

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (November 10, 2021)

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Board Attendees: Paul Tamburro, Tarik Muzaffar, Terry Males, Brit Hyde, Rob Corcoran, Greg Goodman, Diane Green, Margaret Langfitt, Carol Lowery

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Carol; carried at 7:35 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2021:

- moved by Terry; seconded by Brit; carried at 7:35 p.m.

3. Adoption of Draft Minutes from 2021 Virtual AGM:

- moved by Paul; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:38 p.m.

4. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TEMAGAMI MUNICIPAL AND “OFFICIAL PLAN” UPDATES:

- It is expected that the first draft of the new “Official Plan” will be revealed to the public in the package of materials distributed prior to the November 18, 2021 Council meeting.
- It seems as though the Municipal Council has not provided answers to the Strategic Plan questions that have been raised by TLA members and others at various Council meetings in the past few months.
- A very brief survey was distributed to people on the Municipal mailing list to determine if respondents preferred to elect Councillors by “Ward” or on an “At Large” basis.
- If the ward system is selected, there could be three wards – each electing two members of Council. The wards would include: Lake Temagami; the Temagami Urban area; and, Marten River and surrounding locales. The Mayor would still be elected “at large”.
- Few other details were provided by the Municipality about this issue. Also, the time frame between surveying taxpayers and making an informed Council decision is very short.
- Survey results will be revealed at the November 18, 2021 Council meeting, and there will be a Council vote on this issue.

(B) REVIEW OF 2021 VIRTUAL TLA “ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”:

- Approximately 87 TLA voting members (and others) attended the 2021 virtual TLA “Annual General Meeting” on October 19, 2021 (or were represented by proxy).
- Offering a Zoom option for future AGMs will likely be an option going forward, as it will allow more members to attend.
- Strategies to enhance attendance at AGMs and increase member engagement in all TLA activities will be explored in the new year (e.g., by securing suggestions from FOCA).
- Because there wasn’t time to address all questions and comments during the AGM, some follow-up by the Administrative Coordinator occurred after the meeting ended.

(C) UPDATES ON VHF RADIO SYSTEM, RETRIEVAL OF SUNKEN SNOWMOBILE, AND LEEPFROG TELECOM ACTIVITIES:

- Rob Corcoran and Peter Healy made a successful test (remote) radio broadcast from Peter’s cottage early in the season. Due to some technical issues, however, subsequent broadcasts had to be completed at the HQ building this year. Ideally this situation will be resolved in 2022 – so that all broadcasts can be made either remotely or at the HQ.
- The sunken snowmobile near the Manitou Landing docks was recently removed from the Lake by Temagami Barge. This will now be reported to the O.P.P.
- Leapfrog Telecom is currently offering broadband internet, VOIP, and IPTV services in the Temagami area. Equipment will be added to existing structures in the Town of Temagami, while a tower will be built near the end of the Lake Temagami Access Road for Lake users. Pricing for wireless residential packages has now been set.

5. New Business:

(A) DONATION REQUEST FROM TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB:

- The Temagami Lions Club requested a donation for the 2021 “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner”, which will involve the delivery of meals to individual residents at their homes.
- Since the event was not held in 2020, the TLA’s last contribution was in 2019.
- A move to donate \$250.00 to the 2021 “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner” was made by Brit, seconded by Tarik, and carried at 8:48 p.m.

(B) TLA COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS (2021 TO 2022):

- Current TLA committees include:
 - By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections
 - Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events
 - Finance (Business)
 - Headquarters and Operations
 - Natural Resources and Environment
 - Planning and Municipal Affairs
- Current Chairs will reach out to TLA members who may be interested in joining these teams, and committee members will be determined at the next Board meeting in January.

(C) TLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' GOALS TO AUGUST 31, 2022:

- Priorities for the TLA Board to August 31, 2022 include the following:
 - determining the future of the TLA Headquarters Building (i.e., poll results from the AGM, and other considerations, will be reviewed over the next few months by a Board working group)
 - implementing ONE Temagami initiatives (e.g., possibly creating a “Lake Management Plan”, further engagement with First Nation groups and the Town)
 - enhancing TLA member engagement and increasing membership numbers (e.g., through a membership drive, sharing TLA values with the general public)
 - investigating the possibility of reinstating a summer-student program (e.g., to distribute educational materials, complete campsite clean-ups, operate a boat-washing station)
 - addressing other issues that may arise (depending on the content of the draft OP)

(D) NEW MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN:

- The TLA has nominated Daniel Buckles to sit on a committee that will develop the plan.
- This committee will likely begin meeting in December 2021.

(E) MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Approximately, 10 applications have been received by Council (at least four of which are from Lake residents). Submissions were distributed to all Councillors for review after the October Council meeting. Six Board members will be selected from this pool of applicants.
- First Nation representatives will not sit on the Board, but will be directly involved in specific projects of the EDC (e.g., resolving parking and waste-disposal issues at the Lake landing areas).

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

7. Adjournment:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Rob; carried at 9:38 p.m.