

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (January 13, 2021)

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Board Attendees: Paul Tamburro, Terry Males, Brit Hyde, Greg Goodman, Tarik Muzaffar

Regrets: Allan Eustis, Rob Corcoran, Margaret Langfitt

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Brit; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:44 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2021:

- moved by Terry; seconded by Brit; carried at 7:44 p.m.

3. Business Arising from Past Meeting:

(A) INFORMATION PACKAGES – MUNICIPAL PLANNING + NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER QUALITY:

- Tarik has written a summary of his AGM planning-committee update.
- Tim/Murray Richardson have provided information on water-quality testing graphs (e.g., phosphorus readings).
- Terry has provided details on the “Crown Land Disposition Policy”.
- Paul and Rob will develop a cover letter, including MNRF details.

(B) “ONE TEMAGAMI” STRATEGY:

- Tarik’s “ONE Temagami” initiative will be fine-tuned and presented by Tarik and Paul at an upcoming Municipal Council meeting.
- The TLA Board hopes to start/continue a dialogue and really listen to what the Town, First Nation, and Lake residents (including TLA members) want, so that they can find some common ground. This will likely be the most effective approach to pull together people with disparate views, who have varying ideas and interests regarding Temagami. The primary message is that a healthy Lake Temagami is in everyone’s best interests.
- It will be important to develop some “touchstone” language and a marketing strategy to use when promoting the “ONE Temagami” message (with the possibility of including input from the Town and TFN). We can also support this through selective advertising and some targeted support of local community groups/organizations.

(C) COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- Linda sent a list of committee members and terms of reference (TOR) to the Chairs for review.
- Chairs will update their TOR as required for the streamlined committees and distribute these to the entire Board. They should also contact their respective committee members.

(D) INAUGURAL ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR 2021:

- The first workshop via Zoom will likely occur in February or March 2021 on the topic of “Houseboats”. Members will submit questions/comments in advance.
- Greg will touch base with local houseboat companies re: potential participation in the workshop.

(E) UPDATES TO TLA WEBSITE FOR ONLINE RENEWALS AND INFORMATION UPDATES 2021:

- Linda finalized updates to the TLA website with Steph from AloeRoot Web Services (our current web provider) in late November 2020. 50% of the fee was paid at that time.
- Steph’s team began the updates in December 2020, and should be completed shortly.
- In the meantime, a MailChimp membership-renewal reminder and update was sent to all TLA members. Linda has also followed up with hardcopy mailings for those who prefer paper communication or don’t have e-mail addresses.

(F) FILLING THE OPEN BOARD SEAT (TO AUGUST 31, 2023):

- Paul contacted one commercial member, who will consider this proposal.
- If this person isn’t interested, summer camps will then be contacted to provide suggestions for a potential Board member.

4. New Business:

(A) DENIAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TEMAGAMI SUMMER CAMPS:

- Allan Eustis spoke with Gill Thompson (Camp Wanapitei) and Justin Gerson (Canadian Adventure Camp), and submitted an article for the Winter 2021 issue of the *Times*.
- The Temagami Municipal Council and Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit are assisting in community outreach for the appeal that is currently being made by the camps. Proving eligibility for insurance coverage, however, likely requires evidence of a positive case of COVID-19 within 25 miles / 40 km of the camps prior to May 1, 2020 (before broadscale testing was well under way in Ontario). Patient confidentiality is also a concern.

(B) PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS FOR HOME INDUSTRY / HOME OCCUPATION + SECONDARY-DWELLING UNITS:

- Several Board members attended the “Special Council Meeting” on December 23, 2020.
- The Town’s consultants/planners discussed their recommendations (which were based, in part, on public feedback).
- The Town consultants/planners also worked well with Tony Usher (the TLA’s planner) and utilized some of the TLA-suggested “preferred language”.

- Certain Municipal residents want to change the status of some activities in the zoning by-laws to an “as-of-right” instead of a “case-by-case” (needs-to-be-reviewed) approval basis. The TLA must, therefore, remain vigilant in monitoring Council decisions on this topic.
- Recommendations concerning the proposed second-dwelling amendment will not change anything for the Lake community. There also don’t seem to be many changes for the Lake regarding the proposed home-industry amendment (e.g., setbacks, etc.) – with the exception of boathouses. The primary issue of concern is that there is now some provision for boathouses to be used to support home industry. Such use of the boathouses, however, would be considered on a case-by-case basis and have to be approved by the Municipality.
- The Council moved to accept the input from the consultants/planners, and will likely move to adopt these proposed amendments early in 2021.

(C) TLA SCOTIABANK INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:

- Tarik suggested that we deposit some of the TLA’s investment account money into a short (6 months to 1 year) GIC at a “schedule 2” bank – to get a better interest rate.
- [The “Finance” committee will look into this.](#)

(D) TEMAGAMI TIMES – WINTER 2021:

- The Board was reminded about submissions for this issue (e.g., “Official Plan” update).
- There was discussion of another discount for advertisers (for the Winter 2021 issue). A motion to continue the ongoing 10% discount to advertisers due to the pandemic was made by Brit and seconded by Greg. It was carried at 8:47 p.m.

(E) RECOGNITION OF “MEMBERS OF THE YEAR”:

- It was suggested that each “Member of the Year” could be recognized with a donation to a community non-profit of her/his choice or a complimentary, one-year TLA membership.

(F) SCAM TEXTS AND E-MAIL MESSAGES:

- [Linda will contact Steph at AloeRoot re: developing TLA Board-member e-mail addresses.](#)

5. Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

6. Motion to Adjourn: moved by Paul; seconded by Brit; meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.