

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Request for Financial Contribution to the 2025 Temagami Ling Fling

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Attachment: TAFIP 2025 Ling Fling Request, Council Donation Policy

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the donation request and information from TAFIP;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant permission for the use of the Mine Landing for the Ling Fling event on March 15, 2025, pending confirmation that the Municipality of Temagami has been added as an additional insured for the event and location.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the contribution of a cash donation of \$_____ to assist in the fundraising efforts for TAFIP's Fish Hatchery.

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Executive Summary

The Temagami Ling Fling is an annual community event that raises funds for TAFIP, a local fish hatchery initiative. The event is scheduled for March 15, 2025, and has historically generated significant contributions to conservation efforts in the region. The organizers have requested the use of the Mine Landing site and a financial contribution from the Municipality. This report evaluates the request in the context of the Council Donation Policy and recommends approval of financial support.

Background

The Ling Fling is a community-driven event that has been held five times in the past nine years, raising over \$25,000 for TAFIP. The funds support fish stocking programs, conservation education, and habitat restoration in Temagami's waterways. The event takes place during the final weekend of March Break, drawing local residents and visitors to an accessible and inclusive gathering.

For 2025, TAFIP will provide the Certificate of Insurance and obtain the Lottery Licence required for additional fundraising activities. The event organizers seek permission to use the Mine Landing area and request financial assistance from the Municipality to enhance their fundraising capacity.

Rationale

Supporting the 2025 Ling Fling aligns with the Municipality's objectives of fostering community engagement, promoting environmental conservation, and enhancing local tourism. The event meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the Council Donation Policy:

- It is organized by a non-profit group (TAFIP and community volunteers).
- It benefits the broader Temagami community.
- It aligns with the Municipality's values and policies.
- It has a proven track record of successful fundraising and community participation.

Furthermore, the event helps sustain local fisheries, which are integral to Temagami's environmental and economic landscape. A municipal contribution will amplify these efforts and encourage ongoing community stewardship of local natural resources.

Legal Compliance and Relevant Acts

This request is compliant with the Municipal Donation Policy AD-2018-01 (as amended):

- The event is hosted by a recognized non-profit entity.
- A financial contribution from the Municipality will be supplementary, not the sole funding source.
- If the donation exceeds \$500, the organizers will submit a report detailing fund utilization within 60 days post-event.
- The Municipality's support will be publicly acknowledged at the event.

Implementation Plan

1. Council Approval: Formal resolution to approve the financial contribution.
2. Allocation of Funds: Determine the appropriate funding amount within the approved municipal budget for donations.
3. Agreement on Terms: Ensure the organizers adhere to reporting requirements and provide public recognition of municipal support.
4. Event Support: Grant permission for the use of Mine Landing for the event.
5. Post-Event Review: Obtain and review the financial report from the event organizers to assess impact and compliance.

Conclusion

The 2025 Temagami Ling Fling is a valuable community initiative that supports local conservation efforts while fostering civic engagement. The event aligns with the Municipality's policies and strategic goals. A financial contribution from the Municipality will enhance the success of the event and contribute to the ongoing sustainability of Temagami's fishery resources.

It is recommended that Council approve a financial contribution and allow the use of the Mine Landing site for the event.