



TCF WANTS TO DO MORE WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Here's a memo to community groups and/or folks with an idea and desire to make something good happen in their communities: The TCF may be able to help.

That's TCF as in the Temagami Community Foundation, which a decade ago was created to serve the Temagami region – permanent residents, seasonal cottagers and the First Nation.

And over the years, it's done just that, giving grants totaling some \$200,000 to scores of groups, organizations and projects around the Township. Projects such as the summer Art Camp, the Angele Project of a few years ago, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Programme, the Temagami Elders Portrait project, the local history initiative at the Temagami Public School, and many more. In fact, there's hardly a community project or organization that hasn't been helped in some way by a TCF grant, usually in the \$500 to \$2,500 range.

So much for the good news.

The even better news, however, is that it's time for new grant applications to be received and – this is a totally new wrinkle – the TCF is now searching for organizations, formal or informal, with which it might collaborate or partner. Organizations that will draw upon the skills and dedication of volunteers to generate both enthusiasm and commitment to their communities.

“The TCF wants to support, encourage and facilitate community initiatives that support an organization's goal while also collaborating with other groups, people or charities,” said Cathy Dwyer, the TCF's executive director. “The grant process starts with a one or two-page proposal, and we'll work with a requesting organization to further develop the concept.”

In other words, what's important is that the proposed project or initiative meets a real community need, promotes discussion and dialogue, fosters shared responsibility, involves volunteers and creates excitement.

As in the past, the TCF will not fund individuals for personal support, capital campaigns, operating deficits, political or religious activities or fundraising dinners or event sponsorship. TCF's areas of concern are environmental awareness and stewardship, community arts and culture, First Nations and sustainable community economic development programmes. Proposals should be sent no later than April 29, 2013 to the Temagami Community Foundation, P.O. Box 338, Temagami P0H 2H0 or by email to info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com. Further information is available by phone at 705-569-3737.