

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

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**Subject:** Progress Update – Joint Ad Hoc Committee for the Lake Temagami Access Road

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2025-M-177 as presented.

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## 1. Executive Summary

This memorandum provides a progress update on the work of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee for the Lake Temagami Access Road, a collaboration between the Municipality of Temagami, Temagami First Nation (TFN), and Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA). The Committee has made significant strides toward establishing a joint management framework and a phased redevelopment of Mine Landing, Manitou Landing, and associated infrastructure.

## 2. Background

The Joint Ad Hoc Committee was established in late 2024 following approval of Terms of Reference by both councils. The Committee is co-chaired by representatives from the Municipality and TFN. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate the legal, environmental, and operational requirements necessary to implement an updated version of the 2007 Lake Temagami Access Point Redevelopment Plan.

## 3. Key Milestones and Actions

- September 2024: Terms of Reference approved by Council
- January 2025: Inaugural meeting held; work initiated on incorporation of joint legal structure
- March–April 2025: TFN engaged legal counsel; preferred governance model selected as a not-for-profit corporation with equal board representation
- May–August 2025: Municipality and TFN initiated biweekly meetings with MNRF to review Crown land application processes, develop a critical path, and refine the project description
- June 25, 2025: Joint Committee reviewed draft incorporation documents, discussed project improvements, and set a site visit for July 16

- July 3, 2025: Municipal team met to review and propose changes to incorporation documents submitted by TFN. Revisions have been communicated and are currently under legal review

The committee expects to bring the revised corporate documents forward to both councils for review and formal endorsement in the near future.

#### **4. Joint Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Dates**

- September 2024 – Terms of Reference formally adopted (exact date: September 12, 2024)
- January 27, 2025 – Inaugural meeting of the Joint Council Ad Hoc Committee
- March 18, 2025 – Joint Ad Hoc Committee meeting
- April 10, 2025 – Joint Ad Hoc Committee meeting
- June 25, 2025 – Joint Committee meeting (discussed project scope expansion and film opportunity)
- July 3, 2025 – Internal Municipal Team meeting to review TFN/TAA corporate document revisions
- July 16, 2025 – Joint site visit to the Mine Landing area

#### **5. Updated Project Scope**

The 2025 version of the project includes the following additions to the original 2007 plan:

- Construction of a helipad for emergency services
- New docking along the southeast shoreline between Mine and Manitou Landings
- An administrative building at the Manitou boat launch for visitor services and enforcement
- One-way commercial and trailer laydown zones
- A propane and fuel transfer area near the commercial docks

- Thirty-five new dedicated TFN parking spaces
- Expanded accessible parking and potential new docking north of Manitou

To assist in clearly communicating the scope and layout of the updated project, staff are currently working with TFN to develop a new series of maps and diagrams for public and agency reference.

## 6. Financial Overview

The original 2007 capital cost estimate of \$1.33 million has been adjusted for inflation. The current projected budget is between \$4.4 million and \$5.0 million, including new infrastructure elements. Several Phase 1 components (e.g., parking lots, contractor dock) have already been completed and will not require new funding. These are estimates based on construction cost inflation formulae, not real numbers.

## 7. Critical Path and Planning

A detailed critical path was prepared in consultation with MNRF and reviewed by funding agencies. Key components include:

- Legal incorporation of the joint management entity
- Submission of a Crown land application
- Completion of an Environmental Study Report and species-at-risk review
- Application to infrastructure funding programs including NOHFC, FedNor, ROD, and FCM
- Phased design and implementation of the redevelopment plan

Submission of the Crown land acquisition documentation to MNR is anticipated in the coming weeks, subject to finalization of the legal structure.

## 8. Current Status

- Terms of Reference: Complete

- Legal Incorporation: In progress, awaiting TFN/legal review; will be brought to councils for formal review shortly
- Crown Land Process: Ongoing discussions with MNR; application documents in development
- Environmental Planning: To commence following incorporation
- Mapping and Visualization: In progress
- Funding Applications: Program research complete, submissions to follow governance finalization
- Construction: Project phasing to be confirmed based on funding availability

## 9. Conclusion

The Committee has made measurable progress in establishing the governance and planning foundations required to advance this major infrastructure initiative. The collaborative approach taken by the Municipality and TFN/TAA continues to demonstrate mutual commitment to responsible land stewardship and improved public access to Lake Temagami. A further update will be provided following incorporation and Crown land application submission.