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June 2019

It seemed that we went from shoveling to mowing in a matter of weeks. Hopefully your Summer has started well and is full of enjoyment.

The Spring of this year contained some tense moments for Council as the Province first announced a great deal of reductions in funding only to have these reductions put on hold for 2019. In what may be a sign of things to come, Council has started to think about budgets for the next few years should the Province significantly reduce funding to the municipal sector.

Council continues to work on different processes. The legislative processes required by the Province have been tended to whether it be the Strategic Asset Management Policy required under regulation or appointing an Integrity Commissioner required as Bill 68 continues to come into effect. Early in the summer Council expects to engage a consultant for the Strategic Plan Process. Following this will be requesting proposals for the majority of our contracted services to ensure we are being well served at a competitive price.

Council is also intending to start reviewing service delivery. From this review, it is expected that a greater understanding of the services we provide will form the foundation to be able to ensure services meet the expectations, both in level and cost, of our community today.

Whether it is the Strategic Plan or the Service Delivery Review, one important aspect of the process is Community Engagement. Typically this engagement occurs as Public Meetings although it could also be conducted through surveys. Information gained through engagement is important as Council weighs their options. Please check our website regularly for details on our Community Engagement initiatives.

In our last tax billing we asked you to consider signing up through our communicate@temagami.ca address. Presently, we have just over 110 people who have done this. With more people choosing this option the Municipality would be able to rely on sending direct communication, whether it is to announce an engagement process or to be part of our emergency information activities.

Your Assessment

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is planning to send notices of assessment later this year. These assessments will be used for the 2021 to 2024 taxation years. MPAC is sending this notice a year earlier than was the case in previous reassessment years. This is an attempt to have any discrepancies and appeals resolved before the taxation year when they will be used. When you get your notice, please review it and if you think there is an issue please contact MPAC using the information provided or through myproperty.ca.

Emergency Preparedness

With the change in Council and Staff there has been changes in our Emergency Management. Congratulations to Councillor Leudke who has completed all of the required courses to be a qualified Community Emergency Management Coordinator. Councillor Leudke and the Emergency Management Committee are reviewing our Emergency Plan to ensure we are prepared to respond as appropriate.

From the Office

There are some faces new to us and some familiar faces have responsibilities new to them. A great deal of progress has been made in the administration area and this continues daily.

We would like to congratulate Monty Cummings on his retirement as Chief Building Official and By-Law Enforcement Officer. While we may still see him from time to time, we hope he is taking many opportunities to relax and spend time with family.

For your calendar

While meetings and events appear on our website's calendar or in the monthly Community Newsletter, here are a few events you may want to take note of.

Saturday July 27th at 1:00 pm

Come to our OPEN HOUSE being held at the Community Centre, 100A Spruce Drive, Temagami North. Most of the items are surround our Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. The agenda at present is:

Open House	Discussion about the Official Plan Amendment related to Second Units
Receiving Input	Should the Municipality of Temagami allow businesses to apply to be retail locations for cannabis?
Providing Information	What is the proposed updated wording for Home Occupation and Home Industry and how could this update apply to your situation?
Round Table	Starting the information gathering process for our upcoming Official Plan Review

We will have representatives from our Planning Consultants there and are looking forward to an informative exchange. Please contact the Municipal Office to register so we can plan appropriately.

Mondays in the Summer

While perhaps not quite the Lovin' Spoonful, the Library is hosting a Coffee House/Workshop on Mondays (other than holidays). Information on the Monday programs can be found on the Library's website or Facebook page. Come be entertained. Come be creative. Come support your Temagami Public Library.

Speaking of the Library.....

The TD Summer Reading Club was launched on June 17th. Throughout the summer make certain to visit often, update your 'Books I have Read' information and earn Club prizes.

So you know.....

From the Canoe Festival to the Community Market there are many activities for you to enjoy. Each month, a Community Newsletter is printed and distributed which contains a calendar of events. You can also look at the calendar on our website at Temagami.ca

Reminders

If you pay your tax bill through online banking please change your reference number from the former account number to your roll number. Earlier difficulties with this change should now be corrected with the banking community but if you are still experiencing difficulties please contact the Municipal Office.

The Temagami Public Library is accepting applications for the Tracy Gauvreau Scholarship Fund until July 15, 2019. This fund is to support students from either Temagami or Bear Island in the fields of Early Childhood Education, Education Assistant or Teaching. For more information please contact the Library at library@temagami.ca.

Our call for volunteers is still open. Having a 'roster' of volunteers is important as we are required to ensure appropriate training happens before you are pressed into service. So, whether you would like to participate in an Ad Hoc Committee or help in some of our events such as Canada Day, Shiverfest, or the Santa Train, we would love to hear from you.

We continue to work on increasing our database of email addresses through communicate@temagami.ca. Presently, we have over 110 addresses although we still have a way to go. As more addresses are added, we hope to be able to use them to make emergency communication easier as well as periodic messages from Council on municipal news and events.