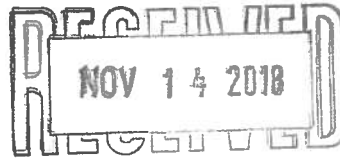


November 14, 2018



To Mayor and Council,

It is with a sad heart I am writing this with regard to possible changes to the use of the Temagami train station. The vision that so many community members had for the train station to be a cultural welcome centre manifested before us and with so much hard work and pride of so many it now had roots and a potential to be so many positive things for our community to grow and prosper through sharing of cultures and offering a central place for year round events to hold our community and its amazing people together. To pull up those roots now when we have just begun would be so disappointing and discouraging for so many of us who have put our creative energy and vision into what the community at large wanted to see happen in our historical train station. I hope those that want to see the station now be used for offices will reconsider this and look toward the future with the eyes of an eagle, far and wide as to the set back this will be for the prosperity of Temagami.

I was just informed of this news of the changes pending for its use. I was in the planning stages and vision of putting together an evening gathering to be held upstairs in the train station. This is a ceremony called SHARING OF THE SACRED LIGHT. It welcomes all people of all faith or no faith. A circle of light is created and ancestral teachings and sharing of what the sacred season of Christmas means too many Indigenous people. I have offered this ceremony in many diverse communities over the past 20 years. It unites, brings understanding, deep soul sharing through sacred music, cultural teachings and circle sharing. This was just a starting point to the many ideas of how we can come together in this historical building in the heart of our community. What has already been achieved as a welcome centre rest stop for travelers and guests as well as diverse gallery of artists. To turn direction now would be a setback and I believe not just saddens my heart along with so many others in my community that have been so inspired by what has begun at the train station. It has been given new life, new vision and now restored to beauty. Thank you for listening. I am asking for these proposed changes to be reconsidered.

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Victoria Wilde

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