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My Council Update... some new names have been added to my email listing...if you do not want to receive these emails in the future let me know!!! If you know someone who like to be added send me the emails or just pass this information on to them....

Our first month of 2019 is now in the books and Council is hard at work setting the tone for the year. There was a good article in the Speaker (attached) setting our 2019 outlook. The Council Team is working well together and there is a solid commitment to work together as a team and are striving to move our Agenda forward in a positive way. Members have had the opportunity to take part in training and everyone is committed to learn and perform as expected. There are some new rules coming into effect that are intended to make Councils more accountable. They are as listed:

- * A Code of Conduct, for members of council and local boards
- * It will now be mandatory for municipalities to appoint an Integrity Commissioner;
- * Municipalities will be required to have a formal policy on staff-council relations

In terms of starting our Strategic Plan process an RFP will be issued later this month and we will be setting up a strategy to get this done. We also have to set up a new Waste Management Plan and we will be issuing a RFP to start this work soon too.

Council did spend some time on the issue(s) surrounding the sanctioning of Cannabis stores within the Municipality. A decision one way or the other had to be made, and it was decided not to support this option until such time, as we had an opportunity to consult with the Community. We can opt in at any time; however had we not responded, we would have been automatically put on the list that would permit the opening stores within the municipality. We plan on having a community consultation on this subject this summer.

We also approved the go ahead of setting up a policy to deal specifically with allowing the development of second units. Our plan going forward is to review the draft information we have before we start the process. Members of the community will have a chance review our plans and to provide public input... so stay tuned..

We did spend some time discussing whether to set up a Tourism and /or Economic Development Committee at this time. This decision has been put on hold, until time we get approval for a staff intern or approved funding for an Economic Development officer. Our current Intern has just accepted a new position in Cochrane, and therefore staff to assist with these Committees is not available. We do see the need for Committee(s) to help move us in the right direction and we are hopefully optimistic that we will get the people in place we need soon. In the meantime, Council will oversee this. We do encourage feedback as to what people feel we should be doing to help attract and maintain local businesses and tourist operators. Some things Council has been doing to date :

- reviewing our previous set out Economic Development Goals in order to approach Governments for future funding
- have met with officials working on the Forest Temagami Tenure Modernization Initiative and officials will update council this month
- provided support to a local Committee looking to improve cell and internet services in our area. A couple of Council members have agreed to work with this Committee
- updating our listing of property we have available for sale as well as getting a staff report on the Sherman Mine Property to determine if there is any future potential for us to pursue.
- in the process of applying for funding to develop a proper road way in the industrial park
- had a presentation by George Léger regarding his planned Healing Place Project and we will be dealing with a motion to support this project once information is received back from him.

Other items of business we have been working on:

- Work has commenced on the 2019 budget
- Have revised our office organizational structure, and in the process of hiring for 2 vacant positions
- Work continues on the Computer Financial System change
- We did approve the terms of reference for a climate change committee

In terms of closed meetings: Council has been required to hold a couple of closed meeting sessions. We have carefully reviewed the rules governing this process and only do this when necessary. We have provided a report on each closed session after in open session of Council. We have now decided to do this as part of our regular meeting agenda and will try and provide as much detail as possible. To date we have been dealing with a few legal matters arising from the past council, we did have some discussion on a more current legal issue, as well as an internal staffing matter. A further discussion was held on a property matters involving the possible purchase and provided direction on this. Council will be going into a closed session in the next while to deal with an up and coming OMB hearing and will be meeting with our lawyer. Again, it is our intention to go into closed sessions only when necessary.

I did attend the recent ROMA convention and did have the opportunity to meet with six ministers. Although our visits were short I did try and get issues regarding the Municipality of Temagami raised and extended an invitation to a number of them to come for A VISIT... had the opportunity to take part in a number of sessions and did take time to visit the sponsor booths. One session I found quite interesting was the Reinventing and Revitalizing Small Rural communities-The leadership Role of Local Government and the speaker was Peter Kenyon. Mr. Kenyon is a social capitalist and community enthusiast. Over the last two decades he has worked with over 1500 communities throughout Australia and overseas seeking to facilitate fresh and creative ways that stimulate community and economic renewal. He is motivated by the desire to create healthy, caring, inclusive, sustainable and enterprising communities and local economies.

Peter is convinced that one cannot develop communities from the top down or from the outside in. It requires communities to build from the inside out, and for their members to invest

themselves, ideas, assets and resources in the process. Peter created the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (Initiatives for the Development of Enterprising Action and Strategies) to promote such a paradigm shift and assist with the necessary facilitation, ideas and skills.

It is clear he believes that we need to focus on our resources, capacities, strengths and aspirations. It is my hope we can do this as part of our Strategic Plan.. We do need to hear from you as to what you feel these strengths etc., are. You will be surprised at the number of people who are coming forward already to start that conversation and some are even looking at opportunities they are considering for our Community. We need this and I am open to sit down with anyone who has a view or a desire to become more involved within our Community.... I invite you to have a look at the 20 clues identified by Peter to create and maintain a vibrant Community!!!

Thanks and I will try and do a month to month report for you
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