

**TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (March 29, 2020)**

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**Board Attendees:** Brit Hyde, Margaret Langfitt, Peter Whyte, Paul Tamburro, Rob Corcoran, Allan Eustis, Terry Males

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

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

- moved by Terry; seconded by Peter; carried at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2020:**

- moved by Allan; seconded by Rob; carried at 7:34 p.m.

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

**(A) REPORT ON RECENT FOCA MEETING:**

- Rob attended this meeting in Toronto on March 7, 2020.
- Key items of discussion included: a cut to funding that FOCA receives from the province; insurance for cottagers ("Cottage First" through Cade Insurance); possible increase in hydro costs for seasonal properties; Ontario Bill 132 (which focusses on hastening development) may impact cottage areas; creation of a cottage association MPAC "tool kit"; video on septic systems; working with OPG and the MNRF on water levels; invasive species – e.g., Eurasian milfoil and starry stonewort (reference: [www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org)); provincial funding reduction for addressing invasive species; impact of road salt (i.e., chlorides leach into waterways); Lake Partners Program at risk due to provincial funding cuts; and, appropriately acknowledging First Nations. Also, participants voted for an increase in dues from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cottager for member associations.

**(B) UPDATE ON EQUIPMENT FOR REMOTE ACCESS TO VHF RADIO BROADCASTS:**

- Some time is required to purchase, install, and test equipment.
- It would be advantageous to be able to call out and in with this system.
- The TLA should also retain a marine-radio-based system.
- JPS quote is : \$1,000 for ROIP box + free software for PC + \$200.00 for cable + replacement VHF radio (total, one-time of cost: ~ \$2,000.00)
- ICOM has more options (e.g., can call out and in by phone), but the cost would increase.
- ESChat has a PTT (push-to-talk) over cellular application that includes various calling options, text and image messaging, and real-time location reporting.
- Rob will develop a chart with prices, pros, cons, and recommendations, and will share it with all Board members.

**(C) UPDATE ON 2020 SUMMER-STAFF RECRUITING PROSPECTS:**

- The ad has also been placed in the Winter 2020 edition of the *Temagami Times* and on the TLA website, and was sent to the Municipality, TFN, the Chamber of Commerce, and Temiskaming District Secondary School for distribution.
- Sam Mitchell will likely be available for two of the last three weeks in the summer of 2020.
- There may also be a student who is available to assist at the HQ building through completion of 40 hours of community service.

**(D) UPDATE ON OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR SECONDARY DWELLING UNITS + HOME BUSINESSES:**

- Paul sent a letter to the Municipal Council on behalf of the TLA.
- The proposed amendments are as follows:
  1. Throughout the Municipality, anyone could have a second dwelling on their property – as a separate building or addition to current building (with a kitchen and bathroom).
  2. Liberalizing the ability of people to establish home businesses could occur throughout the Municipality – including the Lake neighbourhood.
- An informational meeting (led by the Municipal Planner, Jamie Robinson) took place on March 20, 2020.
- The TLA will ask its own planner (Anthony Usher) to review these proposed amendments. He will then discuss the TLA's concerns around the timing and Municipality-wide application of the proposed amendments (vs. excluding the rural / Lake Temagami neighbourhood) with Municipal Planner, Jamie Robinson. Motion to accept by Paul, seconded by Rob, and carried at 8:20 p.m.
- A Council vote on this will be deferred until they've heard back from the planner.
- Council may initiate a lake-capacity study, and the potential impacts (e.g., environmental) associated with further development.

**(E) WEBSITE PROPOSAL FOR ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, ETC. – PENDING:**

- Brit will contact another website developer about a possible second proposal (in addition to the one submitted by our current website provider, AloeRoot Web Services).
- More information is required before a firm decision is made.

**(F) PROPOSED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TAA ANCESTRAL LANDS:**

- This is deferred.

**4. New Business:**

**(A) NOMINATION OF GREG GOODMAN TO FILL EMPTY BOARD SEAT:**

- The term for this seat would end on August 31, 2022.
- A motion to acclaim Greg Goodman's nomination to the Board until August 31, 2022 was moved by Brit, seconded by Terry, and carried unanimously at 8:34 p.m.

**(B) COVID-19 IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITY – CURRENT AND FUTURE:**

- The Municipality of Temagami is currently asking cottagers not to come up to the area due to the current lack of resources (e.g., groceries, medical care) resulting from the COVID-19 situation (and because this is very early in the season).
- This pandemic could be devastating to the Municipality's economy as many cottagers may not be able to come up, camps may not open, tourists may not be travelling, etc.
- For the time being, the TLA will act in a supportive role to the Municipality and other shareholders, by sharing information with its members. This will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

**(C) E-MAIL TO MEMBERS RE: BOARD NOMINATIONS, COVID-19, AND OTHER ISSUES:**

- A communication will be sent to members. Topics may include: Board nominations; referral to Municipal COVID-19 updates; membership payments; remote access to VHF radio service; official-plan information; and, water levels.

**(D) QUESTIONS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT:**

- None.

**(E) DISCUSSION OF MERCHANDISE FOR HQ BUILDING IN SUMMER 2020:**

- A decision to purchase new merchandise for 2020 is deferred to the June 2020 meeting.
- WINMAR will be contacted for a quote re: costs to clean the HQ building and a date by which we must make a decision about this in order to open by Saturday, June 27, 2020.

**(F) STATUS OF 2020 BUDGET AND NEXT STEPS:**

- Brit and Paul will review the budget, and it will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**(G) REMINDER OF *TEMAGAMI TIMES* (SUMMER 2020) SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF APRIL 15, 2020:**

- Rob – mining article; Terry – article on broadband in the Municipality
- Linda has contacted several individuals re: remembrances for members who have passed.

**(H) ADVERTISING RATES FOR SUMMER 2020 *TEMAGAMI TIMES* AND 2020 DIRECTORY:**

- Brit and Linda will discuss this.

**5. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Sunday May 3, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday June 7, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**6. Motion to Adjourn:** moved by Rob; seconded by Peter; meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.