

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (October 12, 2022)

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Board Attendees: Paul Tamburro, Carol Lowery, Alec Morley, Diane Green, Greg Goodman, Terry Males

Regrets: Tarik Muzaffar, Rob Corcoran, Nicole Brooker

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2022:

- moved by Terry; seconded by Greg; carried at 7:39 p.m.

3. Welcome to New Board Members:

- New Board members, Nicole Brooker and Alec Morley, were welcomed.

4. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the September 2022 meeting were provided re: finances, membership renewals, the 2022 AGM, and the Municipal Election 2022.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

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

- The Municipality continues to wait for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to comment on the first draft of the OP. There has been a significant delay due to the large number of draft plans that the Ministry has received in 2022. To date, they have offered no time frame for completion of this review.
- Brit Hyde has provided a brief article on this issue for the upcoming Fall 2022 edition of the *Temagami Times*.

(B) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

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).
- Proxy forms were distributed by Linda, and FOCA has sent webinar invitations to members.
- Details are currently being finalized with the FOCA staff.
- Paul and Diane will co-host, Brit will provide an update on the OP, and Greg will complete an overview of the 2021 financial report.

(D) SCIENTIFIC-GUIDANCE POLICY FOR THE TLA:

- The following scientific-guidance policy was proposed:

The TLA will strive to use applicable scientific research in an unbiased manner from academically-qualified individuals, institutions, and government agencies to guide its decisions, actions, and policies. When necessary, qualified experts may be retained.

Scientific research is especially important when considering the impact of human activity on the ecological health of the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake water systems.

- Support of the policy was moved by Alec, seconded by Diane, and carried at 8:02 p.m.

(E) ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE TLA:

- The following economic-development policy was proposed:

The TLA will apply the following principles to a business or project to determine its suitability for Association endorsement.

1. Economic and business development should be complementary to the “semi-wilderness” character” of Lake Temagami, as set out in the Municipality of Temagami’s Official Plan (<https://tla-temagami.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Municipality-of-Temagami-Official-Plan-Draft-1.2-January-7-2022.pdf>).

2. The TLA will promote environmentally-responsible activity through its support of economic and business practices that provide net-neutral or positive environmental impacts on the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake ecosystems.

3. The TLA will use the “ONE Temagami” guidelines (<https://tla-temagami.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ONE-Temagami.pdf>) when considering our position with respect to commercial activity and other forms of economic development involving Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.

- Support of the policy was moved by Carol, seconded by Alec, and carried at 8:17 p.m.

6. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

1. TLA Vision (2020-2022)

- Paul will provide an overview of the TLA's current vision statement at the AGM to indicate what has been accomplished during this period of time.
- New goals for 2022-2023 include the following:
 - (i) Ensure that the new municipal Official Plan (OP) aligns with the TLA's vision, including the principles agreed upon with amalgamation.
 - (ii) Develop and enhance our role as seasonal residents in Temagami municipal affairs.

2. Skulls Narrows, Net Lake, and Aston Creek Fish-Habitat Improvement Projects

- Fish habitat in these areas has become degraded over time due to sediment accumulation on spawning shoals.
- A rehabilitation plan was implemented to improve these spawning sites and increase Walleye populations. This consisted of adding gravel and cobblestones to existing shoals, which should facilitate an increased yield of fish embryos during spawning season. Removal of white rocks introduced to Net Lake during a bridge-construction project will also occur, as they have a negative impact on Walleye spawning. In addition, silt curtains / turbidity barriers will be installed at Skull Narrows, Net Lake, and Aston Creek – to contain silt that is stirred up by nearby construction activities.
- These fish-habitat improvement projects have been mandated by Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of a compensation plan to offset the “loss and damage of water systems and habitats” resulting from a new tailings pond for a mining project near Matachewan.
- Sites for the project were identified after consultation with Temagami First Nation, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP), and the North Bay District office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). The TLA was not consulted.

(B) MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2022:

- The TLA sent five questions to all candidates for the Temagami Municipal election re: issues of concern to seasonal residents and Lake Temagami. Responses could be made in writing or provided through videos. To date, several videos / written replies have been received and posted to YouTube and Facebook. Links were also posted to the TLA website via the blog.

(C) SUPPORT FOR TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS):

- TERAS is a separate organization from the TLA, and has charitable status.
- In response to a concern from a TLA member about our support for TERAS, it was clarified in an article for the Fall 2022 *Temagami Times* that donations for TERAS are provided directly from the donors themselves (and that tax receipts are issued directly to these individuals, accordingly).

(D) 2021 TLA “MEMBERS-OF-THE-YEAR”:

- Allan Eustis and Kelly Romans Bancroft were nominated for their work on the TLA Facebook page. Support for this was moved by Paul, seconded by Terry, and, carried at 8:55 p.m.

(E) POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP-FEE RELIEF FOR TLA MEMBERS:

- The Board may consider offering membership-fee relief for some TLA members that have been negatively impacted by natural disasters (or other difficulties). Such assistance will be considered on a confidential, case-by-case basis, when requested by members.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Paul; carried at 9:07 p.m.