

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: NOHFC Funding Request

Memo No: 2025-M-072

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-072 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council commits to allocating \$43,018 in municipal funding to support the upgrades to the Temagami Community Centre;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges that an additional \$200,000 in external funding through NOHFC will be pursued for the rehabilitation project;

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Executive Summary

This memorandum seeks Council's approval to commit \$43,018 in municipal funds to leverage an additional \$200,000 in funding for upgrades to the Temagami Community Centre. The upgrades include replacing the refrigeration plant chiller, which was identified during a recent

TSSA inspection as needing replacement within the next year, as well as other infrastructure improvements to enhance the facility's functionality and longevity.

Additionally, the previously allocated but unspent \$42,000 from reserves (originally intended for a dehumidifier purchase in 2024) is proposed for reallocation to 2025 to address these priority upgrades. The rehabilitation project aligns with municipal objectives for community enhancement, economic development, and sustainable infrastructure investment.

Background

The Temagami Community Centre serves as a vital hub for recreational and community activities, supporting local programs, events, and regional gatherings. To ensure the long-term viability of the facility, the Municipality has pursued funding opportunities through the Rural Enhancement Funding Stream, which offers up to 90% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$200,000.

Following a thorough assessment, key infrastructure upgrades have been identified, including:

- Chiller Replacement – Essential for maintaining ice quality and continued operation of the facility.
- Dehumidifier Installation – Transitioning to an energy-efficient model in alignment with sustainability goals.
- Bathroom Renovations – Ensuring compliance with Ontario Building Code and accessibility standards.
- Water Refill Station – Enhancing sustainability and reducing single-use plastics.
- Seating Upgrades – Improving functionality for community events.
- Sound System Repairs – Enhancing event experiences.

The recent TSSA inspection of the refrigeration plant emphasized the urgent need to replace the chiller within the next year, making this an immediate priority for funding.

Financial Considerations

To secure the maximum available external funding of \$200,000, the Municipality must commit to a funding contribution of \$43,018. The reallocation of \$42,000 from reserves (originally designated for a dehumidifier purchase that was not executed) would assist in covering the Municipality's required investment.

Budget Breakdown:

- Chiller Replacement: \$110,000
- Dehumidifier Installation: \$70,000
- Bathroom Renovations: \$32,000
- Water Refill Station: \$3,500
- Tables and Chairs: \$19,063
- Sound System Repairs: \$8,455
- Total Project Cost: \$242,018
- External Funding (Pending Approval): \$200,000
- Municipal Contribution: \$43,018.

Rationale for Funding Commitment

- Critical Infrastructure Upgrades – The chiller replacement is a mandated requirement following the TSSA inspection and must be addressed within the next year.
- Optimized Use of Resources – The \$42,000 previously pulled from reserves remains unspent and can be reallocated to ensure necessary infrastructure improvements proceed without requiring additional taxation.
- Leverage External Funding – The Municipality’s contribution of \$43,018 enables access to an additional \$200,000, significantly multiplying investment in the Community Centre.
- Long-Term Community Benefit – These enhancements will extend the life of the facility, improve service offerings, and support economic and social development in Temagami.

Conclusion

The Municipality has a strategic opportunity to enhance the Temagami Community Centre through targeted infrastructure investments. By committing \$43,018 and reallocating the unspent \$42,000 from reserves, the Municipality can secure \$200,000 in external funding to address priority upgrades, including replacing the chiller as mandated by the recent TSSA inspection. These improvements align with Temagami’s long-term sustainability and economic development goals.

Council approval of this funding commitment is recommended to ensure the successful implementation of these critical upgrades.