

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: NOHFC Funding Approval and Agreement Execution – Community Centre
Infrastructure Upgrades

Memo No: 2025-M-179

Date: August 14, 2025

Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2025-M-179 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledge the approval of \$162,000 in funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (Project No. 7500225) for infrastructure upgrades to the Temagami Community Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirm that the full municipal contribution of \$18,000 will be drawn from reserves, using the \$20,000 municipal allocation previously approved under Resolution 25-091;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or Clerk to execute the NOHFC funding agreement and any related documentation on behalf of the Municipality.

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1. Executive Summary

The Municipality of Temagami has secured \$162,000 in funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under Project No. 7500225 to support critical infrastructure upgrades at the Temagami Community Centre. This funding represents 90% of the total project cost of \$180,000. The remaining 10%, or \$18,000, will be drawn from reserves using the \$20,000 municipal allocation previously approved by Council.

Council authorization is required to execute the funding agreement and initiate implementation of the project.

2. Background and Revised Project Scope

On March 27, 2025, Council approved Memo 2025-M-072 and committed \$20,000 in municipal funding toward infrastructure upgrades at the Temagami Community Centre. Staff were directed to pursue external funding through the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Stream.

Following a review of scope and funding eligibility, the Municipality revised its application to focus on two essential components:

- Chiller (Supply and Install: \$110,000) - Replacement of the aging shell-and-tube chiller is critical to maintaining safe ice quality for year-round recreation and community programming.
- Dehumidifier (Supply and Install: \$70,000) - Transitioning to an electric model supports Temagami's net-zero objectives by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency.

This streamlined project aligns with NOHFC's priorities, including rural infrastructure renewal, sustainability, and long-term community resilience. The revised \$180,000 funding request was approved by NOHFC on July 16, 2025.

3. Approved Funding Summary

- Total Project Cost: \$180,000 - Revised project scope submitted to NOHFC.
- NOHFC Contribution (90%): \$162,000 - Confirmed in NOHFC Approval Letter dated July 16, 2025.
- Municipal Contribution (10%): \$18,000 - Drawn from reserves within the \$20,000 allocation previously approved by Council (Resolution 25-091).

No further municipal funding is required to implement the project as approved.

4. Authorization to Execute Agreement

As stated in the NOHFC approval letter dated July 16, 2025, execution of a formal agreement is required to finalize the contribution. Staff recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer or Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Municipality.

In accordance with the NOHFC approval terms, no public announcement will be made until an official release is coordinated by NOHFC or the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth.

5. Conclusion

The NOHFC contribution of \$162,000 enables the Municipality to complete critical upgrades to the Temagami Community Centre at a minimal cost to local taxpayers. The revised project scope reflects a strategic investment in sustainability, accessibility, and recreation. As the \$18,000 municipal contribution will be drawn from previously approved reserves, Council is well-positioned to authorize execution of the agreement and proceed with implementation.