



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2024-M-160

Memorandum to Council

**Subject:** Economic Development Memo

**Agenda Date:** **October 10, 2024**

**Attachments:** Small Business Program (SBP) Energy Efficiency Retrofits Temagami.pdf  
New Horizons for Seniors Program - Grant Submission 2024.pdf  
Kick off Temagami Net Zero Feasibility Study Sept 27 2024.pdf

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For Council Information

## **INFORMATION**

### **1) Train Station Rental:**

Both entities have been contacted re: Train Station arrangements and we are attempting to mediate between the parties. A meeting of all parties has been scheduled for October 9 and we are hoping to verbally report on the progress at the October 10 Council meeting.

### **2) Tredcorp:**

On June 27, 2024, Council passed **By-law 24-1744 - To authorize the Incorporation of the Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation, and Appoint the Initial Board Members**

As of August 26, 2024, the Temagami Regional Economic Development Corporation has officially been incorporated.

Several queries were made to our agent as to the status of our insurance coverage, and quotes were received last week.

At the time of this report, discussion on coverage and rates was active, yet unresolved.

### **3) Mine landing Ad Hoc Committee.**

On August 8, 2024, Council deferred the Lake Temagami Access Point AdHoc Committee Terms of Reference with further Council input being requested. Council approved the draft terms of reference "24-408" on September 12, with the Mayor being specified as one of the three members representing the municipality.

It is scheduled to go before TFN/TAA councils on October 21.

### **4) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

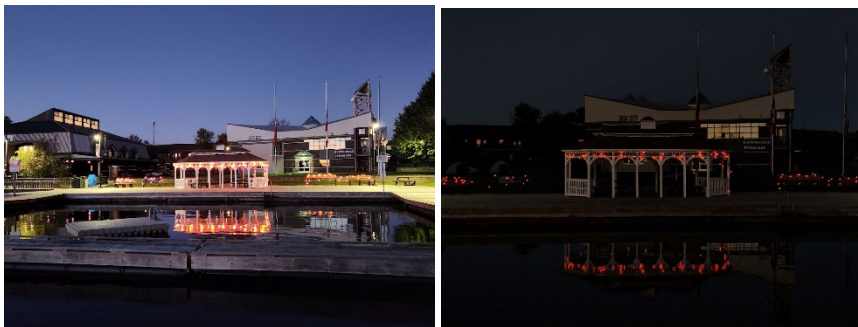
In 2015, Justice Murray Sinclair presented the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Final Report, which documented the Indian residential school system's history and impact, calling it cultural genocide. Based on testimonies from over 6,750 survivors, the report emphasized reconciliation through restoring Indigenous cultures and languages.

On September 30, 2021, Canada observed its first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which aligns with Orange Shirt Day, originally launched in 2013 to raise awareness of residential school trauma. It honors victims, survivors, and the children who never returned home, symbolized by Phyllis Webstad's story of her orange shirt being taken on her first day of school.

Key events:

- 1878: Nicholas Flood Davin recommended residential schools for assimilation.
- 1883: Indian residential schools were established.
- 1991: The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples was formed.
- 2008: Prime Minister Harper apologized and established the TRC.
- 2013: Orange Shirt Day was introduced by Phyllis Webstad.
- 2015: The TRC labeled the system cultural genocide.
- 2021: September 30 was declared the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

On September 30, 2024, the Municipality of Temagami lit up the waterfront in orange to honor the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Approximately 45 people attended the event, which was seen by 2,171 people on Facebook, with 120 positive reactions and 7 shares.



### 5) Small Business Program (SBP) Energy Efficiency Retrofits for Municipality of Temagami Grant Provider and Program

The *Save on Energy Small Business Program (SBP)*, funded and administered by the *Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)* under the 2021-2024 Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Framework, provides financial incentives to small businesses across Ontario. The program is designed to reduce energy consumption through the installation of energy-efficient lighting, refrigeration, and HVAC equipment. The SBP offers up to \$3,000 for lighting upgrades and up to \$2,500 for non-lighting upgrades to eligible small businesses, encouraging energy efficiency measures through a no-cost assessment and installation process.

**Key Program Features:**

- Free on-site energy assessment
- Financial incentives for installing energy-efficient equipment
- Up to \$3,000 for lighting upgrades, including fixtures, occupancy sensors, and LED rewiring

- Up to \$2,500 for non-lighting upgrades, such as smart thermostats

**Options for Temagami's Municipal Buildings:** The SBP program allows for two approaches when upgrading eligible buildings:

1. **Budget-Friendly Path:**

- Aimed at maximizing the \$3,000 available for each building, this option focuses on rewiring fixtures and installing energy-efficient LED lamps or tubes.
- Occupancy sensors can be added if the budget allows, ensuring a more cost-effective approach to improving energy efficiency.
- **Potential Financial Contribution:** The *Save on Energy Program* covers up to \$3,000 for lighting measures at no cost to the municipality, which can cover the majority of the retrofit cost.

2. **The Works:**

- This option goes beyond the \$3,000 cap, covering more extensive retrofits such as new fixtures, full installation of occupancy sensors, and other advanced energy-saving measures.
- **Potential Financial Contribution:** The *Save on Energy Program* provides \$3,000 towards lighting upgrades, but any costs exceeding this amount must be covered by the *Municipality of Temagami*. This allows the municipality to pursue more comprehensive retrofits, but it requires additional funding from municipal budgets to cover the gap.

**Audit of Municipal Buildings:** An energy audit was conducted on September 25, covering the following municipal buildings in Temagami:

Municipal Office Building – 7 Lakeshore Drive  
Water Treatment Plant – 37 Lakeshore Drive  
Public Works – 46 Lakeshore Drive  
Temagami Fire Hall – 5 Stevens Road  
Marten River Fire Hall - 2877 Highway 11  
Arena – 100 Spruce Drive  
Lagoon 1 – 100 Cedar Avenue  
Lagoon 2 – Jack Guppy Way  
Museum – 120 Jack Guppy Way  
Chalet – 120 Jack Guppy Way  
Train Station - 6715 Hwy 11 N

These buildings are now eligible for retrofits under the SBP, focusing on maximizing energy savings through lighting improvements.

**Conclusion:** The *Save on Energy Small Business Program* offers a practical and financially supported pathway for the Municipality of Temagami to enhance the energy efficiency of its buildings. **While the program covers up to \$3,000 for lighting retrofits per building, the municipality will need to provide additional financial support if more comprehensive upgrades (like new fixtures and occupancy sensors) are pursued.** By choosing either the budget-friendly option or “The Works,” Temagami can tailor retrofits to meet the specific needs and budget constraints of each building. We have a choice to only pursue the fully

funded (free dollars) portions of the grant (35,000.00) or, as evaluated by the municipality, invest in future cost saving measures recommended.

Location	Free Dollars	Customer cost	Dollars Savings
Temagami Municipal Office Building	5,438.00	10,223.00	883.98
Temagami Water Towers	606.12		120.30
Temagami Firehall	1,506.00		247.74
Temagami Fire Department	3,698.40	3,779.80	1,080.69
Temagami Chalet	1,183.80		24.48
Temagami Museum	2,878.00		193.92
Temagami Train Station	1,008.00		
Temagami Public Works	2,965.72	42.00	385.92
Temagami Water Treatment Plant	3,332.00	1,697.00	124.80
Temagami Water Lagoons	870.00		
Temagami Arena	8,245.00	18,202.90	2,500.08
Marten River Fire Department	3,282.60	2,534.00	655.20
	35,013.64	36,478.70	6,217.11

## 6) GHG Reduction Pathway Feasibility Studies Program and Grant (Net Zero)

### Information for council on CIMCO's application

The **GHG Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study** is part of the **Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR)** initiative administered through the **Green Municipal Fund (GMF)** by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The initiative aims to help municipalities retrofit community buildings to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50% within 10 years and 80% within 20 years. This grant originated as part of a broader federal commitment in the 2019 budget to support municipalities' climate action through a \$950 million fund.

### Municipal Responsibilities and Financial Commitments

The Municipality of Temagami is responsible for:

1. **Grant Application:** Assisting with submitting the feasibility study grant application, which covers up to 80% of eligible costs, with a maximum of \$65,000 for a single building and up to \$200,000 for a portfolio of buildings
2. **Data Collection and Analysis:** Providing monthly utility data, operating schedules, and building system details for the feasibility study. This includes site visits and workshops

3. **Financial Commitment:** The estimated total study cost for the Municipality of Temagami is \$111,473.10, with a potential reimbursement of \$89,170 from the CBR grant. The municipality would be responsible for an out-of-pocket expense of approximately \$22,303.10
4. **Ongoing Engagement:** Participating in workshops and decision-making processes, reviewing measures to reduce GHG emissions, and committing to the implementation of retrofits aligned with the asset management plan

#### **Planned Upgrades for the Three Buildings**

1. **Temagami Arena/Community Centre (25,762 sq ft):**
  - **Refrigeration Plant Upgrades:** Including heat recovery systems.
  - **Ice Resurfacing:** Adjusting ice thickness and using cold-water resurfacing.
  - **Building Automation Systems (BAS):** To improve operational control.
  - **HVAC and Electrical Systems Upgrades**
2. **Temagami Municipal Office/Library (9,600 sq ft):**
  - **Solar PV Installation:** To introduce renewable energy.
  - **Gas to Electric Conversion:** Replacing gas boilers with electric equivalents
3. **Public Works Office/Garage (4,064 sq ft):**
  - **Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades:** To improve energy efficiency and operational performance

#### **Rationale for Upgrades**

The proposed measures focus on:

- **Energy Optimization:** Reducing energy consumption through mechanical upgrades and automation
- **GHG Emissions Reduction:** Heat recovery, solar PV, and full gas-to-electric conversions are key to cutting emissions.
- **Lifecycle Cost Efficiency:** Aligning retrofits with the capital renewal timeline ensures cost-effective implementation

#### **7) New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects (up to \$25,000)**

##### **Grant application submitted**

Funding amount: Up to \$25,000

Application period: August 01, 2024 at 10:00 am to September 12, 2024 at 3:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) community-based stream is a federal grant. It supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being.

### **Northern Lights for Seniors Project Overview**

The "Northern Lights" initiative focuses on enhancing seniors' social inclusion, physical activity, and mental well-being, addressing challenges such as isolation and inactivity in the 65+ population, which comprises over 34% of Temagami's residents. The program offers music sessions, square dancing, yoga, and storytelling to improve seniors' emotional and physical health. It also includes elder abuse prevention education.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Social Engagement: Weekly music and yoga sessions, monthly square dancing and social gatherings.

Intergenerational Interaction: Storytelling sessions involving seniors and youth.

Leadership Opportunities: Seniors lead activities and mentor younger participants.

Elder Abuse Education: Quarterly workshops focusing on elder abuse and financial fraud.

Cultural and Inclusive Focus Efforts will ensure Anishinaabe and French Canadian cultural elements are included in the music and storytelling components to foster inclusivity and reconciliation.

### **Timeline and Budget**

The project runs from March 2025 to February 2026.

The total budget is \$26,674, covering venues, staffing, equipment, and promotions.

Milestones include monthly and quarterly surveys and reports assessing participation and progress.

The total cost for implementing the *Northern Lights* project is \$26,674, covering all required staffing, venues, equipment, and promotional activities.

The total cost for facilities rentals, including hall and theatre spaces, is \$10,074. Labour costs, which encompass staffing and square dancing instructors, amount to \$10,600.

The total cost for staffing alone, excluding square dancing instructors, is \$5,800.

**Municipal Rental fees and Labour costs are budgeted for within the project, meaning no costs to the municipality.**

### **8) Nipissing Counts 2024 – Homeless Enumeration**

The Nipissing Counts 2024 Homelessness Enumeration is a coordinated effort led by the District of Nipissing Social Service Administration Board (DNSSAB) to measure homelessness across the Nipissing District. This event, taking place from October 9 to October 10, 2024, is part of a national initiative funded by Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy.

The program will conduct a 24-hour Point-in-Time (PiT) count that will:

- Gather administrative data from emergency shelters, public institutions, and transitional housing.

- Use anonymous surveys to capture information from individuals experiencing various forms of homelessness, such as those couch surfing or sleeping rough.

This initiative aims to provide a snapshot of homelessness in the district, informing local, provincial, and national efforts to address and reduce homelessness. The collected data will help DNSSAB identify service needs and allocate resources effectively. The results will be made public, supporting DNSSAB's goal of ending chronic and veteran homelessness in the area

We agreed to participate in this program, in part, to build and foster DNSSAB relationships and to gain access to aggregate data from the program for future grant writing.

#### 9) Website

I am pleased to inform Council that the training for updating and revising our municipal website has been successfully completed. We are now in the process of transferring information to the new platform.

As we move forward with this transition, we encourage council members to share any suggestions or report any issues encountered with the current site. Your feedback will be valuable in ensuring that the new website meets our community's needs effectively.

Please direct any comments or concerns to [ecdev@temagami.ca](mailto:ecdev@temagami.ca).

## Grant Application request:

### Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI)

#### Background:

Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million in the Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI) to support minority groups in the agri-food sector. Funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, AWEDI offers grants up to \$100,000 to help under-represented groups, including Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, persons with disabilities, women, youth, and French linguistic minorities, start and grow businesses. Applications open from October 8 to December 3, 2024. The Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment aimed at strengthening Canada's agriculture and agri-food sectors.

#### Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative - Project/Applicant Eligibility Summary

##### Overview:

The Initiative provides funding to support underrepresented groups in starting or growing businesses in the agri-food sector. Up to \$1,500,000 is available through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (2023–2028).

##### Important Dates:

- Application intake: October 8, 2024, Application deadline: December 3, 2024, Only one application per intake period.

##### Eligibility:

**Applicants** must be one of the following:

- Industry organization, Research body, Municipality, Indigenous community/government

**Projects** must serve underrepresented groups (e.g., Indigenous, youth, women, 2SLGBTQI+, persons with disabilities) and address at least one of these:

- Barriers to financing, Access to equipment or spaces (e.g., greenhouse, vertical farming) Supporting activities like training or mentoring cannot be standalone.

##### Funding:

- **Up to 70% of eligible costs, max \$100,000 per project (up to 85% for demonstrated financial need).**
- **Minimum eligible project cost: \$25,000.**
- **Stacking: Total funding cannot exceed 100% of eligible costs.**

##### Temagami Project Concept:

**Project Title:** Senior Garden to Market Program and Culinary Festival: Promoting Equity in Agri-Food Industries

##### Objective:

To address equity in the agri-food sector by empowering seniors, an underrepresented group, through access to land, equipment, and agri-business education. This initiative will culminate in a culinary festival, showcasing their contributions to local food production and promoting their involvement in the agri-food industry.

##### Key Components:

1. Access to Space and Equipment:



Establish a seniors-only community garden and greenhouse, providing tools and raised beds designed for accessibility.

The project will remove barriers for seniors by equipping them with resources to cultivate, process, and market their produce.

## **2. Knowledge Transfer:**

Conduct educational workshops on sustainable farming, marketing, and business development for seniors to sell their produce at local markets. These workshops will emphasize inclusion and equity in the agri-food industry.

Train participants on how to create value-added products such as jams, pickles, and sauces.

## **3. Community Integration:**

Collaborate with local restaurants, youth groups, and volunteers to support seniors in the garden and at markets, fostering intergenerational interaction.

## **4. Culinary Festival:**

Host a Senior-Driven Culinary Festival, in combination with the Community Market, celebrating the local produce cultivated by seniors. The event would feature dishes with senior-grown produce, market stalls for seniors to sell their products, and food demonstrations.

**The festival will also include discussions on the importance of inclusion and equity for seniors in the agri-food sector, highlighting their potential to contribute to local economies.**

## **Funding:**

Up to \$100,000 in cost-share funding from the Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative to cover the costs of land leasing, greenhouse construction, equipment purchases, training, and event organization.

The Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative provides funding that covers up to 70% of eligible project costs, with a maximum of \$100,000 per project. For recipients who can demonstrate financial need, the cost share can be increased to 85%. The minimum project cost eligible for funding is \$25,000.

## **Outcomes:**

This project will promote equity by addressing the agri-food industry's lack of representation for seniors, ensuring their access to resources and training. It will also create economic opportunities for seniors while increasing community engagement in local food systems.

## Previous Grant application progress

### 1) Grant application – NOHFC Arena Improvements

The Rural Enhancement Funding Stream allows for "incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal assets and community halls, that contribute to a healthy and vibrant community."

#### Condensed details:

##### Funding

Funding is in the form of a conditional contribution, and will not exceed: For communities under 1,500 and Indigenous communities, up to 90% of total eligible costs to a maximum of 200,000.00;

We are proposed an application to this stream comprising the following improvements to our arena:

Hood Vent Upgrade – 5000.00

Lighting Upgrade – 4000.00

Dishwasher Replacement – 7000.00

Sport Supplies – 5000.00

Ice Divider – 5000.00

Dehumidifier – 55000.00

Tables and Chairs for rink non ice surface - 28000.00

**Total: 109000.00**

Municipality Contribution: 10,900.00

The NOHFC has determined that the project is potentially eligible and will proceed for further review and evaluation. Please note that although your application is proceeding, it does not mean that it will be approved for funding. The NOHFC's programs are non-entitlement, discretionary programs and not all projects meeting the program eligibility criteria will be approved.

A Project Officer with the Ministry of Northern Development, Regional Economic Development Branch (REDB) was assigned to our file.

### 2) NOHFC People and Talent Program - Workforce Development Stream - Asset Management Coordinator / GIS Intern \*\*\* SUCCESSFUL\*\*\*

File number #7402272, application for a **Asset Management Coordinator / GIS Intern**

An Asset Management Coordinator Intern was applied for from NOHFC.

For eligible municipalities, Indigenous communities and not-for-profit organizations, funding is in the form of a conditional contribution of up to 90% of an intern's salary and employer's portion of MERCs to a maximum of 35,000 per year.

Municipal Contribution: 3500.00

**Respectfully submitted by  
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