

**TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (March 31, 2021)**

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

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

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

- moved by Brit; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2021:**

- moved by Rob; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:33 p.m.

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

**(A) APPROVAL OF 2021 DRAFT BUDGET:**

- This budget was developed with the following in mind: there would be a virtual AGM in 2021; the navigation map would be updated and reprinted (1,000 copies); and, there would be a paper version of 2021 Membership Directory.
- Move to approve the draft budget made by Margaret; seconded by Allan; carried at 7:43 p.m.

**(B) TLA SCOTIABANK INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:**

- Greg recommended that we pull money from the current Scotiabank investment account to purchase a short-term (1- to 2-year) GIC from another bank that has a higher interest rate.
- The Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation insures this type of investment up to \$100,000.
- Move to provide Greg Goodman with the authority to make an appropriate investment on behalf of the TLA made by Paul; seconded by Margaret; carried at 7:49 p.m.

**(C) NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD SEATS:**

- Three people have put their names forward for consideration for the current open Board seat and the Board seat that will be available when Allan Eustis completes his second, three-year term in August.
- The “By-Law, Nominations, and Elections” Committee will finalize the nomination process. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2021.
- The term for the current, open seat continues to August 31, 2023, and the term for Allan’s successor will be August 31, 2021 to August 31, 2024.

**(D) SUMMER STAFF 2021:**

- Peter Healy has agreed to staff the Headquarters Building on a reduce schedule – similar to what occurred in the summer of 2020. AM and PM radio service will occur daily, and the HQ will likely be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons in July and August.
- Ideally the enhancements to the radio-service equipment will be completed this spring to allow broadcasts to be made remotely (i.e., from sites other than the HQ Building).

**(E) “TERMS OF REFERENCE” FOR REVISED COMMITTEES:**

- All committee Chairs are reminded send their updated TORs and list of members to Linda, so that they can be added to the TLA’s electronic files.

**(F) NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Any Board members who have not activated their new TLA e-mail addresses should do this as soon as possible, so that they can be posted on the website.

**4. New Business:**

**(A) “TOWN HALLS” 1 AND 2 (MARCH 24 AND 27, 2021) VIA ZOOM:**

- The two “Town Halls” went very well. There were 40+ people in attendance at the first one and approximately 37 at the second one. Nearly half of those participating in the March 27<sup>th</sup> event were not in attendance at the March 24<sup>th</sup> one.
- The first meeting focussed on the “ONE Temagami” initiative and a proposed lake-capacity / lake-management study. The TLA now has a scientific “task force” composed of members (all university professors) who will provide guidance and assistance regarding any study that does occur. Education for members about the initiative will also take place.
- A few “Town Hall” attendees had concerns about the “ONE Temagami” acknowledgement that change in the Temagami area is “inevitable”. Board members have contacted these individuals.
- The second meeting provided an overview of the first, as well as discussion on the proposed Municipal OP / By-Law amendments.
- It was suggested that the TLA could host a “Town Hall” discussion every month or two.
- Paul and Tarik will be meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier (TFN) and Chief Leanna Farr (TAA), and they will be encouraged to attend future “Town Halls”.

**(B) PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

- The Temagami Municipal Council will vote on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments for “Secondary-Dwelling Units” and “Home Industry and Home Occupation” at the upcoming Council meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021.
- The Planning Committee has been meeting about the amendments and variance requests re: some additions to existing buildings. The TLA Planner has also provided input regarding the “Secondary-Dwelling Units” amendment language to the Town’s planner (which has mostly been accepted). Some of the initial language was vague enough that a future Council could have different interpretations. The end result is that there will be no change from the current OP and current By-Laws re: Lake Temagami. There will, however, be some changes for the Town.

- The “Home Industry and Home Occupation” amendment is more contentious. Several modifications to the wording, that were suggested through our Planner, were adopted. Some other items from the former OP were also re-adopted.
- Concerns:
  - (1) The current OP limits home industry to two, non-resident employees. Wording in the amendment would eliminate this. Thus, more than two, non-resident employees could be hired in home industries throughout across the Municipality.
  - (2) The language clarifications suggested by the TLA have not been fully accepted. The setback requested by the TLA is 15 m. Home industries shouldn’t be working within the setback, but items could be stored there (e.g., in boathouses).
- There is some question about what would happen if a building within the 15-m setback is grandfathered, but now has employees working in it.
- Planners are also working to preserve sightlines near storage yards (which could potentially not be a full 15 m from the Lake). Variances would, however, be required in these instances, as well as compliance with provincial regulations. Provincial Ministries (e.g., MMAH) would still have to approve any changes to the Municipal OP, as well.
- The Board will determine the manner in which it will pursue the 15-m setback issues, in particular, as there are concerns regarding direct impacts to the Lake.
- It was suggested that the Board support the amendments. Future applications for variances would then be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and specific input could then be made at that time by the TLA.
- [The Planning Committee will draft a proposal regarding actions for the Board to review.](#)

**(C) PROPOSED “TENETS” ARTICLE FOR SUMMER 2021 *TEMAGAMI TIMES*:**

- Biff Lowery wants to write an article on the history of the “Tenets” (in response to some negative statements that were recently posted on Facebook). He hopes to provide some public education on the issue, as many people likely don’t know what the “Tenets” entail or how they came to be. Biff may also require access to the TLA Archives in the local library to research this topic.
- [Biff has been given permission to access the TLA Archives. Terry will also contact Biff and ask him to go ahead with the article.](#)
- [The Board wants to read over his submission, and it will also be subject to editorial review.](#)

**(D) RETRIEVAL OF SNOWMOBILE FROM WATER NEAR MANITOU LANDING DOCKS:**

- Chuck McCrudden (a retired MNRF Biologist) contacted the TLA to inform us that a snowmobile is sitting on the bottom of the Lake – approximately 75' out from the boat launch at the Manitou Landing (off the corner of the fixed outer dock in about 7' of water). It’s been there for at least three years.
- It was suggested that the TLA to arrange for this to be removed, as a project of the “Natural Resources and Environment” committee.
- [Rob will investigate the location of the snowmobile and will report back to the Board with ideas on how it can be removed from the Lake.](#)

**(E) “BIG CANOE PROJECT”:**

- The “Big Canoe Project” is an initiative of Dave Wilfong (Temagami resident, contractor, and maintenance director at Keewaydin), who conceived the idea of building the world’s largest wood-canvas canoe. This is a collaborative community project of the Town, First Nations, and Lake residents that will highlight the Municipality of Temagami and its significant backcountry recreation opportunities.
- The canoe will be unveiled in 2021 and displayed prominently in downtown Temagami at the Train Station. The project is supported by members of the “Temagami Backcountry Project”.
- Approximately \$50,000 has yet to be raised. An electronic donation appeal may be sent to TLA members to assist in the fundraising efforts. Canada’s anti-spam legislation was reviewed, and it appears as though the project is exempt from this legislation because it qualifies as a non-profit, fundraising appeal, not a commercial message.
- Move to approve sending an electronic donation appeal to TLA members re: the “Big Canoe Project” made by Margaret; seconded by Brit; carried at 10:01 p.m.
- The TLA will develop criteria to assess when it is appropriate to send communication to members about other ventures in the future (e.g., Does the project meet the intent of the “ONE Temagami” initiative?). Subsequent ideas that are presented to the Board would then be held to this same standard.

**(F) 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TLA:**

- 2021 is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TLA.
- Board members are asked to send ideas of how to recognize this occasion during the coming year (e.g., “photo essay” in the *Times*) to Linda.

**5. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom [re-scheduled to Wednesday May 12, 2021]**

**6. Motion to Adjourn:** moved by Brit; seconded by Tarik; meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.