



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2015-M-089

Memorandum to Council

Staff
 Committee

Subject: Fire Pump Subsidy Program Update

Agenda Date: December 10, 2015

Attachments: **Attachment 1: Memo No. 2015-M-049**
Attachment 2: Resolution No. 15-335

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges receipt of Memo 2015-M-089; AND FURTHER THAT Council extend the submission deadline for the Fire Pump Subsidy Program to May 31, 2016; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to advise the applicants, who have not submitted their paperwork, by letter that Council has extended the deadline and that if we have not received their paperwork by that date, their Expression of Interest would be closed and that they would have to reapply if the service is continued in future years.

INFORMATION

As a follow up to Memo No. 2015-M-049 of June 25, 2015 on fire service to Lake Temagami, Council passed Resolution No. 15-335 to approve a continuation of the Fire Pump Subsidy Program which would pay \$400 to qualifying residents towards an eligible fire pump purchase. The program was started in late 2014 and was extended for another year or until we fill the initial 50 subsidies available through the program.

This memo is to update Council on the program as requested at the November 19, 2015 regular Council meeting.

A package was prepared and advertising for the program took place in July 2015 announcing the: "Extended 2014-2015 Fire Pump Subsidy program" initiative to perhaps fill the additional 10 remaining expressions of interest. An advertisement has been placed monthly in the Community Newsletter, in hopes to entice residents to take advantage of this opportunity.

As of December 1, 2015 we have received 22 completed sets of paperwork out of 40 expressions of Interest and have processed 22 subsidies. We anticipate as the deadline of December 31, 2015 quickly approaches a bulk of completed sets of paperwork to come in before the New Year. A general reminder letter will be sent out to the 18 remaining qualified participants, who have not submitted their paperwork as a friendly reminder.

We have received a few requests to extend the deadline for submission to be moved from December 31, 2015 to the March 2016. Council may wish to consider if this date would be enough of an extension, since if people were unable to purchase the pumps over the summer, they may not be able to buy pumps at this time of year if they are considered a seasonal item. It has been suggested that May 31, 2016 may be a better date, since the June 2015 resolution refers to another year, but does not include a specific date.

It is recommended that, if Council extends the deadline, that the above reminder letter advises applicants of Council's chosen deadline and that if we have not received their paperwork by that date, their Expression of Interest would be closed and they would have to apply again if we continue the service in future years.

If Council wishes to extend this deadline Council should pass a resolution to extend it to a specific date, keeping in mind this would fall into the 2016 budget.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Patrick Cormier, Chief Administrative Officer

Name, Position



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

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2015-M-049

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Subject: Fire Pump Subsidy Update

Agenda Date: June 18, 2015

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive Memo 2015-M-049 for information.

INFORMATION

Council has requested an update on the fire pump subsidy program.

In 2014, The Municipality completed a report regarding fire service on Lake Temagami. The report concluded that an option would be to have subsidy of up to \$400 for an approved pump design and set up for residents that do not have fire suppression services available. The reason for a certain pump design was for ease of use for people on Lake Temagami and in other rural areas and to easily evaluate the pump specifications of each application.

Council approved the program of \$400 for up to 50 qualifying pumps. This memo is an update on the 2014 Fire Pump Subsidy Program.

A package was prepared and advertising for the program took place in August and September 2014 with a deadline to receive Expressions of Interest (EOI) by early November. The municipality received 35 EOIs and they all met the criteria for no current fire suppression services.

The 35 applicants were notified for approval mid November 2014 and a second package containing the pump standard again, a waiver of liability and information on the timeframe to purchase their pump and submit required paperwork by the end of 2015.

As of June 17, 2015, we have received 7 completed sets of paperwork and have processed 6 subsidies with one in progress of payment. We anticipate the bulk of the completed sets of paperwork to be coming in the summer months.

We have received 2 comments requesting more flexibility in the pump specifications, a few comments asking if there will be another round of subsidies in the near future and 1 complaint about the length of time it took to receive the subsidy.

A future update will be provided to Council after most of the recipients have submitted the required paperwork and Council can choose to have another round of the subsidy.

Prepared by:
Patrick Cormier, CAO

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI

NO.: 15-~~336~~³³⁵ *ey*

DATE: June 25, 2015

MOVED BY: *[Signature]*

SECONDED BY: *[Signature]*

WHEREAS Council undertook a study in 2014 to access fire services on Lake Temagami and further decided that, although it was not feasible to provide direct fire services in remote parts of the Municipality, it did see a role in assisting in a plan to try and standardize fire pumps being used on these areas and approved the program of offering subsidies if a standard pump was purchased;

AND WHEREAS to date this program has received some interest and some standardization has occurred without causing too much of a financial burden to the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Municipality continue to support the concept of fire pump standardization and shall reopen this program for a further year or until the goal of reaching 50 new pumps is achieved.

CARRIED ✓ AMENDED _____ DEFEATED _____ DEFERRED _____

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

MAYOR: *[Signature]*