



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2024-M-079

Memorandum to Council

Subject:	PHU-THU Merger
Agenda Date:	April 25, 2024
Attachments:	THU correspondence dated August 30, 2023 and February 29, 2024, and THU Board Minutes of January 31, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Temagami receives memo 2024-M-079;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Temagami send a letter to the THU, with a copy to the Ministry of Health, to recommend that additional municipal representatives be included on the Board of the proposed merged Health Unit.

INFORMATION

On August 30, 2023, the Timiskaming Health Unit sent correspondence to Community Partners, including the Municipality of Temagami, to advise that the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) were moving towards a voluntary merger. A copy of that correspondence is attached for reference. At the April 11, 2024 Regular Council meeting, Council received an update from the THU (attached) and the minutes of the THU Board meeting of January 31, 2024. The minutes included an update on the merger with the following information:

Currently the THU has nine municipal representatives sitting on the board:

3 for the City of Temiskaming Shores

1 for the Towns and Latchford, the Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman

1 for the Townships of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier

1 for the Townships of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, and the Village of Thornloe

1 for the Townships of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan

1 for the Town of Kirkland Lake

1 for the Townships of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & the Town of Englehart

After the merger, the proposed representation on the board is three from the current THU. The Municipal representative for the Towns and Latchford, the Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman is currently Councillor Carol Lowery from Temagami. Councillor Lowery has brought to Council's attention the concern over the significant reduction in municipal representation that this would bring about. Council may wish to submit a letter of objection to this reduction and propose a more suitable alternative.

Respectfully Submitted
Elaine Gunnell