

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (July 27, 2022)

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

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Margaret Langfitt

Guests: Nicole Brooker

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:34 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2022:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Carol; carried at 7:34 p.m.

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the June 2022 meeting were provided re: finances, membership renewals, the *Temagami Times*, and the TLA "Summer BBQ".

4. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

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

- The Municipality is still waiting for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to comment on the first draft of the OP – so, there likely won't be a public meeting in August as initially planned by MHBC (the municipal planners).
- Brit provided an overview of recent "Planning and Municipal Affairs" committee activities regarding the 2022 municipal election. Significant issues identified include: voter awareness (e.g., all Canadian citizens whose names are on property titles – and their spouses – can vote); the nomination filing deadline of Friday, August 19th for council and school-board trustee candidates; and, the low seasonal voter turnout.
- "The TLA should remain non-partisan, but can play a role in organizing and communicating to members and anyone else interested in hearing from the candidates." Accordingly, the committee recommends hosting a "Meet-the-Candidates" Town Hall via Zoom.

(B) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment

- Diane provided an outline of recent committee concerns and activities – e.g., identification of Eurasian Watermilfoil near the Town docks, the Municipality’s support for boat-cleaning signage at Lake access points, FOCA’s invasive-species sampling initiative, and grants from the Invasive Species Centre.

(C) TLA SUMMER BBQ:

- This will be held outdoors at the TLA Headquarters Building on Saturday, August 6th (rain date: Sunday, August 7th). Carol and Linda are finalizing details for the event.
- In addition to food and drinks, TLA merchandise will be for sale, fire-pump demonstrations will be provided, and information on invasive species and lead-free fishing will be offered.
- Mayor Dan O’Mara and John Vanthof, Member of Provincial Parliament for Timiskaming-Cochrane, will be on hand to answer member questions.

(D) NEW DOMAIN NAME FOR TLA WEBSITE:

- The domain name for the TLA website has been changed to <https://tla-temagami.ca>, and AloeRoot Web Services has completed the transfer of the website contents.

(E) TLA VIRTUAL AGM 2022:

- The AGM will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern).
- FOCA has confirmed that they will again assist us in hosting the event, at a cost of \$100.00.

5. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT’S UPDATE:

1. Board Members:

- This is Brit’s final Board meeting after six years as a Director (including two as President).
- Margaret will also be relinquishing her position on August 31st, after five years as a Director.

2. Leepfrog Telecom:

- The internet-service tower has been completed and is situated near the end of the Access Road. Individual customer connections are in the process of being completed.

(B) NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

- A motion to acclaim Nicole Brooker as a new TLA Board member (as of September 1, 2022) was made by Carol, seconded by Tarik, and carried unanimously at 8:41 p.m.
- A motion to acclaim Alec Morley as a new TLA Board member (as of September 1, 2022) was made by Tarik, seconded by Greg, and carried unanimously at 8:45 p.m.

(C) MINOR-VARIANCE DISCUSSIONS:

- Minor-variance notifications sent by the Municipality to the TLA will be shared with all Board members. To simplify subsequent discussions, however, any comments or questions should be directed to the Chair of the “Planning and Municipal Affairs” Committee.

(D) ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE TLA:

- A draft policy regarding the TLA and economic development was created and distributed to Board members.
- By applying the following principles, a business or project should be judged net-neutral or (ideally) net-positive, by the TLA Board before endorsement:
 1. The TLA will use “ONE Temagami” guidelines when considering our position with respect to commercial activity and other forms of economic development involving Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.
 2. Development must be vetted through an “environmental lens”, and sound, scientifically-proven mitigation initiated for all potential environmental impacts, as recommended by the Commerce Management Group in their commissioned “Strategic Plan” for the Municipality.
 3. Economic and business development should be complementary to the “semi-wilderness character” of Lake Temagami, as highlighted throughout the Official Plan for the Municipality.
- The Board will reflect on and refine this policy, and consider rationales for supporting or opposing various development initiatives. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

(E) NEW TLA FIRE PUMP:

- A portable Honda fire pump, hoses, and accessories were purchased in July for \$1,584.60.
- The equipment is stored in the red, wooden box on the TLA fixed dock, and is available for anyone in the Lake Temagami community to use, as required.

(F) 2022 TLA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

- A motion was made by Paul to support Nastawgan Trails, Friends of Temagami, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program, Living Temagami, and the Temagami Lions Club “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner” in 2022. This was seconded by Tarik and carried at 9:24 p.m.
- Linda will arrange contributions of \$200.00 to each of these organizations.

(G) TLA MUGS AS MERCHANDISE OPTIONS:

- Ceramic mugs with the TLA logo will be considered as merchandise options in 2023.

6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

7. Meeting Adjournment:

- moved by Tarik; seconded by Terry; and carried at 9:34 p.m.