

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (January 12, 2022)

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

Regrets: Brit Hyde, Margaret Langfitt

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Rob; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:37 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2021:

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

3. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA COMMITTEE AND CHAIRS FOR 2021 TO 2022:

- Ideally, some TLA activities should be more committee driven.
- TLA Committees and Chairs for the 2021 to 2022 year are:
 - By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections: Chair, Margaret Langfitt
 - Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events: Chair, Carol Lowery
 - Finance (Business): Chair, Greg Goodman
 - Headquarters and Operations: Chair, Rob Corcoran
 - Natural Resources and Environment: Chair, Diane Green
 - Planning and Municipal Affairs: Chair, Brit Hyde

(B) REVIEW OF SUGGESTED TLA GOALS FOR 2022:

1. Monitor and Advocate re: Municipal Issues (e.g., Official Plan and Election 2022)

- This is the most important priority for the year. Currently, Council meetings are regularly monitored, input is being submitted to Council from TLA members, and a planning consultant was hired to help ensure that the values of the Association (particularly the “Tenets for Temagami”) are upheld during the Municipality’s OP revision process in 2022.

2. Continue ONE Temagami Outreach, Including with First Nations and the Municipality

- Initiatives are ongoing with TFN, the TAA, and the Municipality.

3. Determine the future of the TLA Headquarters Building

- The timing is right to assess the TLA building's future (i.e., the current five-year lease expires at the end of 2022, and the building has significant upkeep issues).
- 2021 AGM Poll: Does the TLA need a physical headquarters building in the future? RESPONSES: YES (72%); NO (28%)
- 2021 AGM Poll: If you believe the TLA continues to require a headquarters, would you favour moving to an alternative, easily-accessible, less-costly location? RESPONSES: YES (87%); NO (13%)
- This issue will be reviewed over the next few months by the “Headquarters and Operations” committee, and a report will be made to the Board.

4. Investigate Reinstating a Summer-Student Program (e.g., to distribute educational materials re: invasive species, complete campsite clean-ups)

- This may not be feasible while the pandemic is ongoing, as there are too many unknowns.
- The TLA can't afford to finance these positions solely through TLA revenues – so, previously, students have been paid (in part) through grants.
- It will, however, be difficult to complete the grant requirements this year. The Canada Student Jobs grant, for example, requires offering students employment for 30+ hours/week (for 6 to 16 consecutive weeks), and they must be supervised and mentored. Also, the TLA no longer has a boat to complete some activities (e.g., campsite clean-ups).
- We could investigate the feasibility of helping to establish a boat-washing station. The TLA could possibly partner with the Municipality and TFN to pursue this.
- New legislation from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry (NDMNRF) now requires that reasonable measures be taken “to remove any aquatic plants, animals, or algae from the watercraft, watercraft equipment, and any vehicle or trailer used to transport the watercraft or watercraft equipment overland.”
- The “Natural Resources and Environment” committee will report to the Board about this idea.

5. Enhance TLA Member Engagement and Increase Membership Numbers (e.g., through a membership drive, sharing TLA values with other property owners)

- Reaching out to FOCA for some ideas would be helpful.
- Hosting another “Town Hall” in early April on a topic of concern to members (e.g., new OP, health of the Lake, economic well-being of the Municipality) would help to generate interest in the TLA and engagement in our activities.
- We could also have a community gathering in the summer (separate from the AGM) that includes Board members and possibly some representatives from the community (e.g., NDMNRF and OPP representatives).
- A document on the services available to TLA members was developed and distributed with renewal reminders this month.
- There are now several options for renewals to make the process as smooth as possible.

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

- The second draft (version 1.2) of the new “Official Plan” (OP) will be presented at the Council meeting on January 20, 2022. Further information on submitting public comments regarding the OP will be shared at this meeting.
- Brit will be meeting with the TLA planner in the near future.

(D) ONE TEMAGAMI UPDATE:

- Paul and Tarik met virtually at the end of November 2021 with TFN Chief, Shelly Moore-Frappier, and TAA 2nd Chief, John Turner, to speak about the relationship between First Nations and the TLA.
- They do not view the TLA as a partners, but think there is a good rapport with the Association.
- They see value in a reciprocal relationship with the TLA and also recognize that we have a depth of expertise, affluence, etc. that the TAA and TFN may wish to engage.
- Although the First Nations and TLA have many different interests, we need cooperate with one another and work together on common goals – especially regarding our joint interest in the stewardship of the Lake Temagami area.
- Action Item: The TFN and TAA wish to know the main priorities of the TLA with respect to stewardship.
- Action Item: The TFN and TAA want to understand the expertise that exists in the TLA membership and who is willing to work with these First Nation groups.
- It was explained that First-Nation acknowledgement statements are important.
- Also, the ultimate mandates of the TFN and TAA are a settlement of the land claim.

4. New Business:

TLA ARCHIVES:

- The TLA should consider further digitizing of its TLA archives materials, which are stored in eight filing cabinets in the Temagami Public Library.
- Carol will follow up on the digitizing of TLA documents that was completed by a summer student in 2018. Documents were apparently provided to Living Temagami.

5. Next Meeting Date:

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

6. Adjournment:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Carol; carried at 9:26 p.m.