

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (April 6, 2022)

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

Regrets: Tarik Muzaffar, Margaret Langfitt

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Brit; seconded by Greg; carried at 7:34 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022:

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

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the March 2022 meeting were provided re: finances, membership renewals, the *Temagami Times*, the digital Membership Directory, and property patrols.

4. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) "OFFICIAL PLAN" (OP) UPDATE:

- Paul, Brit, and Tony Usher with the Lake Temagami Group (from the North Arm), who expressed concern regarding development on the Lake. They raised some good points.
- The "Planning and Municipal Affairs" committee is reviewing draft language for an additional submission to both the Municipality and MHBC. Tony's submission will be more technical, while Paul's cover letter will provide some perspective and focus on these three main points:
 - (a) The TLA carefully examined how Draft 1.2 defines development principles with respect to the mainland, islands, Crown land, and private land. There are some omissions from the current Official Plan, and some inconsistent language that we'd like to see improved and included in the next draft. Most importantly, we want the plan to more clearly prohibit all development in the mainland "Skyline Reserve". Any future development on the Lake should be on island-only, individual parcels (typically, created by severance).
 - (b) Lack of a "Lot Creation and Development Plan" for the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood was noted in the new OP (although it appears in the current OP). Ontario's long-standing protection of naturally-reproducing, Lake-Trout lakes will likely continue, and such a plan would not be undertaken unless required. Provision should be made for this type of plan in the new OP, however, as per the Ontario Municipal Board order of September 28, 2004.

(c) The TLA recognizes that lot development for the Lake Temagami Neighborhood is currently constrained by Provincial guidance about Crown-Land development on naturally-reproducing, Lake-Trout lakes. Nonetheless, the TLA requested that the negotiated and defined limit of five (5) lots per year (non-cumulative) should be maintained in the new OP. This will add protection regarding development should the Lake-Trout policy be eroded or eliminated in the future.

(B) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

(i) Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events

- Carol will look for a Skyline Reserve map in the TLA Archives filing cabinets.

(ii) Natural Resources and Environment

- Amelia Lavery contacted Diane about invasive-species signs and posts stored at the HQ.
- Finlayson Point Provincial Park staff have concerns about invasive species, including in area backcountry parks.
- Eurasian water milfoil (an invasive aquatic plant) may be present around the Town docks.
- Diane attended a FOCA webinar on invasive species that focussed on new legislation issues: clean, drain, and dry watercraft before moving them from one lake to another (e.g., using a carwash); enforcement may be minimal, as it will be done by Conservation Officers (but, can be delegated to the Municipality); and, a media blitz will occur on the May long week-end.
- High-pressure washing (using hot water or steam) and subsequent drying of watercraft works best, but is not 100% effective. Other options include a “shop vac” device.
- Likely sites of *invasive Phragmites* in the Temagami area have been identified at Wasaksina Lake and Marten River (via the EDDMapS system) and in Temagami North (via the iNaturalist app).

(iii) Planning and Municipal Affairs

- see 4. (A) above

5. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT’S UPDATE:

- Councillor Youngs reached out to Paul after the Town Hall to say how important it was for her to represent all residents of Temagami. She is also very interested in invasive species, and would support a boat-washing station at the Municipal level.
- A business owner on the Lake is also a proponent of a boat-washing station, and hopes to make a presentation to Council on this topic in the near future.

- Paul spoke with Terry Rees of FOCA about invasive species and the existence of mobile boat-washing stations (e.g., in the Lake-of-the-Woods area).
- FOCA also indicated that typically 30% to 70% of lake residents belong to cottage associations – so, the TLA is in this line with this figure.
- In addition, FOCA has concerns about floating shipping containers that are being used as vessels in some provincial waterways and may have questionable waste-disposal practices. They are unregulated, and some may anchor/attach to shorelines for long periods of time. This issue was brought to the attention of the Municipality during a recent Council meeting.

(B) TLA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING:

(i) Summer Staffing

- Peter Healy has agreed to provide staffing at the Headquarters Building again in 2022.
- The HQ will be open on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Radio announcements will be provided daily in the AM and PM.

(ii) Long-Term Plans

- The TLA's current five-year property lease with the MNDMNRF ends on December 31, 2022.
- Options for an alternative, easily-accessible, less-costly location for the TLA Headquarters will be explored.
- We would also require a quotation for the cost of removing the existing Headquarters building and rehabilitating the site, should another appropriate location be found.

(c) TLA AGM 2022:

- One option is to hold the 2022 TLA AGM virtually via Zoom webinar.
- We could also have an outdoor gathering for members during the summer.
- Another option is to hold the AGM at Camp Wabun. Linda will ask their staff if they are willing to host an outdoor, in-person AGM this year (if pandemic conditions permit).
- The Board will re-examine the issue and make a decision at the Board meeting in May.

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

7. Meeting Adjournment:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Terry; carried at 9:05 p.m.