



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2024-M-171

Memorandum to Council

Subject:	Authorization for Attendance at the 2025 ROMA Conference
Agenda Date:	October 10 th 2024
Attachments:	

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive report 2024-M-171 regarding the 2025 ROMA Conference; and

FURTHER THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby direct staff to proceed with the registration of three Councilors and one Staff member for the ROMA Conference, scheduled for Sunday, January 19 to Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in Toronto;

AND FURTHER THAT all associated costs for registration, travel, and accommodations shall be covered by the Municipality of Temagami, in accordance with municipal policy.

Background

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference is a highly regarded annual event that gathers representatives from over 400 municipalities across Ontario. Scheduled for Sunday, January 19 to Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in Toronto, the conference offers a platform for discussions on rural issues, policies, funding opportunities, and best practices.

This conference is particularly significant for small rural municipalities like Temagami, as it focuses on the unique challenges faced by communities of similar size. Unlike other conferences, ROMA is tailored to address the needs of rural municipalities, providing insights that are directly relevant to our operations and community challenges. Attendance will allow Temagami's representatives to connect with peers who share similar concerns, facilitating collaboration and the exchange of valuable strategies.

Rationale for Attendance:

The benefits of attending the ROMA Conference include:

- **Targeted Insights:** Participants will gain critical updates on rural policy changes, legislative trends, and funding programs specifically designed for communities like Temagami.
- **Networking Opportunities:** The conference provides a unique chance to engage with representatives from municipalities that are comparable in size and facing the same issues. This networking can lead to fruitful partnerships and collaboration on shared priorities.
- **Learning Best Practices:** Insights from other small rural municipalities can lead to actionable strategies that enhance local governance and service delivery.

Respectively Submitted

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