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Mayor Hunter, Council & Municipality of Temagami

RE: Information Centre Update



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We are pleased to say that the 2017 year for the Chamber of Commerce was a successful \Box one.

Some of the 2017 highlights:

Completed the permanent move of the Information Centre to the Historic Temagami Train Station on July 1st. We obtained over 1100 signatures on our Visitor Questionnaire. The Canada Day Pancake Breakfast, Blueberry Festival, Chili Lunch and the 25th Wild Game Dinner all were well attended and successful; Through these fundraisers the Chamber can donate to community events when requested: Temagami Country Christmas, Lion's Seniors Dinner, Shiverfest, Public Skating, TAFIP Kid's Fishing Derby, Marten River Winterfest, CALA's Poker Run, ONR Santa Train, to mention a few.

Some plans for 2018

Continued and improved use of social media to help increase awareness of the area and what it has to offer. Construct displays from the many historical items of Temagami that the Chamber currently has in storage. New fixtures and fittings to better utilize the space in the Train Station for Information.

A couple of concern:

Sharing the Train Station with Living Temagami, although we feel this groups mandate is commendable we are having some difficulty with communication regarding use of the mezzanine space. There is no attempt on their part to keep the Chamber in the loop as to when the space is needed so that we can plan for someone to protect our interests in the south end of the building. The chamber would like to see this area dedicated to historical displays and a meeting space. We had an agreement with them to help fund shared expenses (phone/internet) but to date no monies have been received.

The Chamber submitted an email to Public Works and has since gone to Monty Cummings for work that needs to be done in the Train Station. Debbie is currently working with them to get these things addressed. We hope to have this completed before the season begins in May.

The Chamber of Commerce is committed to Temagami not only supporting its Members but all businesses and events. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to furthering discussions to help us improve your Information Centre.

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