

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

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**Subject:** Rescinding and Replacing Deferred Resolution on Crown Land Acquisition

**Memo No:** 2025-M-073

**Date:** March 27, 2025

**Attachments:** Memo 2025-M-058

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives memo 2024-M-073 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT Council rescinds the deferred resolution included in Memo 2025-M-058 dated March 13, 2025, regarding the Crown land acquisition process;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves replacing it with a new resolution authorizing the Municipality to apply for Crown land acquisition strictly for existing municipal uses and industrial expansion, subject to the condition that any associated costs will be presented to Council for consideration before proceeding further.

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## Executive Summary

New information has come to light regarding the historical proposed use of Olive, Brophy, and Marion Lakes as cottage lot development sites, prompting the Municipality to reevaluate its approach to Crown land acquisition. Additionally, Forestry Island has been identified as part of the land set aside for Temagami First Nations in the ongoing land claim dispute and is therefore removed from our request. The Municipality now seeks to acquire Crown land for properties currently being used for municipal purposes and for identified industrial park expansion areas.

Moving forward, the Municipality may consider establishing a committee to review additional Crown lands for potential future development, guided by policies ensuring financial feasibility, environmental sustainability, and compatibility with current low-density practices.

## Background

Temagami has historically utilized Crown land for various public purposes, including:

- Temagami Community Centre sports fields and beach
- Spruce Park playground area
- Temagami North Lagoon
- Rabbit Lake Access Point
- Strathcona Access Point

While some of these facilities hold valid Land Use Permits (LUPs), others may not. Acquiring these lands would provide long-term certainty and remove potential liability concerns for both the province and the municipality.

Additionally, industrial expansion remains a critical priority for economic development. The current industrial park contains vacant parcels; however, these are privately owned, limiting the municipality's ability to attract new businesses. Identifying expansion areas along Milne Sherman Road would allow for strategic economic growth.

## Rationale

1. **Municipal Land Use Regularization** - Many public facilities are on Crown land, some without formal permits. Ownership transfer would eliminate uncertainty and liability risks.

2. Industrial Land Availability - The Municipality does not own sufficient industrial land to support economic development, creating a barrier for new businesses. Acquiring designated parcels will ensure future growth.

## Legal Compliance

The process of acquiring Crown land complies with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, specifically Section 9, which grants municipalities the authority to acquire land for municipal purposes. The Municipality will ensure all actions align with the Act, including financial accountability and Council approval before any expenditures are made.

## Conclusion

In light of newly discovered historical information and ongoing land claim considerations, the Municipality of Temagami seeks to rescind and replace the prior resolution regarding Crown land acquisition. This revised approach will focus solely on securing lands already used for municipal purposes and designated areas for industrial expansion. The potential for a future committee to assess additional Crown lands for development will be considered separately, ensuring a structured and sustainable approach.