

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 30, 2020)

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

Regrets: Terry Males

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Margaret; seconded by Allan; carried at 7:39 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2020:

- moved by Margaret; seconded by Greg; carried at 7:40 p.m.

3. Welcome for Tarik Muzaffar; Board and Staff Member Introductions

4. Business Arising from Past Meeting:

(A) PURSUING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

- Paul and other Directors will call TLA members who haven't renewed since 2019 (and 2018) to encourage them to renew their memberships.

(B) UPDATE ON VHF RADIO SERVICE:

- Rob will pick up the repeater and other equipment from the headquarters building in a couple of weeks and take it home to Toronto. Over the winter, work will be done to get people comfortable with working on the system.

(C) FILLING OPEN BOARD SEAT:

- One Board seat remains open.
- Camps and/or lodges may be approached to have members on the Board.
- A local business owner (also a permanent resident) is another possibility. This person had expressed interest previously.

5. New Business:

(A) ANNUAL “STATE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION”:

- There was a review of the document that was sent along with the Board meeting materials.
- Potentially raising membership fees (with an accompanying increase in service delivery – e.g., enhanced VHF radio services) was also discussed.

(B) TLA TWO-YEAR PLAN (VISION 2020-2022):

- invigorate stewardship of Lake Temagami: water quality, zoning by-laws, septic systems, invasive species, campsites, portages
- bridge building with community partners: Municipality, TFN, TAA, LaTemPRA, AYCTL, FoT, CALA, MNRF
- activism with complimentary partners (e.g., First Nations, FoT, youth camps, CALA)
- engage our membership in municipal affairs
- future pandemic and other disaster planning for seasonal residents
- modernize the TLA (e.g., improve digital databases, enhance member networking opportunities, provide other value-added member services, move from current building, eventual transition to virtual TLA HQ)
- membership drive
- TLA leadership will be Committee driven / Board directed

(C) ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE:

- 1st Vice-President: Margaret Langfitt (motion by Paul; seconded by Allan; carried at 8:44 p.m.)
- 2nd Vice-President: Terry Males (motion by Brit; seconded by Allan; carried at 8:45 p.m.)
- Treasurer: Brit Hyde (motion by Tarik; seconded by Allan; carried at 8:48 p.m.)

(D) COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP:

1. By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections: Margaret Langfitt, Chair
2. Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events: Allan Eustis, Chair
3. Finance (Business): Greg Goodman, Chair
4. Headquarters and Operations: Rob Corcoran, Chair
5. Natural Resources and Environment: Terry Males, Chair
6. Planning and Municipal Affairs: Brit Hyde and Tarik Muzaffar, Co-Chairs

- motion to approve slate of committees and chairs by Margaret; seconded by Tarik; carried at 9:01 p.m.

(E) MUNICIPAL UPDATE – OFFICIAL AND STRATEGIC PLANS:

- Council is still of the mindset that development (e.g., on the Lake) will keep the Town healthy.
- Council is also promoting the two proposed by-law amendments (i.e., for secondary dwellings and home businesses). Some Councillors wish to have more service providers and businesses on islands and to require fewer restrictions (e.g., no setbacks).

- A lake-capacity study has also been suggested to determine whether or not more development is possible on Lake Temagami.
- The “Planning and Municipal Affairs” Committee could approach Council with some specific suggestions.
- Recently, there was “Special” Council meeting regarding the Strategic Plan. The consultants reiterated their four “pillars” – but did not provide many details for the Councillors when asked questions re: specific strategies for the implementation of their recommendations. There was little discussion of tourism potential (which had previously been highlighted by the consultants as being key, during discussions with TLA Board members), and little recognition of seasonal resident opinions and the usefulness of leveraging the skill sets of seasonal residents (which are substantial).

(F) TLA VIRTUAL AGM 2020:

- Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. EDT (90-minute webinar)
- This will be hosted by FOCA. They will also run the anonymous poll feature for approval of the: 2019 AGM minutes; 2019 financial statement (Resolution 1); and, actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2019 AGM (Resolution 2).
- A “Question-and-Answer” format could be utilized.
- We may also wish to include some details about the Strategic and Official Plans, and offer some online follow-up sessions.
- The Board could ask the membership why some people are not members of the TLA, and request that they encourage non-members to join the Association.
- Other live events on various topics may be offered during the year.

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

7. Motion to Adjourn: moved by Rob; seconded by Margaret; meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.