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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Preserving Our Infrastructure... Together

Dear Residents,

For more than a year, your Town Council has been working on an important issue for the future of our community: the funding of our infrastructure and our sports, recreation, culture, and community services.

When we speak about these infrastructures, we are referring specifically to our swimming pool, arena, golf course, fitness room, day camp, cultural and community activities, sports facilities, and all the places that help bring our community to life every day.

These services have long been part of our reality. They contribute directly to the quality of life of families, the vitality of our community, and the attractiveness of our region.

However, costs are increasing rapidly.

Operating all of these services represents approximately \$2 million per year. Even with revenues generated through registrations, memberships, and certain financial assistance programs, there remains an annual operating deficit of approximately \$1.5 million.

A large portion of this amount, nearly \$1 million, is covered directly by Temiscaming taxpayers.

In a small town like ours, it is normal for these services to operate at a deficit and for a portion of recreation and infrastructure costs to be collectively funded. It is a societal choice and an investment in our quality of life.

We believe that providing quality infrastructure contributes directly to the well-being of our population and the vitality of our community.

That said, the financial reality is becoming increasingly demanding.

Costs related to building maintenance, energy, equipment, insurance, and salaries continue to rise year after year. Despite this, your Town Council has succeeded in maintaining services while limiting tax increases to an average of approximately 3% per year over the past six years, all while completing three major street reconstruction projects.

We are proud of the work accomplished.

It is also important to understand that these infrastructures are not used solely for the recreation of long-time residents.

They play an essential role in our ability to attract and retain families, workers, and therefore businesses in our region. This is especially important given that our main employer has a significant need for skilled workers relative to our population size. Our facilities are therefore closely tied to our economic vitality.

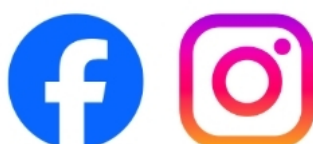
Today, all regions across Quebec are trying to attract essential workers, particularly in the healthcare and education sectors. Doctors, nurses, teachers, educators, and many other professionals choose not only a job, but also a living environment for their families.

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When a person decides to settle in a community, they look at:

- activities available for children;
- sports facilities;
- cultural and community life;
- the vitality of the community;
- services accessible on a daily basis.

Our facilities are directly part of this reality.

It contributes to our regional attractiveness, our economic development, and our ability to maintain essential services for our population.

It is also important to remember that many of these facilities are equally accessible to citizens from neighbouring communities, including Kipawa, certain unorganized territories in Ontario, as well as First Nations communities. This situation could, of course, be perceived as inequitable, which is precisely the role of elected officials to help prevent.

For more than a year, respectful discussions have been taking place to explore different possibilities for sharing the costs associated with our infrastructure, which we consider to serve a regional purpose.

However, these discussions have highlighted an important reality: several communities do not currently have the necessary tools to contribute more within the existing framework.

This is why the Town Council recently asked the Government of Quebec to support discussions regarding the regional funding of our infrastructure and services.

Our approach is not directed against anyone.

Each community faces its own realities and challenges.

Our objective is simple: to find sustainable, realistic, and equitable solutions in order to preserve our quality of life and ensure the future of our infrastructure for generations to come.

Please rest assured that your Town Council will continue this work with seriousness, transparency, and the long-term interests of our community in mind.

Temiscaming remains a dynamic, welcoming town and a great place to live.

Alain Gauthier

Mayor of Temiscaming

COMMUNITY GATHERING – LET’S DEFEND OUR REGIONAL SERVICES

The Town of Temiscaming invites the public to take part in a community gathering on Wednesday, May 20th, at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Temiscaming Wildlife Protection Office at 31, chemin du Ruisseau Gordon.

This mobilization aims to defend the maintenance of essential local services in our region. The local wildlife protection office now has only one active officer remaining, while a stronger presence is necessary to ensure adequate service across our vast territory.

The Town of Temiscaming also encourages citizens to sign the petition supporting the maintenance and strengthening of wildlife protection services in the regions before May 30th.



OUTDOOR FIRES: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED

With the arrival of the warmer season, many residents enjoy outdoor fires. The Town of Temiscaming would like to remind residents that a fire permit is mandatory for bonfires and brush fires, in accordance with Fire Prevention By-law #710.

Before lighting a fire, make sure to:

- Obtain your permit
- Ensure weather conditions allow outdoor fires
- Keep the fire supervised at all times
- Have extinguishing equipment nearby

No fire may be lit when winds exceed 20 km/h or when a fire ban is in effect.

Permits are free of charge and issued by the Fire Department.

To obtain a permit or for any questions: 819 627-3273, ext. 130 or service.incendie@temiscaming.net

Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

