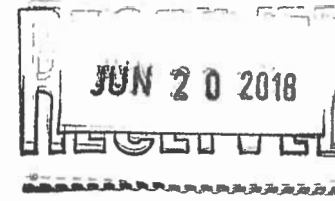


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Petition to Reduce Taxes to Manageable Rate at 6710 and 6714 Hwy 11 Temagami On



To The Treasurer of the Town of Temagami,

6714 known as the Spooner Building

Is unoccupied with no service connection burdening the town. An extensive renovation is currently being planned and considerable money will be invested to establish and attractive viable business for the town of Temagami. We think it practical that the tax be assessed on the mill rate at current value. Taxation for town services should be nil until completion (sewer and water deduction). Also, it would be unwise as an investor in Temagami to not have a clear understanding of the future tax burden of this venture. We have continued to petition the towns people as to the future possibilities of the Spooner building and any input from yourself or council would be greatly appreciated.

6710 know as the Busy Bee

A renovation is underway to rectify the years of neglect to the building. It is our intent to occupy the building as agreed at the time of purchase however, the current tax assessment has been calculated for a restaurant. The planned use of the building will be accommodation for the owner and a storefront to sell their wares. There will be no public use of town services therefore, the burden on the town is one individual. The service portion of the taxes should reflect this planned usage.

We decided on Temagami for several reasons and have had a wonderful experience getting to know the people in town and the town office. You have been exceedingly helpful and generous. We feel for this town, our goal is the same as everyone; to bring these buildings to something we can all be proud of, change the general feel of the area to prosperity and help the downtown revive. This town is a gem, in it's glory it thrived, businesses could afford this tax burden; they will again but it is our opinion that there has to be the ability to prosper. The tax burden is too high. It is well above reasonable taxation in areas like Oakville and Hamilton where the business viability and consumer base is exponentially greater. Absolutely nothing would make us happier to have a thriving business and be able to afford your current assessment, if that comes to pass we would gleefully pay. History shows that has not exactly been the case for these buildings. We are asking for you to invest in us as we invest in Temagami.

A bond has been provided to the town of Temagami of \$15000.00 for the Busy Bee and \$15000.00 for the Spooner building. We are asking the treasurer to consider releasing the Busy Bee portion of the bond. The bond was requested by the town for assurance that the building would not sit vacant and efforts would be made to improve the building. We are on schedule and those funds would aid in completion of the renovation.

Sincerely,

Brian Peatfield and Jeff Hilts (Four Corners Construction)

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