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For the first time since 2020, we are operating free from COVID-19 restrictions. While we are encouraged to be mindful of medical trends and to be respectful of others. Whether you continue to wear a mask or not in most cases is a matter of choice. Please be understanding if your personal choice is different than those you meet as they may have different reasons supporting their personal choice now that restrictions have been lifted.

Council Meetings

The Municipality received modernization funding. Part of this grant program was to provide equipment required to move Council to a hybrid format. While most may attend the Council meetings in person, having the hybrid format allows attendance from wherever you are. The zoom link is available on our website, www.temagami.ca. That is also where our agendas are posted.

Official Plan Review

Earlier this year, the first draft of the Official Plan update was sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their comments. At the time of writing this newsletter we are still waiting for their reply. Once this has been received, the plan is to incorporate their comments as well as consider comments received from the Public into a subsequent draft. There will be Open Houses to receive questions and provide answers as well as further comments as we work to finalize our Official Plan. The draft, in its current form is on our website and comments can be sent to clerk@Temagami.ca. As the draft Official Plan is updated, the document on our website will be updated. If you have comments, please get them in as early as possible.

Recreation Strategy

The Recreation Strategy was approved by Council in the spring of this year. The next step is getting the strategy from words to action. To guide this process, Council approved hiring a Recreation and Facilities Coordinator. We are pleased to welcome John Shymko to our Staff filling this role. John was instrumental of the formulation of the Strategy and now has the opportunity complete the process. The largest benefactor will be our community.

Community Events/Volunteer

With the easing of restrictions, we can once again start having in-person events. The first test of this are the Canada Day celebrations at the waterfront. Hope you were able to attend. With in-person event comes the need for volunteers. We were starting to build a good base of volunteers just prior to pandemic restrictions being implemented. Especially as the Recreation Strategy is being implemented, now is the time to say yes to volunteering and do your part in adding to the recreation options of your community. To add your name to our list of Volunteers please email communicate@temagami.ca or call the office at 705-569-3421.

There may still be some events completed online or 'at-a-distance'. We have had two successful Halloween events and who can forget the Temagami Elf on the Shelf and the Light Up Temagami programs over the past couple of holiday seasons.

We welcome your input and assistance as our strategy becomes a reality. By adding your voice and your time the recreation possibilities are only limited by our collective imagination.

FoodCycler

The Municipality has entered into an agreement for a Municipal Pilot Program with FoodCycler. These units process approximately 2 litres of food waste to a nutrient-rich soil amendment in a few hours. This removes food waste from landfill materials and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. While these units normally retail for \$500, with the pilot program, the cost to those participating in the pilot project (50 households) is \$200. These will be available at the Municipal Office shortly so please contact us at communicate@temagami.ca to reserve your spot today. If you would like more information on the FoodCycler please visit www.foodcycler.com.

Asset Management Planning

Ontario municipalities are in the process of updating their Asset Management Plans. The intent of these is to change how we manage and budget for assets. Our plan highlights next steps that will provide a better understanding of our buried infrastructure and allow more options than reconstructing/replacing assets at the end of their useful life. This will extend the life of our assets and decrease the annual infrastructure costs. Presently we estimate that our annual infrastructure gap is just over \$1 million. By working this plan, this gap can be reduced without increasing taxation. To view the Asset Management Plan please visit our website at www.temagami.ca. Comments you may have can be sent to communicate@temagami.ca.

While most of the Asset Management Plan is focused on the assets we presently have, we have started the process of planning what is required moving forward. An example of this is charging stations for electric vehicles. Given the electric needs of these it may not be possible to have them in every location we would like but we are working on a solution for Temagami as the world moves towards more electric vehicles.

Waste Management Master Plan

During this summer, a waste audit will be completed to better define the composition of our waste. This will occur at the transfer stations, curbside and for waste collected at our landfill sites. This information will be used to better plan for the future of our waste sites and possible waste diversion programs.

Did you know that as a ratepayer with the Municipality of Temagami you can use the Household Hazardous Waste Depot of the City of North Bay? This is located at 112 Patton Street

Infrastructure and Grant Programs

Recently we have insulated the arena, improved air circulation there and are about to work on updating the lighting. We have also been approved for improvements to the play fields behind the arena. In our water system, we have been approved for a secondary, redundant treatment train at the south water treatment plant as well to repairs to the water tower. We are also rehabilitating the bridge on the Lake Temagami Access Road.

Not all projects are covered by grants. We are working on having the UV Filtration process added to the North Lagoon early in 2023. We have just completed repairs to the manholes in Temagami North as we work to reduce the groundwater infiltration which is consuming capacity for additional development. Over the summer we hope to have the results of this work and the used capacity at the lagoon available as we plan our next steps.

New Services

The Municipality of Temagami now offers marriages through our Civil Union Packages. These can be held at our venue or yours. Please see the different options on our website, www.temagami.ca.

Through provincial modernization funding, we have added the capabilities of large format printing, scanning and laminating. This is part of our digitization program being led by Nicole Claveau. Welcome Nicole.

2022 Municipal Election

2022 is an election year. If you receive information from MPAC regarding voter information, please return these forms quickly to ensure our lists of voters is as accurate as possible. Once again, we are using the Vote-by-Mail process for the election. You will be mailed your ballot in late September to be returned prior to Election Day, October 24th.

The Nomination Period is now open and will close at 2:00 pm Friday, August 19, 2022. Basically, if you are eligible to vote you are eligible to be a candidate. Nominations are being accepted for Mayor (1 to be elected), Councillors (6 to be elected) as well as registration for third party advertisers. More information can be found on the municipal website at www.temagami.ca or by contacting us at communicate@temagami.ca.

THANK YOU

Presently, we have no restrictions. Thank you for your part in having this summer be as normal as possible. Thank you in advance for listening to health advice and most of all, Thank you for continuing to treat others with respect as we get things back to a sense of normal – it really is the golden rule!

To be added to our communication roster please email ‘add me’ to communicate@temagami.ca