

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - December 2024

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-011 as presented.

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Activities and Events at the Temagami Arena

This report provides an overview of the activities and events held at the Temagami Arena during the winter season. The arena has remained a hub of activity, hosting a variety of hockey games and community events, offering valuable opportunities for both local residents and visitors.

Hockey Games

The arena hosted several hockey events featuring teams from various associations. These events contributed to the arena's role as a central hub for hockey in the region, fostering competition and community engagement, including:

- North Bay Trappers U15 AA and U10 AA teams.
- New Liskeard U9 C, U9, and U13 teams.
- Englehart U18 team.
- North Bay District Girls Hockey Association teams.
- Nipissing District Hockey League games.
- Franco - Ontarian Tournament 2024 - A key event that brought together teams from across the region.

Activities and Events

These events helped promote community spirit and provided a diverse range of entertainment for individuals and families. In addition to the hockey events, the arena hosted a variety of community activities and events during the last quarter, including:

- Public Skating and Pickup Hockey sessions.
- Curling games for residents to enjoy.
- Skills development programs for children from Temagami and Bear Island.
- Temagami Hockey Camp, which offered specialized training for young players.
- Movies at the Bunny Miller Theatre as part of our ongoing efforts to offer cultural experiences to the community.
- Halloween Party, a successful event that brought families together.
- Light Up Temagami festivities to mark the holiday season.
- Christmas Memorial Tree Lighting, a cherished tradition within the community.

- Elf on the Shelf in Temagami, a fun holiday activity for children.

Funding Received from the Temagami Community Foundation

Two grants were approved during the Temagami Community Foundation's Board of Directors meeting on November 25, 2024, and were paid directly to the Municipality of Temagami. As a charitable organization in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, the Municipality was required to use the funds for their intended purposes, adhere to the conditions set by the Foundation, and publicly acknowledge the Foundation's support in all related outreach efforts.

Grant for New Scoreboard

The Temagami Community Foundation approved a grant of \$12,373 for the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard at the arena. This funding came from the proceeds of the Foundation's 5 annual Truck N Boat Lottery. The new scoreboard will enhance the spectator experience and improve the overall functionality of the arena. The scoreboard is scheduled for delivery on January 6, 2025, and this upgrade was made possible by the generous grants awarded to the Municipality of Temagami Parks and Recreation Department.

Grant for Hockey Skills Camp

In addition, the Temagami Community Foundation awarded \$3,000 to support the Hockey Skills Camp, which will benefit youths from both Temagami and Bear Island. This grant will help cover the costs of the camp, making specialized training more accessible and reducing the financial burden on local families.

Canteen Revenue

Using the Square payment system for snack sales at the canteen, we have generated \$744 so far, which contributes to the arena's operational sustainability.

Conclusion

The Temagami Arena has had a successful final quarter of 2024, hosting various events and activities that engaged the community and offered valuable recreational opportunities. These achievements were made possible through the support of Council, grants, and community partnerships. As we move into 2025, we look forward to continuing to provide programs that meet the needs of our community, especially as we navigate through the winter season.