



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memo No.**  
Memo 2024-M-195

**Memorandum to Council**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Memo on Vulnerable Sector Checks for Facility Rentals Policy</b>
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	November 14, 2024
<b>Attachments:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Council accepts Memo 2024-M-195 as presented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Council accepts the recommendations of staff and adopts a policy requiring Vulnerable Sector Checks for volunteer individuals and groups using municipal property and facilities to host events involving minors and other at-risk groups.

**INFORMATION**

The Municipality of Temagami rents its public spaces and facilities for private functions. As a requirement for the rental each group must provide liability insurance with the Municipality named on the insurance. Because the Municipality must take all precautions to keep all users of the facilities safe all staff who volunteer for events must have a vulnerable record search.

Over the last few years numerous groups throughout the province and country have been under investigation with some resulting in criminal charges. Some recent matters in recent investigations include volunteers with a Children's Aid Society, Scouts Canada, and Minor Hockey Associations just to name a few.

Many groups are taking it upon themselves to perform their due diligence and moving to a zero tolerance stance and requiring all individuals who have contact with minors and people who are at risk.

Due to the fact that the Municipality rents out the properties and facilities to groups for a variety of events without municipal supervision, it would be a best practice to ensure that all volunteers are held to the same standards as municipal staff. While some may feel this is an over reach of the Municipality, considering today's climate it is best to protect everybody from liability.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The volunteer groups climate has changed dramatically and volunteer groups fall under extensive scrutiny in the public eyes. To ensure that the Municipality has performed our due diligence, we must set standards for the volunteer groups using Municipal facilities that meets the Municipal staff requirements. This requirement will help manage and minimize risk of liability.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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