-Anne Cartner</b>
<b>Matachewan</b>		
<b>McGarry</b>		
<b>Temagami</b>		
<b>Temiskaming Shores</b>		
<b>Thornloe</b>	<b>Pauline Peddie</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>		

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**Meeting opened at 6:35 pm.**

Moved by: Cliff Fielder

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Farmer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2023 be approved.

Carried

**DISCUSSIONS:** See minutes of Executive Meeting

**Patricia Quinn:**

- Will have a discussion with Clayton Seymour to obtain more clarification on requirements concerning Community Risk Assessment to be prepared by each municipality before July 31, 2024
- Will ask for working templates.
- Is there an opportunity to do it as a group?

**Kerry Stewart:**

- An agreement is currently in place with TMSA and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to have inspections done at those Boreal Villages to confirm Building Code adherence. Our building inspector will be accompanied by a government official in a government vehicle for those inspections.
- Advertisement for an in-house planner will appear in the local newspapers. This individual will be working with TMSA. There will be some type of cost recovery formula for those municipalities wanting to make use of this planner.
- Fees have already been sent in a letter addressed to all municipalities and should be received shortly.

**Fire Trucks / Fire Equipment:**

- Confusion between municipalities at what age a fire truck can no longer be certified.
- Some municipalities are being told that insurance premiums are increasing after 15 years while others are being told 20 years.
- Need to have discussion with government to obtain more funding for fire trucks and fire equipment.
- Where do we find the individual to give us some answers before municipalities are at the point of not being able to support a fire department.

**FONOM Danny Whalen:**

- See attached notes.

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Moved by: Chris Cormier  
Seconded by: Jean Marc Boileau

**Resolution for the improvement of Provincial funding to public libraries**

Whereas public libraries provide valuable services to their own and surrounding communities, schools and indigenous neighbours and contribute to maintaining French language service and opportunities in Ontario Francophone communities; and

Whereas public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and

Whereas public libraries are often the only facility providing many of these services; and

Whereas these services have expanded far beyond books and magazines, and include services such as study and meeting areas, proctoring exams, internet access, e-resources, technology help, literacy programs, lending of snowshoes, radon detectors, wifi hotspots, Ontario park passes, municipal pool passes, walking poles, board games, puzzles, CO2 monitors, and other items of use; and

Whereas public libraries actively partner with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and

Whereas public libraries offer a sense of safety and social outing for seniors and other community members; and

Whereas public libraries are often the only source of broadband internet service, printing, scanning and faxing to the residents of the host community and surrounding areas; and

Whereas public libraries contribute to cognitive and literacy development of children and adults alike; and

Whereas public libraries contribute to economic development and helping small business owners by providing space, internet access and resources, resume help and printing services; and

Whereas public libraries aid those in the community in accessing government services such as online forms and documents, criminal and vulnerable sector checks, license renewals, health card renewals and other services; and

Whereas public libraries contribute to cultural identity and regional integrity by collecting historical materials and providing materials and services in both official languages and any other languages spoken in the community; and

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Whereas public libraries contribute intangible benefits to the health and wellness of those members of the community who use library services, therefore contributing to the health and wellness of the community at large; and \

Whereas public libraries manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

Whereas public libraries continue to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, services for newcomers and seniors and provide equitable access to government websites and services; and

Whereas public libraries are increasingly called upon to provide nontraditional services such as being warming and cooling centres and partnering to provide community fridge and food bank amenities in the absence of these services being provided by government facilities with appropriate training and resources; and,

Whereas many of the Ministries of the Government of Ontario benefit from having public libraries in the communities of Ontario for the above reasons;

Be it resolved that the City of Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board call on the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to work with the Ontario Ministries of Economic Development; Education; Finance; Francophone Affairs; Health; Indigenous Affairs; Job Creation and Trade; Public and Business Service Delivery; and Seniors and Accessibility, and the Federal Minister of Indigenous Affairs, to recognize each Ministry's benefits from library services and to implement a strong continuous funding program for library services.

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Temiskaming Municipal Association, Ontario Library Service, the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, the Ontario Library Association, MPP John Vanthof, and Federal Minister of Indigenous Services the Honorable Patty Hajdu.

Carried

Moved by: Sophie MacKewn

Seconded by: Barbara Beachey

That Temiskaming Municipal Association accepts the September 30, 2023 bank reconciliation as presented by the treasurer.

Carried

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Invite MPAC to November meeting

Meeting of October 26, 2023, be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

*Executive meeting on November 15, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the Thornloe hall.*

*TMA meeting on November 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Rosaire and Wilfrid Paiement arena*