

Message from Mayor Dan O'Mara

I want to thank everyone for the support they showed in allowing me the opportunity to remain as Mayor for the next 4 years.

Part of the reason I decided to run again was to help show my support for the existing Municipal Team that has evolved during the last term of Council. I want to thank Craig Davidson, the Treasurer/Administrator, for the work he and his team have achieved and the work to come.

Also, I want to thank the new and returning Council members, I am looking forward to what we can do together going forward.

To give a brief overview of some of the things being carried over from the previous Council, I note the following:

- Working towards the Completion of outstanding capital projects that have been successfully funded through grants:
 - The Ultra Violet system for the Temagami North Lagoon
 - Upgrades to our Drinking Water system in Temagami South
 - The Caribou Mountain Chalet Renovations
 - The Security Camera Project at the Lake Temagami Landing

- Work continues on other major projects that were carried forward from the last Council:
 - The Solid Waste Management Master Plan
 - Finalize the Lake Temagami Landing plan
 - Obtaining ownership of our landfills
 - The Municipality's Assets Management plan.
 - The Industrial Park Road Work
 - The Temagami Regional Economic Development Corporation
 - A Joint Corporation with TFN to co-manage the Landing
 - The Service Delivery Review
 - Completion of Fox Run Road.

- Other Outstanding items that we will continue and to resolve include:
 - Two Land use issues off the Lake Temagami Access Road
 - Au Chateau concerns
 - The former MNR property on Lakeshore
 - The demolition of the MNR house on Forestry Island
 - Finalize the work on the Official Plan
 - Acquire lands from the province for future development
 - Review of Municipal Lands and disposition of lands policy.
 - Getting Temagami Dry to Market

- Some of the New project ideas that I would like to see Council work on this term include:
 - The appointment of an Indigenous Elder advisor to Council
 - Continue discussions with the MNRF to develop and Maintain a recreational program on Lake Temagami as visioned in their 2007 recreational planning report.
 - Work with DNSSAB on a new Affordable Housing project
 - In conjunction with TFN the expansion of Nursing and Personal Support services for local seniors and to also provide these services to residents on the Lakes. Currently this service is not available.
 - Try to keep our operating budget and tax increases to a reasonable rate.
 - Improvements to the Lake Temagami Access Road and continue to search for various funding streams. Look further into partnering with TFN to maintain the road and have redevelopment cost refined .

- Seek out Funding to build a new Community Centre in Marten River, modern public washrooms at the Temagami Train Station and Lake Temagami Access Point.
- Continue to work with the MTO on a plan for a path along Highway 11 on Lake Temagami as you head South out of Town. Either a Roadway expansion or dock system that connects Finlayson and Town.
- Discussions with MTO on a plan to build a vehicle/boat washing station and charging station at the new rest center being planned for Marten River.
- Improved cell service and future broadband expansion across all areas of the Municipality.

New this year, there will be a monthly working session where Council will sit together with staff to facilitate a more open discussion on specific topics and policies.

I am looking forward to 2023 and beyond

Thanks DAN