

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (February 15, 2023)

1720 Lake Temagami Access Rd., Temagami, ON P0H 2H0
Phone: 705-237-8927 | tla@onlink.net | <https://tla-temagami.ca>

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

Regrets: Tarik Muzaffar, Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023:

- moved by Rob; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:35 p.m.

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the January meeting were provided re: finances, memberships, property patrols, *Temagami Times* (Winter 2023), and insurance for independent contractors.

4. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment

- Diane Green, Margaret Youngs, and representatives from Ontario Parks met with people from a Municipality in Quebec re: their boat-washing stations. The stations use an automatic-payment system, are set back from waterbodies, and their grey-water effluent percolates through gravel beds. Since detergents are not used, there are no specific requirements re: water disposal other than an adequate setback.
- Diane also contacted a group in New England regarding their comprehensive boat-washing program in the Adirondack watershed.
- Diane will be meeting on Friday with someone from CD3 (a manufacturer of invasive-species prevention tools) to discuss boat-washing equipment options.
- A Lake-of-the-Woods group has a mobile boat wash which can be rented, but is expensive.
- Diane also completed the final report for the micro grant from the Invasive Species Centre.

Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee:

- Everything is still on hold regarding the Temagami Official Plan, as the Municipality awaits feedback from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATE:

- The “Waste Management” plan for Lake Temagami was discussed at the February Council meeting, and will take effect in April. Two people will be hired to implement it. Dumpsters will be transported from the landing to the waste disposal site (and back) on a daily basis. Operating hours have yet to be determined. There may also be a re-use depot on site. The issue will be discussed in more detail at the March Council meeting.
- Council met with M.P.P., John Vanthof, on February 13th. He was told that the TLA didn’t want any development on the Lake. Carol had to correct this by indicating that the TLA wants “no mainland development” on Lake Temagami. Someone also indicated displeasure with the fact that the MNRF extended the TLA’s LUP for two additional years. The TLA Board may send a letter to Council to clarify the TLA’s position on these topics.
- At the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, Carol attended a session on Airbnb rentals. Presenters spoke about by-laws that have been enacted in some municipalities to govern their use (e.g., absentee owners must be able to be contacted within an hour and be on site within three hours). If the Airbnb is in a house that the owner also lives in, regulations are typically less strict. Other Municipalities have also experienced significant delays re: the development of their official plans. In addition, Temagami Municipal representatives met with Ontario’s Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, and discussed the possibility of adding a boat-washing station at the new Marten River rest stop.

(C) “TOWN HALL” RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON LAKE TEMAGAMI:

- A “Town Hall” will occur via Zoom in the spring to discuss economic development that is occurring on Lake Temagami (e.g., “floating campsites”, ice huts, short-term rentals).
- Relevant business owners will be invited to attend and provide an overview of their operations to increase awareness among our members.

5. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT’S UPDATE:

- Paul and Diane will attend a TERAS meeting next week.
- TERAS will likely hire a graduate student to do research on the Lake this summer.

(B) REQUEST FOR PAYMENT INCREASE FOR PROPERTY PATROLS:

- Due to increased gas and equipment (snowmobile and boat) costs, patrollers have requested payments of \$23.00/patrol for January and March, and \$22.00/patrol for May and October.
- An approval motion was made by Nicole, seconded by Carol, and carried at 8:55 p.m.
- It was also suggested that the hiring of patrollers be put out for tender in 2024.

(C) TLA AGM AND SUMMER GATHERING 2023:

- The TLA AGM will be held via Zoom webinar in the Fall of 2023. We will also have an in-person gathering in late July / early August at the TLA Headquarters Building.

(D) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR LIABILITY:

- A request was made for the TLA to agree to provide coverage to “Independent Contractors” under its “General Liability Insurance”. This will protect these workers for their actions on behalf of the organization. Such actions must be in line with the regular operations of the Association.
- Linda will send out an e-mail to Board members with a statement that can be reviewed.

(E) TEMAGAMI FOREST MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (TFMC):

- Mark Stevens, General Manager of the Temagami Forest Management Corporation, has offered to speak at an upcoming Board meeting / meeting of TLA members.
- He also provided an article for the Winter 2023 edition of the *Temagami Times*.
- Linda will invite him to speak at the March or April Board meeting.

(F) O.P.P. RESPONSE TO MEMBER BREAK-IN:

- Sergeant Tom Saville (an O.P.P. officer from Temagami First Nation), as well as O.P.P. officers in the Sudbury area, provided an excellent response to a break-in and theft at a TLA member’s property in Baie Jeanne.

6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

7. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Rob, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:20 p.m.