

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

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**Subject:** Sisters by Choice – Donation Request

**Memo No:** 2025-M-039

**Date:** February 13, 2025

**Attachment:** None

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-039 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from Sisters by Choice to waive the rental fee for the Marten River Fire Hall from November 2024 to the end of May 2025 as an in-kind donation, subject to compliance with all requirements in the Council Donation Policy and the MRFH rental agreements.

## Background

Sisters by Choice is a community-based, non-profit group that fosters community connections and promotes wellness through social and creative activities such as card games, craft-making, book clubs, and charity initiatives. The organization has requested the use of the Marten River Fire Hall as a venue for these activities, which would otherwise incur rental expenses. This request aligns with the Council Donation Policy, which supports non-profit organizations through in-kind contributions. The value of the request does not exceed the policy's specified limit, and approval will enable community engagement and programming at no direct financial cost to the Municipality.

## Rationale and Compliance with Council Donation Policy

- **Eligibility Criteria:** Sisters by Choice is a non-profit, volunteer-run group providing community services that meet the policy's requirements for in-kind donations.
- **In-Kind Donations:** The request is for the use of municipal facilities, which is allowed under the policy for non-profit organizations.
- **Financial Limit:** The value of the requested in-kind donation is within the policy's specified financial limits.
- **Community Impact:** The activities supported by this request contribute to the well-being and engagement of the community.
- **Acknowledgment:** The organization will acknowledge the Municipality's contribution in its promotional materials.
- **No Financial Expenditure:** No direct financial expenditure will be required from the Municipality to fulfill this request.

## Conclusion

Approving this in-kind donation request will provide valuable support to Sisters by Choice, facilitating community engagement through social and creative activities. As the request aligns with the Council Donation Policy and does not impose any financial strain on the Municipality, it is recommended that Council approve the use of the Marten River Fire Hall for this purpose, supporting community-driven initiatives.