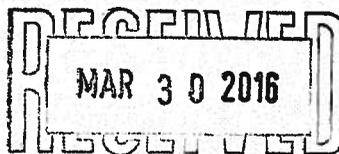


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Municipality of Temagami
Lakeshore Drive, Temagami, Ontario



March 29, 2016

Attention: CAO, Clerk, Mayor & Members of Council

Below please find a request to be placed on the Agenda for the next regular meeting of Council.

REQUEST

That Council enter into a public-private partnership with Alexandra Prefasi, on behalf of the Prefasi siblings, for the **Welcome Centre Clock Enhancement Project** by committing funds in the amount of \$14,588 (tax in).

That even though the Town of Temagami has a bylaw which prohibits it from entering into any purchase for such an amount of money without tendering for at least two bids:

- That Council consider passing a resolution to deem the public-private partnership to be an exception from the purchasing methods described in By-law No. 14-1170, being a by-law to establish purchasing policies for the Municipality of Temagami.

BACKGROUND

It has come to my attention that the Municipality of Temagami has recently moved to support a touching family tribute honouring the Wiles and McCart families. As Council moved quickly to ensure that this "wall enhancement project" becomes a reality in short order, I am certain that you will also recognize the value and importance of this proposal, and provide as much enthusiastic support and financial backing for it.

In the past couple of years, the Municipality has successfully revitalized the Temagami waterfront by replacing docks, improving landscaping, lighting and parking and turning it into an exceptional outdoor space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

I return frequently to Temagami, and the sight of the waterfront area always feels like a warm welcome home. As my father, Ron Prefasi, was instrumental to the development of this area as both a Councillor and Reeve of Temagami for 13 years, it also offers a sense of pride and a reminder of our family's commitment to the success of this town.

The focal point of the waterfront is the tower on the Welcome Centre with its two beautiful clocks - which offer a message that there will always be another tomorrow, another noon, another midnight, another summer, another spring. Time is eternal and it is renewed! How sad when I discovered that these two timepieces no longer hold the promise of the future for Temagami! How disheartening to know that the Municipality has sat idly by for close to a quarter of a century without addressing the un-working clocks! How ironic that these clocks stopped working shortly after my father left office.

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It came to my attention following a Temagami Council budget meeting on March 17th, 2016 that the clocks on the Welcome Centre were to be taken down and potentially scrapped as they would be too costly to repair. I, on behalf of the Prefasi siblings, am expressing an interest in working with the Municipality to enhance the clocks on the Welcome Centre which is a backdrop to the waterfront and what every northbound traveller on Highway 11 sees when they enter the town from the south. I would like to undertake this project to honour my father, Ron Prefasi who has called Temagami home for 5 decades.

Ron Prefasi came to Temagami in the 1950s to spend time with family. He loved the area and eventually moved there, married and built a home with his wife, Suzanne. His three children were born and raised in Temagami and we still enjoy coming back each year for holidays and to rekindle old friendships.

My dad became interested in municipal politics in the 1970s. In fact, when Temagami became a municipality in 1976, he ran for a seat on Temagami's first elected council. He was narrowly defeated, coming in 5th in a slate of 11 people. This narrow defeat did not deter him. He became even more involved in the life of the community, ran again in the next election two years later, and was elected. He was then acclaimed Reeve in 1980 and was re-elected three times to the position of Reeve. He served Temagami well from 1978 until 1991.

In addition to being active on Council, my dad was the vice-chair for a number of years on the Temagami Advisory Council - a provincial body appointed to oversee the government's involvement in the Temagami area. During those years he was also the Vice-Chair of the Northern Development Council - a group to which the Premier's office presented its suggestions for provincial involvement in Northern Ontario to gauge the effect provincial decisions would have on the North. In addition to numerous other committees and boards with which he was involved, he also spent four years as the Chairman of the Timiskaming Hospital.

My mother, Suzanne Prefasi, was also very active in the community and spent a number of years on the Board of the Children's Aid Society in North Bay, and on the Timiskaming Hospital Board as Temagami's representative. She served as Secretary of the Temagami Chamber of Commerce for many years. She also was instrumental in organizing the International Canoe Festival in Temagami in 1985. She was the Secretary of that Festival under the Chairmanship of Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

My brother, Kelly Prefasi, served a term as a member of Council in Temagami and my mother also sought a seat on council in the 1990s. A family wholly involved in the betterment of our community!

My parents' community involvement extended to their role as teachers in Temagami Public School, and in numerous businesses enterprises dating back to 1977.

As you all know, my dad, Ron Prefasi, was instrumental in the initial development of the waterfront. His councils purchased the parcels of land between what is now the Petro-Can and Lakeland Airways and between 1980 and 1991, his Councils redeveloped the waterfront, repaired the old wharf, installed docks and landscaping, built the Welcome Centre (where he insisted on building a theatre which was the first of its kind in Northern Ontario), and designed and refurbished the old Red Brick Building (now known as Temagami Outfitting) on the waterfront as a canoe museum and Market Square.

Additionally, my dad was instrumental in the community's purchase of the plots of land which now house the Ronocco and Minawassi complexes, and was a member of the board of the first Non-Profit Housing Corporation in Temagami - a corporation which was successful in developing the only pilot project of its kind in the North - the ten unit Senior's residence known as the Ronocco.

The 1980s saw Temagami's waterfront, the entrance to our community, redeveloped and refurbished to become an area of which members of our community could be proud.

All of which to say that Ron Prefasi and our family have been deeply committed to Temagami, in act and in deed, for generations.

PROPOSAL

That the clocks be taken down from the Welcome Centre, be refurbished and/or replaced.

BUDGET

The Prefasi siblings have estimated the cost of the project to be \$23,529 (tax in) for all labour and materials. The Prefasi siblings have confirmed that they will commit \$8,941 (38%) and are asking the Municipality to contribute \$14,588 (62%).

Additional cost for the municipality will be for future maintenance of the clocks, ensuring the clocks never again remain unstopped for a significant and inexcusable amount of time.

Timeline

The Prefasi siblings would like to hold a dedication ceremony on August 28, 2016 by erecting a plaque in honour of our father, Ron Prefasi, and unveiling the new clocks. The entire project will take about 12 weeks, depending on the weather.

Public-Private Partnership

The Prefasi siblings are proposing a public-private partnership for this project with the municipality allocating \$14,588 in public funds, and the Prefasi siblings contributing \$8,941 in private funds. I am requesting that our choice of local contractor be used to supervise the project, obtain quotes for labour and materials, and carry out work involved in the refurbishment or replacement of the clocks.

The municipality's Purchasing By-law No. 14-1170, Section 6.1.3, requires the municipality to obtain at least 2 written quotes for the purchase of goods or services having a value from \$2001 up to and including \$25,000. The Purchasing By-law allows a number of exceptions to this policy, but a public-private partnership is not listed.

Section 4.10 states, "In the event of an unforeseen circumstance where an exception to this policy is felt necessary, the CAO shall make a written request to Council and Council may authorize exceptions by resolution of Council." We respectfully request that Council pass a resolution to authorize an exception to the purchasing policy for this project.

As the precedent for this kind of exception of to the Purchasing by-law has already been established through the Clearwater Planning Proposal, I would anticipate there will be no problems moving forward with the "Welcome Centre Clock Enhancement Project"

I look forward to discussing this potential partnership with the Municipality of Temagami.

Yours in Community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Prefasi'.

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