

**TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (October 20, 2019)**

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**Board Attendees:** Brit Hyde, Margaret Langfitt, Paul Tamburro, Rob Corcoran, Terry Males

**Regrets:** Peter Whyte, Allan Eustis, Chip Kittredge

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:**

- moved by Terry; seconded by Rob; carried at 7:36 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of the September 22, 2019 Meeting:**

- moved by Margaret; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:38 p.m.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**(A) MEMBER SURVEY:**

- Brit still needs to write an introduction. He will do this shortly and distribute it to the Board for review before the survey information is made available to TLA members.

**(B) DETAILS OF TLA HQ SUMMER USAGE:**

- Few members used the TLA building in 2019, and those who did used it for only short time periods (e.g., accessing WiFi, picking up mail). Brit will share further details with the Board.

**(C) UPDATE ON BOARD COMPLEMENT:**

- Hilton Young has declined to serve on the Board, but will join one of the committees.
- It would be ideal to fill the one vacant Board seat in the near future.

**4. New Business:**

**(A) TEMAGAMI STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION (OCTOBER 17, 2019):**

- Terry attended the industry group session at 1:30 p.m. (tourism group met in the morning).
- Six people were in attendance, including Terry.
- According to participants, most prospects for economic growth seem to be tied to tourism. Current development restrictions are viewed as problematic in this respect.

- Limitations to economic growth include: a low population base; difficulty in finding sufficient numbers of tradespeople and labourers; lack of accommodation for new families; and, the fact that few new businesses/industries are being developed or considered.
- The group discussed ideas for tourism-based development and the formation of an economic-development corporation with a 10- to 15-year mandate.
- There was some discussion from those in attendance that most new tourism-based development requires significant investment.

## **(B) PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

### *TLA Submission to Strategy Group*

- Paul will set up a conference call in the near future so that Board members can discuss the TLA's ideas and concerns with the planning consultants.

### *TFN Objection/Appeal to Town-Approved Sub-Division of Islands*

- Don Fraser communicated with the TLA about his family's previous purchase of numerous small lots on Islands 992 and 970 (near Bear Island). Several decades ago, these lots were merged into a smaller number of larger lots. The Frasers then purchased the shoreline buffer from the province, which changed the original configuration of the lots, and resulted in a loss of severance rights.
- The Frasers want to re-sever these properties. The initiative was approved by the Municipality (although the Town planner did not visit the site). The TFN, however, objected due to archaeological and Lake-Trout-fishery concerns and took this matter to the provincial "Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)".
- Ed Veldbloom acted on behalf of the TFN, and the First Nation won the appeal. Thus, the Frasers cannot move forward with their plans for re-severance.
- This may have an impact for TLA members in the future.

## **(C) ONTARIO POWER GENERATION:**

- OPG has requested permission to install water-level monitoring equipment on the TLA's leased property – first on a temporary basis, and possibly on a more permanently basis if the site proves favourable for data collection.
- Brit moved to allow OPG to install water-monitoring on the TLA-leased property on a trial basis. This was seconded by Rob and unanimously carried at 8:44 p.m.
- Linda will contact Mike Clarke from OPG to let him know the request has been approved.

## **(D) OPTIONS TO INCREASE TLA REVENUE AND DECREASE EXPENSES:**

- Discussed 2020 TLA membership renewal fees as they have not been increased since 2008, despite increase to TLA expenses. Further examination of the budget is required before such a decision can be considered.
- Membership renewal requests could be distributed primarily by e-mail to saving mailing expenses. Members without e-mail would receive their renewal requests by standard mail.

- The TLA Membership Directory could be distributed every two years (instead of annually) to save money. There was a suggestion that this could begin in 2021 so that members have a “heads up” about the plan.

**5. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, November 24, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**6. Adjournment:**

- meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.