

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

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**Subject:** Economic Development Officer Report - January 2025

**Memo No:** 2025-M-042

**Date:** February 13, 2025

**Attachment:** None

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-031 as presented.

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## Executive Summary

This report provides updates on the activities of the Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation (TREDCO), various municipal committees, and community projects within the Municipality of Temagami. Key highlights include the incorporation of TREDCO, new employment opportunities for the summer of 2025, the progress of the Joint Councils Mine Landing Ad Hoc Committee, and several grant-funded initiatives aimed at enhancing the community's infrastructure and wellbeing. Updates on municipal dispute resolutions, ongoing training, and new business programs are also covered.

## Temagami Region Economic Development Updates

- **Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation (TREDCO)**
  - **By-law 24-1744:** On June 27, 2024, Council passed By-law 24-1744, authorizing the incorporation of TREDCO and appointing the initial Board members.
  - **Incorporation:** As of August 26, 2024, TREDCO was officially incorporated.
  - **Fiscal Year:** TREDCO's fiscal year began on January 1, 2025.
  - **Reporting Requirements:**
    1. **Financial Reporting:** Biannual reports to the Municipality.
    2. **Activity Reporting:** Quarterly reports to the Municipality.
    3. **Annual Report:** Must include amendments to the By-laws, submitted to both the Members and the Municipality.
  - **Chair Request:** Cathy Dwyer, Chair of TREDCO, has requested the first report be presented at the February 27, 2025, Working Session of Council.

- **Joint Councils Mine Landing Ad Hoc Committee**

- **Terms of Reference Approval:** Approved by Temagami Municipal Council on September 12, 2024, with the Mayor as one of the three members representing the Municipality.
- **Delays in Approval:** TFN/TAA councils approved the terms of reference after a delay.
- **Administrative Meeting:** Held on January 15, 2024, to set the agenda for upcoming meetings and discuss quorum interpretation.
- **January 27, 2025 Meeting:** Met on Bear Island to discuss retaining legal advice, hiring a surveyor, and reviewing the 2011 TFN/Municipality parking agreement.
- **Rescheduled Meeting:** A February 4, 2025, meeting with Diana McGhee (OMNR Land Disposition Officer) was rescheduled due to the Provincial Election.

## **Train Station Dispute Resolution**

- **Leases:** Revised leases are awaiting review and signatures from the lessors.
- **Transition:** Both parties have agreed to meet before March 1, 2025, to move possessions, with an amicable transition expected.

## **Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO) 2025**

- **Program Overview:** The SEO program, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Gaming, offers grants for summer student positions.
- **Positions Applied For:**
  - Community Sports Coordinator
  - Youth Fitness Facilitator
  - Senior Recreation Coordinator
  - Tourism Outreach Coordinator

- Trail Guide & Interpreter
- Tourism Marketing Assistant
- **Wages:** 100% funded by the Government of Ontario.
- **Compliance:** Municipalities must ensure compliance with employment standards (statutory holiday compensation, CPP, EI) and provide a safe work environment.
- **Position Duration:** Full-time, temporary (7-18 weeks, May to September).

## Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course

CAO and EDO are taking the 36-hour *Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course 101*, with plans to continue with *Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course 201* offered by FEDNOR and FONOM.

## Emergency Management Group

EDO has been named Communications Officer for Temagami and have received certifications in various emergency management programs:

- Accessible Customer Service for Emergency Responders
- EM 125 - Exercise Programs: An Introduction
- IMS 100 - Introduction to Incident Management System
- EM-200 - Emergency Management

## Small Business Program (SBP) Energy Efficiency Retrofits

- **Program Overview:** Funded by IESO, the Save on Energy SBP offers financial incentives to small businesses for energy-efficient lighting, refrigeration, and HVAC equipment.
- **Funding:**
  - Up to \$3,000 for lighting upgrades
  - Up to \$2,500 for non-lighting upgrades

- **Municipal Contribution:** Over \$36,000 worth of lighting received for a municipal contribution of just under \$3,000.

## Northern Lights for Seniors Project

- **Grant Approval:** Approved for the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).
- **Project Focus:** The “Northern Lights” initiative aims to enhance seniors' social inclusion, physical activity, and mental well-being, addressing challenges such as isolation in the 65+ population, which comprises over 34% of Temagami's residents.
- **Program Offerings:** Music sessions, square dancing, yoga, storytelling, and elder abuse prevention education.
- **Grant Breakdown:**
  - Total Grant: \$23,554
  - Space Rentals from Municipality: \$10,074
  - Staffing: \$5,800
  - Equipment Purchases: \$5,000