

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2023)

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

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:35 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2023:

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

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the June meeting were provided re: finances, the TLA “Summer BBQ”, “Lake Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” 2023, and the Fall 2023 *Temagami Times*.

4. President's Update:

- The “Adopt-a-Campsite program has been going well. To date, 11 of 13 thunderboxes have been picked up by volunteers.
- A “working group” (Paul, Tarik, Terry, Nicole) was tasked with developing a plan that the TLA could use to address issues of concern with Council (especially regarding possible mainland development on former mining claims in the NE Arm). They met with Mayor O'Mara over lunch during the summer and were told that the TLA shouldn't be concerned about mainland development – despite an in-camera meeting in 2020 where Council discussed extending the townsite boundary to Ferguson Point. The Mayor was also surprised with data supplied by Paul re: the significant financial contribution of the Lake residents to the local economy.
- Operation of the Lake Temagami waste-transfer station in 2023 went very poorly. The Mayor indicated that seasonal residents were being unreasonable with their expectations of generous operating hours, and wondered if they would contribute to the purchase of a trash compactor for the Briggs disposal site. On September 14th, a presentation will be made on this issue to Council by Lorie Hunter and Daniel Buckles. They will present a petition asking for reinstatement of the 24/7 service at the transfer station (currently with ~ 584 signatures), and discuss other concerns (e.g., inconvenience, environmental problems, safety concerns).

- The group also met with Julie Robinson, District Planner, and Morganne Hall, Integrated Resources Management Technical Specialist, from the MNRF in North Bay on June 29th. This was a productive meeting.
- Paul has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation (Tredcorp). Their goals will focus on the Lake Temagami Access Road and Landing, Temagami Dry products, etc.
- Paul has been invited by Living Temagami to speak at the “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation” event in Temagami on September 30th.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI “OFFICIAL PLAN” 2023:

- In July, the Municipality received a response from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on last year’s draft OP submission.
- MHBC is currently incorporating input from the Ministry, public, TLA, and First Nation groups. New provisions from Bill 23 (the *More Homes Build Faster Act*) must also be included.
- Tony Usher (the TLA Planner) has been in contact with the MHBC planner and indicated that the next draft plan will likely be distributed in October, followed by an open house(s) and a time frame for receiving additional public comments.
- A timetable for next steps – including further drafts and the public-review process – is forthcoming.

(B) UPDATE ON TLA BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:

- Requirements for rehabilitation of the TLA building site were received in a letter from the MNRF dated May 25, 2023 (see Board information package). These include: removal of septic-bed tiles, pumping the septic tank, and filling the tank with sand; removing the HQ building, including foundation and footings; capping the well; removing utilities; and, taking waste material to the landfill. Wood may be burned as per provincial fire rules, and demolition actions must be completed (with the relevant municipal approvals) by December 31, 2024.
- Linda also created and distributed an inventory of the HQ building contents, with suggestions on what items to keep, sell, give away, and dispose of.
- Rob is currently reaching out to contractors regarding removal of the building and other associated assets.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events:

- The “Doomsday” (“Timagami Islands”) book – containing a history of island ownership, etc. on the Lake – was shared with attendees at the TLA Summer BBQ.
- Linda will investigate digitizing the book (and having it bound again) so that it’s contents can be more easily shared with TLA members.

(B) TLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE POSITIONS (2023 TO 2024):

- Much discussion took place regarding the selection of Executive positions for 2023 to 2024.
- The decision will be postponed until the October 18th Board meeting. Since the TLA by-laws are vague with respect to this issue, prior to this meeting, specific procedures will be established to use in selecting the Executive.

(C) MUNICIPAL UPDATE:

- The vacant Council seat was filled during a special meeting on September 11th. Permanent resident, Brian Koski (former CAO of Englehart and Temagami), was selected as the new Councillor. He has significant financial experience.
- TLA member, Andrew Zyp, was the only other candidate to receive votes.
- The ambulance service for the Lake has changed. They now have to be escorted onto the Lake by the O.P.P.

(D) TLA PRESENTATION AT COUNCIL “WORKING SESSION” ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2023:

- Paul will withdraw his proposed presentation to Council on September 28th, in light of the fact that there will be a presentation on September 14th (including input from the TLA) regarding the Lake Temagami waste-transfer station.

(E) 2024 PRICE INCREASE FOR PROPERTY PATROLS:

- Due to rising fuel and equipment costs (and a corresponding increase in payments to patrollers), a modest increase in property-patrol subscriptions was agreed upon: from \$60.00 to \$70.00 per year for two patrols (spring and fall or January and March), and from \$115.00 to \$130.00 per year for four patrols.

(F) DATE FOR TLA AGM 2023:

- The TLA AGM is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom. As FOCA no longer assists with AGMs, a TLA member will provide technical assistance.
- Linda will send out an AGM notification and proxy forms shortly to voting members (Class “A”, “F”, and “L”) in late September. All TLA members will subsequently be notified.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. EDT via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Terry, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:24 p.m.