

# TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (June 9, 2021)

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

**Regrets:** Greg Goodman

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

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

- moved by Brit; seconded by Allan; carried at 7:41 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2021:

- moved by Brit; seconded by Paul; carried at 7:42 p.m.

### 3. Business Arising from Past Meeting:

#### (A) IDEAS TO MARK THE TLA'S 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

- TLA members have been invited to submit photos and articles about TLA initiatives, events, and personalities over the past 90 years for the Fall 2021 *Times*.
- We could also have an in-person social event in August (pandemic restrictions permitting).

#### (B) RETRIEVAL OF SNOWMOBILE FROM WATER NEAR MANITOU LANDING DOCKS:

- Dash Delarosbel from Temagami Barge went to retrieve the snowmobile on June 1, but could not find it (likely due to poor light conditions).
- Rob canoed around the Manitou Docks area on June 6 and was also unable to locate the skidoo (although conditions were choppy, and there was pollen in the water).
- Chuck McCrudden was contacted, and the TLA received a more detailed description of the skidoo's location.
- Rob will coordinate the retrieval, and will report back to the Board once it's completed.

### **(C) HOUSEBOAT “TOWN HALL” (MAY 17, 2021) VIA ZOOM:**

- There were approximately 32 people in attendance.
- Mike and Gwen Drenth from Leisure Island and Darren Gareh from Three Buoys provided an overview of their operations, environmental and safety considerations, licencing for renters, guidance re: considerate behaviour toward cottagers and other Lake users, etc.
- Leisure Island also presented a video tour of their houseboats.
- Greg provided an overview of the MNRF rules for camping on Crown land on the Lake and demonstrated the use of the online “Crown Land-Use Policy Atlas” for Ontario.
- The town hall ended with a Q & A session. Most participants submitted questions in advance, but there was also the opportunity for live questions, comments, and discussions.
- Greg will create one-page write-ups for both TLA members and houseboat operators with “best-practice” suggestions.

## **4. New Business:**

### **(A) TEMAGAMI “OFFICIAL PLAN” PROCESS + MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> VIRTUAL “OPEN HOUSE”:**

- The first virtual, public Open House for the Official Plan (OP) was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, with 60+ people in attendance (mostly TLA members). It was hosted by Jamie Robinson – the Municipal planner from MHBC.
- An “Introductory Meeting” for the Municipal OP process is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The OP discussion to date is very “pro” development, with only minor considerations being made re: environmental issues. There was also little mention of consultation/collaboration with other groups in the Temagami area (e.g., TAA/TFN, LaTempra, TLA, other seasonal residents, summer camps and businesses, visitors, etc.).
- There was considerable discussion regarding the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) recommendations to Council (e.g., extending the urban area boundary to include the north-east arm of Lake Temagami, permitting residential and commercial buildings of up to five storeys, etc.), which were highlighted in the open house documents.
- The planner did not address questions on the PAC recommendations, whether or not the committee was still active, and the appropriateness of focussing on suggestions from a group that might have already been disbanded.
- “Net zero” (carbon neutrality) is a key consideration for many business, organization, and government operations over the next few decades. The Municipality of Temagami doesn’t seem to be taking this perspective into account to any significant extent in OP planning.
- TLA members will be encouraged to become engaged in the OP process on an ongoing basis over the next year and to voice their points of view to Council.
- The TLA could attempt to educate people about the long-term economic benefits of ecotourism versus the shorter-term benefits from a solely resource-extraction economy.
- A motion was made by Paul for the TLA Planning Committee to register as a delegation for an upcoming Municipal Council Meeting to discuss:
  - (1) the status of the Planning Advisory Committee (e.g., whether or not it has been disbanded and the associated rationale, etc.); and,
  - (2) integrating many elements of the Municipality’s “Strategic Plan” for 2020-2030 when developing/updating the Official Plan. (This was seconded by Brit and passed at 8:53 p.m.)

**(B) DISPERSAL OF “OLD” (2008) TLA NAVIGATION/SOAL MAPS:**

- There are approximately 70+ old (2008) shoal maps.
- Some of the old maps will be offered to the Leisure Island and Three Buoys houseboat operators – to be used as souvenirs for their clients (who will be informed that these are 2008 versions).
- Ten 2008 maps will be kept for the TLA archives, and the remainder will be sold at a discounted price. These maps will not be distributed to anyone, however, unless they choose this purchase option after being informed that updated (2021) versions are also available.
- Linda will create labels to attach to old maps, and which state that 2021 ones are available.

**(C) “MEMBER OF THE YEAR” FOR 2020:**

- Carol Lowery will be named “Member of the Year” for 2020 for her efforts on behalf of the TLA during off season (e.g., forwarding the TLA mail from the Temagami PO to Linda, attending most Municipal Council meetings, etc.).
- moved by Paul, seconded by Tarik, and carried at 8:55 p.m.

**(D) TLA AGM 2021:**

- The 2021 AGM will again be a virtual event, as there are too many unknowns with the pandemic restrictions (and Camp Wabun is not operational this year).
- Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern is the tentative date and time.
- moved by Paul, seconded by Margaret, and carried at 9:03 p.m.
- Linda will reach out to FOCA with respect to assistance in hosting the meeting.

**5. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**6. Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.