

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (February 9, 2022)

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

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Margaret Langfitt

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Brit; seconded by Carol; carried at 7:37 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2022:

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

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the January 2022 meeting were provided regarding finances, property patrols, membership renewals, the *Temagami Times*, and advertising.

4. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

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

i. The current, 95-page document for Draft 1.2 of the new “Official Plan” (OP) was presented at the Council meeting on January 20, 2022. Public comments regarding this draft should be sent to the Municipal Clerk by Tuesday, March 1st. Issues with this draft which were identified by the “Planning and Municipal Affairs” Committee and include the following:

- since neighbourhoods reduced from five to three (i.e., Urban, Rural, Lake Temagami), Cross Lake should be classified with Lake Temagami
- inaccurate and/or unrealistic population statistics and projections utilized
- marginalization of the “Tenets” (and Temagami Land-Use Plan) compared to current OP
- lack of vision for Temagami (as promoted by the TLA); no reference to 2021 strategic plan
- more development-oriented than preservation-oriented
- errors re: designation of mainland shoreline of NE Arm in Schedule A were communicated with the Municipal planner; “Special Management Area” vs “Residential Waterfront” for patented (private) shorelines on the Lake requires clarification/correction

- water-quality protection needs more emphasis
- language regarding Lake Temagami vs. Urban neighbourhoods requires clarification
- previous OP was more specific in some areas (e.g., setbacks); planner will include some of this information in the Zoning By-Laws instead of the OP; thus, the TLA will have to monitor the Zoning By-Laws when they are enacted (i.e., after the OP has been adopted)

ii. The Planning Committee has corresponded with the TLA planner (Tony Usher) via e-mails, phone calls, and Zoom meetings.

iii. Tony has communicated with the Municipal planner re: errors and language concerns for Draft 1.2 – particularly related to Schedule A and mainland designations of patented land.

iv. Tony is currently preparing a comprehensive and detailed response from the TLA to the Municipality regarding Draft 1.2 (to be submitted before March 1st), which will be reviewed by the “Planning and Municipal Affairs” committee next week.

v. The “Planning and Municipal Affairs” committee will develop a simple, specific “vision statement” that should be incorporated into the OP. This statement would serve as a lens / guiding principle through which all planning decisions are made (i.e., smart and responsible development that protects the health and beauty of the Lake environment).

vi. The proposed schedule for development and review of the new OP is outlined in the “Next Steps” document, which was previously distributed.

N.B., It is important that the TLA is constructively engaged with Council, and provides input in a positive manner which emphasizes that the preservation of the Lake is in the best interests of everyone in the Municipality. The TLA should also focus on key directional issues that are related primarily to fortifying the “Tenets”.

(B) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

(i) Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events

- The committee is researching ways to digitize the TLA’s archive materials, which are stored in eight filing cabinets at the Temagami Municipal Library.
- Living Temagami will be contacted to obtain the flash drive of TLA archive items that were digitized by a summer student in 2018.
- Wabi Iron and Steel (in New Liskeard) will also be contacted regarding TLA archive materials that may be stored there.

(ii) Headquarters and Operations

- The committee will explore options for potential alternate sites for the TLA Headquarters in the next couple of months.

(iii) Natural Resources and Environment

- The committee reviewed a minor amendment to the Temagami Forest Management Plan (i.e., an extension to a logging road near Mowat Landing), and now has a list of logging roads in the Temagami area.
- Further information regarding boat washing was obtained from Amelia Lavery. Options include spraying watercraft and equipment with hot water (via high-pressure hose) and leaving it to dry for several days, as well as “shop vac” devices that don’t use water. Most methods, however, require a water source and method for the disposal of waste water.
- Amelia will also be contacted about the invasive-species signs that are stored at the Headquarters Building and were created a couple of years ago using a grant from FOCA.
- The committee will also attempt to determine the locations of spiny-waterflea infestations on the Lake and invasive *Phragmites* growth in the greater Temagami area.

(iv) Planning and Municipal Affairs

- see 4. (A) above

(c) TLA “TOWN HALL”:

- The next TLA “Town Hall” will be held on Monday, March 7th. The topic will be the progress and development of the new OP for Temagami.
- The TLA planner, Tony Usher, will attend and answer questions, while Paul Tamburro will moderate. A land acknowledgement will be also included.
- Invitations will be extended to TLA members, the Municipal Council, and the TFN and TAA.
- The “Planning and Municipal Affairs” committee will prepare a slide presentation.

5. New Business:

TLA HQ SUMMER PLANNING 2022:

- Peter Healy will be contacted in the near future and asked to staff the Headquarters Building in 2022 (with approximately the same schedule as 2020 and 2021).

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

7. Meeting Adjournment:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Carol; carried at 9:11 p.m.