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**Council Meeting
January 12, 2023**

Your Council met for their first Regular Session of the year on January 12, 2023. During Roll Call each Member present offered comments for the upcoming year.

Council welcomed MHBC Planners to review some of the legislative changes that came into effect late in 2022. Some of these change what can be appealed and who can file appeals of planning decisions. There are also changes to the Site Plan Control process. Related to this, Council received notice that the appeal filed earlier with the Ontario Land Tribunal was dismissed as a date with the Tribunal was not scheduled before Ontario's Bill 23 came into effect. While more of the changes may be relevant closer to more populated areas, they are designed to increase the ease by which housing can be developed.

Council was informed of donations received from the Silver Lodge Masonic Fund through the Temiskaming Foundation to be used towards community recreation and the Temagami Food Bank.

Council passed a resolution supporting the nomination of Councillor Lowery as representative to the Timiskaming Public Health Unit. Previously, we had received notice that others initially interested in standing for this position had withdrawn leaving Councillor Lowery as the representative for Temagami as well as the Township of Coleman, the Town of Cobalt and the Town of Latchford. This is the first time in about 16 years that this representative has come from Temagami.

Council reviewed the financial indicators report for 2021 prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. There are two indicators not in the low risk range being the level of taxes receivable and the unamortized portion of our tangible capital assets. Council asked Staff to arrange for our Municipal Advisor to attend a future meeting of Council.

Council is preparing for our first Working Session. Among the items to be discussed will be the 2023 Budget Guidelines, Major Capital Projects, Council Priorities for the year and term, reviewing the Integrity Commissioner Protocol, reviewing the Procedural By-Law and items related to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Similar to Regular Meetings of Council, the Public is welcome to observe the proceedings in person or via Zoom link. The link will be available on our website, www.temagami.ca, prior to the Working Session scheduled for January 26, 2023.

Council approved a couple annual housekeeping By-Laws being the short-term borrowing By-Law and the interim tax levy By-Law. The next Regular Session of Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023.