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**Council Meeting
November 18, 2021**

Your Council met on November 18, 2021. Council received two presentations. The first one was from the District School Board Ontario North East discussing the changes especially related to Temagami Public School. One positive note is that the school enrollment is at its highest level in recent memory. The second presentation was from Leepfrog updating Council on the progress of the broadband project.

Council received the results of the question posed regarding whether to keep electing Councillors ‘at large’ or whether to implement a Ward system. Of the responses received, 59.63% favoured maintaining the election process we presently have and this was confirmed by Council.

Council did discuss moving to a hybrid meeting and what this would entail. While advice from Public Health Officials is paramount, the concept is to have a meeting where, whether Members are in Council Chambers or at a remote location, they will be able to fully participate in the meeting. The Municipality has applied for funding and expect to hear shortly if we are successful. Provided the number of cases do not spike, during the first quarter of 2022 Council could be meeting using this hybrid model. This would still allow members of the public to attend virtually as well as once again introducing the in person attendance at Council Chambers following public health protocols.

Council authorized the 2021 Christmas Events including Lite up Temagami, a Virtual Breakfast with Santa, the Memorial Tree Lighting, and the 12 days of the Temagami Elf on the Shelf. Information on these events is on our website, Facebook page, or to receive it in your inbox, consider signing up for notices though communicate@Temagami.ca.

Council started budget planning for 2022. Over this term of Council, increases in the property tax budget have kept pace with inflation. At present, the inflation rate is over 4%. This will be closely monitored as we work through the budget process. One area that will be front and centre is asset management planning. One of the items referred to the 2022 budget was the latest bridge inspection report noting there are abutment repairs required for the bridge on the Lake Temagami Access Road.

Council did receive some good news! The water break on Birch Crescent that was recently repaired has the effect of reducing the production of water by 50 cubic meters (50,000 liters) per day. Work is presently underway to resolve some groundwater infiltration in the sewer system as well. We hope to have statistics on the success of this early in the new year.

Congratulations to Deb Larochelle (30 years) and Charles Perron (10 years) for their long service to the Municipality.

The next regular session of Council is December 9, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm. Council has scheduled a special meeting November 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm to receive the initial draft of the Official Plan. This is in advance of further public meetings/open houses that will be held in 2022.