

# TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (June 14, 2023)

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**Board Attendees:** Paul Tamburro, Carol Lowery, Nicole Brooker, Tarik Muzaffar, Greg Goodman, Terry Males, Alec Morley

**Regrets:** Rob Corcoran, Diane Green

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

### 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:33 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2023:

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

### 3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the May meeting were provided re: finances, the Summer *Temagami Times*, the 2023 Membership Directory, and the “Underused Housing Tax”.

### 4. President's Update:

- Paul reminded members that a new President and other Executive positions will be selected at the September Board meeting.
- The “Natural Resources and Environment” committee will meet with Julie Robinson, District Planner, and Morganne Hall, Integrated Resources Management Technical Specialist – both with the MNRF in North Bay – on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

#### (A) REPORT ON TLA “TOWN HALL”:

- A “Town Hall” was held on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, with about 27 participants. It was an interesting and informative event, and was very well organized by Greg.

- Lake Temagami business owners Dominique and Rielly Nobes (Temagami Outdoors), Adam Pugh (Loon Lodge), and Ryan Smith (Chic Shore) spoke about their operations. All seem to sincerely care about the area.
- TLA members were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.
- A recording of the event is available for those who could not attend.

**(B) INVITED GUESTS FOR TLA BBQ:**

- All Municipal Councillors, the Mayor, and the Treasurer/Administration, as well as a member of the Temagami O.P.P., will be invited to the TLA BBQ on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will provide TLA members with the opportunity to discuss municipal issues with them in an informal setting.

**(C) UPDATE ON TLA “SHORELINE CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE” 2023:**

- To help address the increasing problem of garbage floating in Lake Temagami and sitting on its shorelines, the TLA has issued a “Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” to its members – and anyone else who resides on, or enjoys, Lake Temagami. During the Summer of 2023, we encourage year-round and seasonal residents (and visitors) to seek out, and collect, garbage in the water, or on mainland or island shorelines.
- Participants can submit photos of their finds to the TLA, and prizes will be awarded in the following categories: (a) most garbage collected (by volume or weight); (b) largest piece of garbage; (c) strangest piece of garbage; (d) most-artistic piece of garbage; (e) oldest piece of garbage; and, (f) most-useful piece of garbage.
- Information on this challenge is in the current issue of the *Temagami Times*, and on the TLA website. Details have been added to the Facebook page, as well (and will be re-posted).

**(D) UPDATE ON “ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE PROGRAM” 2023:**

- The TLA has partnered with Friends of Temagami to place 14 thunderboxes on Lake Temagami this summer. The units come in prefabricated packages with easy-to-assemble instructions, and will be available for interested members (and others) to pick up at the Headquarters building.
- The thunderboxes will then be installed by these volunteers on campsites of their choosing around the Lake.

**6. New Business:**

**(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

*Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events:*

- Keys for all nine TLA filing cabinets (stored in the Public Library) have been located. Carol will keep them for the time being.
- The MNR-produced “Timagami Islands” (“Doomsday”) book – containing a history of island ownership, etc. – was also located, and will be available for view at the “Summer BBQ”. It was suggested that the book be digitally archived for easier access by TLA members.

**(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATE:**

- The Council plans to distribute a survey re: the Lake Temagami waste-transfer station.
- One Councillor has resigned, so a replacement will have to be found.
- A number of other issues were also discussed.

**(C) UPDATE ON TLA BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:**

- Further information, which outlines our responsibilities in this regard, has been received from the MNRF.
- Rob also has some leads regarding contractors.

**(D) UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUP RE: ADDRESSING ISSUES OF CONCERN WITH COUNCIL:**

- Paul, Terry, Tarik, and Nicole formed a working group to develop a plan for the TLA to use in addressing issues of concern with the Council – in particular, adding Crown land on the shoreline of Lake Temagami to a list of potential areas for development within the Municipality.
- There is likely little we can do as an organization if the Municipality tries to purchase Crown land adjacent to the north side of NE Arm next to the townsite, as it can be connected to the Municipal sewer system.
- Any development on south side of the NE Arm near the Town is not, however, amenable to the TLA.
- The Association can initially offer to work with Town to resolve some issues of concern (i.e., try the “carrot approach” first). This will be accomplished by requesting an informal meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Members of the Board will also approach members of Council on an individual basis, with a consistent set of “talking points”. Such discussions will be a precursor to a possible TLA presentation at the September 2023 Council meeting.
- The TLA should also monitor the Industrial Park – which has become another access point to the Lake for some local businesses.
- Some mainland development on Shiningwood Bay is occurring, and a large area has already been cleared by TFN for use as a pow-wow grounds.
- The issue of high taxes paid by Lake Temagami residents (and the lack of services) was also discussed.

**7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. EDT via Zoom**

**8. Meeting Adjournment:** moved by Paul, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:12 p.m.