

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 7, 2022)

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

Regrets: Alec Morley

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 July 27, 2022:

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

3. Welcome to New Board Members:

- New Board member, Nicole Brooker, was welcomed. Alec Morley (also a new Board member) was unable to attend this meeting.

4. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the July 2022 meeting were provided re: finances, membership renewals, the TLA "Summer BBQ", and proposed advertising price increases for 2023.

5. 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. The Ministry has not provided a time frame for completion of this review.
- Brit Hyde contacted Dan O'Mara, and Tony Usher reached out to MHBC, for an update. There has been no response to date.
- Brit will provide an article on this issue for the Fall 2022 issue of the *Temagami Times*.

(B) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Communications, Archives, Members, and Events

- TFN may wish to review the listing of TLA archives items – to determine if there is anything of interest to the First Nation that is stored in our filing cabinets at the Municipal Library.
- Carol will provide the list for a TFN representative to review. She will be present if any items will be examined in person.

Natural Resources and Environment

- Diane and Terry posted “Clean, Drain, Dry” signs at the Manitou and Access Road landings, Town docks, and Strathcona Landing. Signs were also provided to Finlayson Provincial Park.
- They also completed FOCA water sampling at the Town docks, west side of O’Connor Island, and at Ferguson Point. Plankton samples, as well as water samples (to test for Zebra Mussel, Spiny Waterflea, and Water Soldier DNA) were taken. Results should be received soon.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil is present at the Town docks and a nearby island. The TLA could work with the Municipality to address this.
- The TLA received a micro-grant of \$1,000.00 from the Invasive Species Centre.
- Diane made a written request to the MTO to include electrical and water connections for a boat-washing station at the proposed Marten River rest area. The Municipality supports this.
- Information has been shared with Friends of Temagami, the Ministry of NDMNRF, Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association, and area Provincial Parks.
- The Committee will meet and provide the Board with recommendations re: “next steps” for addressing invasive species in the Temagami area.

Planning and Municipal Affairs

- see 5. (A)

(c) TLA AGM 2022:

- The AGM will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern).
- Linda will send out proxy forms shortly, so that voting members (Class “A”, “F”, and “L”) who cannot attend can weigh in on various resolutions.

(D) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE TLA:

- A TLA policy on economic development should apply the following principles to judge a business or project as net-neutral or (ideally) net-positive by the 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.
- This will be discussed in further detail at the next Board meeting.

6. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

1. *Leepfrog Telecom*

- They are still fine tuning the system to provide service to individual subscribers.
- Only a small number of island residences currently have the enhanced service.

2. *NDMNRF*

- An encampment has been identified on the mainland of the north shore of Dirty Heart Bay (within the "Skyline Reserve").
- TFN/TAA has been contacted to determine if they know anything about it.
- Paul will contact the Ministry of NDMNRF about this issue and provide them with photos.

3. *Potential Future Sites for the TLA Headquarters Building*

- Paul will investigate possible sites when he is next on the Lake.

(B) SELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE FOR THE TLA BOARD:

- The proposed Executive for 2022-2023 is:
 - President: Paul Tamburro
 - First Vice-President: Tarik Muzaffar
 - Second Vice-President: Terry Males
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Goodman
- A motion was made to change the TLA by-laws, so that the position of President will stand for a two-year term, with the option of a third year – and that Paul Tamburro would continue on in this position for one more year (to August 31, 2023). The motion was made by Carol, seconded by Nicole, and carried unanimously at 8:52 p.m.
- A motion to approve the proposed slate of Executive positions was made by Paul, seconded by Tarik, and carried unanimously at 8:57 p.m.

(C) SELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Proposed Committee Chairs for 2022-2023 are:
 - By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections: Nicole Brooker
 - Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events: Carol Lowery
 - Finance: Greg Goodman
 - Headquarters and Operations: Rob Corcoran
 - Natural Resources and Environment: Diane Green
 - Planning and Municipal Affairs: Brit Hyde
- A motion to approve the proposed slate of Committee Chairs was made by Paul, seconded by Terry, and carried unanimously at 9:01 p.m.

(D) MEET-THE-CANDIDATES:

- The Ontario Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022.
- Before ballots are distributed to Temagami area residents who are eligible to vote, the “Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee” will develop a list of suggested topics/questions for candidates to address (and include a time limit for responses). These will then be recorded and posted to YouTube for TLA members to view.

(E) PRICE INCREASES FOR ADVERTISING IN 2023:

- Prices have increased in 2022 for mailing and layout services for the *Temagami Times* and TLA Membership Directory.
- Accordingly, modest price increases for advertisements of approximately 10% (as outlined in the “Administrative Coordinator Highlights” for this meeting) will be implemented in January of 2023.

(F) MEMBER ACCESS TO TLA BUILDING:

- To get more use from the Headquarters Building, it is proposed that TLA members be allowed access after hours during the summer, as well as in the off season.
- The key to the front door could be kept in a lock box on the door handle, and members would contact Linda to get the access code (similar to acquiring the Wi-Fi password). The access code could be changed annually for added security.
- Members would be asked to return the key to the lock box, turn off lights, and securely close all windows and doors before leaving.
- This initiative will be implemented in 2023.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment:

- moved by Rob; seconded by Nicole; and carried at 9:33 p.m.