

# Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

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**Subject:** Funding & Projects Update

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives this report for information purposes regarding the current status of funding, grants, and ongoing projects in the Municipality of Temagami.

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## Executive Summary

This memorandum provides a detailed update on various funding programs and projects currently underway within the Municipality of Temagami. These initiatives, backed by federal and provincial grants, aim to enhance infrastructure, economic development, and community programs. The Municipality has actively sought funding to minimize financial strain on local taxpayers while ensuring necessary improvements are carried out efficiently.

## Rationale & Background

The Municipality has successfully secured multiple grants to support key infrastructure and community projects. Below is a detailed summary of ongoing funding programs:

1. **ICIP Green Funding (\$4.1M) - Temagami North Upgrades**

The ICIP Green Funding project includes three primary components: upgrades to the Temagami North Lagoon, Water Tower, and Water Treatment Plant. This initiative is 73% funded through federal and provincial grants. The Lagoon project is nearly complete and remains under budget. However, an oversight in the design of the level transmitter in the overflow chamber has been identified. The Engineer, Contractor, and OCWA are currently working on a resolution. Additionally, the Municipality is hopeful that leftover funds can be allocated for a backup generator for the UV and Blower buildings. For the Temagami North Standpipe, we are awaiting feedback from Tulloch Engineering regarding water modeling studies to finalize the standpipe replacement plan. The Water Treatment Plant upgrades have been completed within the budgeted estimates. The substantial completion date for the entire project is set for **October 31, 2026**.

2. **FedNor - Community Investment Initiatives for Northern Ontario (\$300K)**

This project is 90% funded over a three-year period from **July 23, 2023, to July 23, 2026**. The funding supports the Economic Development Officer position, with ongoing reporting and project updates being provided by staff. The EDO continues to explore and implement economic development strategies beneficial to the Municipality.

3. **Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) (\$102K per year for 5 years)**

The NORDS funding has been allocated toward maintaining and improving resource development supporting infrastructure. In the past it has been used towards municipal roads, specifically Fox Run and the Lake Temagami Access Road bridge repairs. The 2025 fiscal year marks the final year of this funding program. Required reporting and accountability measures are being upheld.

4. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Net Zero Study (\$111,473.10)**

This study, which is 80% funded, focuses on energy efficiency and net-zero strategies for the Temagami Community Centre, Municipal Office, and Public Works Complex. The findings from this study will help guide future sustainability initiatives. Completion is expected by **mid-2025**.

5. **CSRIF Stream 1 Funding (\$215K)**

The application for this funding was submitted in **October 2024** to support critical repairs and

upgrades at the Temagami Community Centre. The proposed work includes the installation of ice guards, roofing over exit doors, and the installation of fitness equipment. This initiative is 70% funded, and we are currently awaiting confirmation of our application status.

6. **OFM - Fire Protection Grant (\$16.5K)**

This funding has been approved, and the Municipality is awaiting the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement. The funds will be used to purchase essential protective equipment for both the Temagami and Marten River Fire Departments, including bunker gear, SCBA filling equipment, helmets, gloves, and boots.

7. **Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (\$846K)**

This project, which is 50% funded, covers surface treatment and engineering for Fox Run. The Transfer Payment Agreement is scheduled to be brought to Council during the **February 2025 Working Session** for final review and approval.

8. **NOHFC - Rural Enhancement Funding (\$243K)**

The Municipality has applied for funding to upgrade the Community Centre, including replacing the chiller, dehumidifier, and renovating washrooms. The program is 90% funded; however, the review process has been placed on hold due to the pending election. A decision is expected once the governing bodies are instated.

9. **NOHFC - Workforce Development Program (\$35K)**

The funding, which is 90% covered, supports hiring an intern for **one year** to assist with Asset Management and GIS Mapping. The intern is set to start on **February 24, 2025**.

10. **Canada Summer Jobs Program**

The Municipality has applied for funding to support summer youth employees in various roles. This program is 50% funded, and we are awaiting confirmation from the federal government regarding our application status.

11. **Summer Experience Program**

Additional funding has been applied for through the Provincial Government to support summer youth employment opportunities. We are currently awaiting further updates.

12. **Inclusive Community Grants (ICG) (\$45K)**

A funding application was submitted in **May 2024** for the installation of seniors' fitness equipment. This program is 100% funded. We have yet to receive a response and will be reaching out for an update.

13. **ICIP Local Government Intake (\$90K)**

After prolonged correspondence and follow-up efforts, the Municipality has successfully received

this funding, originally allocated under the 2021 intake stream.

#### **14. New Horizons for Seniors Funding (\$23K)**

The Municipality has recently received approval for this 100% funded project, which will support various seniors' programming initiatives. The Transfer Payment Agreement will be presented at the February Working Session for Council review.

The Municipality is committed to securing external funding to support crucial infrastructure projects and community initiatives. These funding opportunities help reduce the financial burden on taxpayers while allowing the Municipality to maintain and enhance essential services and public spaces.

### **Legal Compliance and Relevant Acts**

All funding agreements are managed in accordance with provincial and federal regulations. The Municipality ensures ongoing compliance through reporting and financial tracking.

### **Implementation Plan**

- Continued collaboration with engineers, contractors, and funding agencies to ensure project efficiency.
- Regular reporting to Council to maintain transparency and track progress.
- Monitoring financial allocations and ensuring all projects align with funding requirements.
- Exploring additional grant opportunities to further municipal development.

### **Conclusion**

The Municipality of Temagami remains dedicated to securing funding that supports infrastructure improvements, economic growth, and community engagement. Staff and Council will continue to oversee the successful implementation of these projects while seeking further opportunities for funding and development.