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**Council Meeting
June 17, 2021**

Your Council actually had two meetings on the evening of June 17th. The first meeting was a Public Meeting held in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act* related to the early stages of our Official Plan review. Jamie Robinson, from MHBC Consultants, provided a presentation summarizing the comments and information received that are to form the basis for the review of the Official Plan. Attendees were asked to identify area which may not yet be noted. Should you have areas you feel should be addressed in the Official Plan, please submit them to the Municipal Clerk at clerk@Temagami.ca. This will help to ensure our updated Official Plan reflects the needs of our Municipality.

Highlights from Regular Session

Among the information correspondence received by Council, two item should be highlighted. Council received the information about the \$5 million investment by the Province as the return of passenger rail service is further examined. We hope that this will become a reality shortly. The other item was a donation received from the Silver Lodge Masonic Fund to assist our Fire Department. Thanks is extended for this generosity.

We extended congratulations to two members of our Staff. Our Clerk has recently completed the Primer on Planning Course and our Works Foreman has received his Associate Road Supervisor certification. Well done both!

The Municipality purchased a 'new to us' 2014 3 Ton 4X4 truck to replace the aged 1 Ton. This new vehicle will provide a little more functionality and came with 34,000 km on it. This truck should be in our fleet for years to come.

We have completed the desludging project for the Temagami North Lagoon. This is similar to the process completed in the South Lagoon in 2019. For the North Project, a total of 49.82 processing hours resulted in 3339.69 cubic meters of material being removed. The sludge was pumped into Geo-Tube bags which will dewater over the next year before being disposed in our landfill.

Council received a draft agreement from Leepfrog for the use of our water towers, fire tower and area on 7 Stevens Road for the broadband project. Council did have a couple of questions that should be resolved prior to the agreement being presented, in the form of a By-Law at the Meeting of Council, July 8, 2021. This is the first step in the process of improving the access to broadband for our community.

The Province is making changes to the composition of Police Services Boards. Working with the other municipalities served by the Timiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Council endorsed the plan to request the Solicitor General create three municipal Police Services Boards for our Detachment Area. Council also accepted the offer of the City of Temiskaming Shores to coordinate communication with the Province.

There items which, combined, caused the most debate were related to Au Chateau. Council is sending a letter to Au Chateau, with copies to the appropriate Ministers, noting our intention to resign from the Board at the end of the year. To highlight the need for this issue to be address, Council directed Staff to maintain the 2021 payments at the 2020 level. As well, there was discussion received by the Mayor as our appointed representative to the Board. This issue has been in front of Council for many years and we hope that over the next few months we will have some clarity. We do not believe that this should alter the local programming wholly funded by the Ministry of Health but rather provide Council some control over the 10% of the taxes raised that is paid to Au Chateau with no benefits received by our community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021. Our website, www.temagami.ca has links to attend our meetings virtually.