

# About Our Foundation



## OVERVIEW

# The Temiskaming Foundation

**Community means so many things to so many people, and the world to us.** *In all we do and all we say, we are all for community.*

We are The Temiskaming Foundation and community vitality has been our purpose, promise and passion since 1994 when we started connecting donors to community needs and opportunities. Together, we help build strong and resilient places to live, work and play.

Inclusive. Innovative. Forward-looking. Vital. This is our vision for our community.

In our vision, our community is able to include, and offer opportunities to, everyone. It has the knowledge and ability needed to help shape its own future. We are ready to address pressing problems. And all our citizens are able to benefit from the best our community can offer: the arts, recreation, health care, education, safe and inclusive neighbourhoods and a healthy environment.

**Our community foundation does three key things to build community vitality:**

- Vitality takes long-term resources for long-term solutions—so we work with donors to build endowment and other funds that ensure vital futures for communities.
- Vitality comes from all corners of a community, so we grant funds to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.
- Vitality needs leadership, so we bring people together from all parts of our communities to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

## Facts about The Temiskaming Foundation

We were established in 2004 by a dedicated group of leaders who loved our community. These people each donated \$100 to get the foundation started and in the beginning that was all the funds available to give to local charities, which in 1995 amounted to \$2,000. Today the foundation has over 5 million dollars invested, and income of over \$100,000 per year is given to local charities and non profit organizations to support their activities. Tri Town Foundation was incorporated on February 25 1994, and after it expanded to cover more than the Tri Towns, changed its name to The Temiskaming Foundation in 2009. **For more information or to get involved visit** [www.temiskamingfoundation.org](http://www.temiskamingfoundation.org)



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## Our Foundation in Action

### Ten reasons people choose community foundations.

#### one

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.

#### two

We bring donors to the table as **community builders**, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.

#### three

We identify **long-term needs** and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

#### four

We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and **provide grants** to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

#### five

We provide highly **personal and flexible service**, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.

#### six

We build **permanent funds** and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.

#### seven

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.

#### eight

We believe that diversity is strength, so we **bring the entire community together** to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

#### nine

We are **transparent and reputable stewards** of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.

#### ten

We build **community vitality** – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.

# Give where you live!

## Annual grants to:

Northdale Manor

Haileybury Heritage Museum

Temiskaming Art Gallery

Englehart & Area Historical Museum

Cobalt Mining Museum

Temiskaming Shores Public Library

Local Food Banks

and many more!

### Our approach

Many organizations are working for better communities, but a few important factors make our approach stand out:

#### We bring donors to the table as community builders

We help them formulate and realize their philanthropic goals, matching their interests and concerns with community needs and organizations. We help them find innovative and responsible ways to give their investments lasting impact.

#### We take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed

That's why our grants support everything from shelter, sustenance and care for those most in need, to recreation, the arts, and the environment.

#### We take the long-term view for our communities

We identify long-term needs and opportunities and invest in sustainable solutions, helping our communities become resilient, resourceful, and ready for the future they want.



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