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Council Meeting May 26, 2022

Your Council met for their seventh Regular Session of the year on May 26, 2022. There were three presentations for this meeting. First, was a presentation from municipal planners regarding the requirement for a lake capacity study for Cassels Lake; second was a presentation from Municipal Solutions regarding an Organics Diversion Pilot; and third, was a presentation from concerned citizens regarding the construction standard for Stevens Road, Fox Run Road and White Bear Court. Council did ask for more information regarding the Organics Diversion Pilot and dealt with other matters during the meeting.

Council amended the budget that was presented on May 2nd by adding a further \$150,000 to the Fox Run Road project for this year. This amount will be funded from reserves leaving the tax levy increase at 4%. This equates to a tax rate increase of 3.59%. By-laws for the 2022 budget will be considered by Council at the next regular session.

With the increase in electric vehicles, Council did direct Staff to prepare a report covering different areas where charging stations could be located, how payment for power would be made and how the required power could be accessed. This would ensure that systems designed for lower wattage use would not be overloaded nor would the taxpayers and users of municipal systems be paying to charge vehicles they do not own. Council did note that there presently is one charging station in Temagami and that the report should highlight how the Municipality is not in competition with our business community.

Council approved the use of recreation equipment, received by the Municipality prior to the pandemic, by independent sports activities being organized by community volunteers. The equipment was purchased through the Jump Start fund and adding to the recreation options available, especially to our younger generation is a very good thing.

Through Staff reports, Council was made aware that we received approval for just over \$42,000 in grants from the Temagami Community Foundation. Public works also reported that the three manholes that were repaired last year appeared to be dry this spring and work has started on the three remaining manholes in Temagami North that were identified in last year's video work. Work is also continuing on our landfill project, on the water project announced at the last meeting. There was also work to get the area around the Municipal Office ready for the summer and noted that we had assistance from volunteers tending to one of our perennial gardens.

Council's next meeting is June 16, 2022