

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (November 8, 2023)

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

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Tarik Muzaffar, Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Paul; carried at 7:37 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2023:

- moved by Paul; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:37 p.m.

3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the October meeting were provided regarding finances, the TLA AGM 2023, and the *Temagami Times* (Fall 2023).

4. President's Update:

- Nicole has been doing a lot of reading, as well as planning for the AGM.
- Nicole, Paul, and Terry met to discuss 2023 accomplishments to date, decommissioning of the TLA building, and the possibility of partnering with the TFN re: a boat-washing station.
- They established goals for 2024 and beyond, which include: working with the Municipality (e.g., on committees), septic inspections, building relationships with various community stakeholders, and planning for future pandemics and disasters (e.g., forest fires).

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA AGM 2023 (TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023):

- All TLA members have been notified of the TLA AGM (by e-mail and/or standard mail) and were provided with proxy forms.
- The agenda and timing for the AGM were finalized by Nicole and Linda. There will be two presentations, updates, motions, a Q & A session, and a poll regarding the 2024 AGM.

(B) UPDATE ON TLA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:

- Carol and Nicole met with TFN representatives on November 6, 2023 regarding their interest in taking over the land-use permit (LUP) for the TLA Headquarters Building.
- A TFN band-Council resolution was made to enter into discussions with the MNRF. Funding options are being investigated, and TFN is also considering the site for a barge landing.
- TFN is open to allowing the TLA the use of a room in the HQ (rent free) for three years.
- The MNRF and TFN must provide the TLA with a decision on the LUP transfer by March 31, 2024.
- The Headquarters “working group” (Rob, Carol, Tarik, and Linda) is developing a “Request for Proposals” that can be distributed to prospective contractors if TFN cannot, or decides not to, proceed with taking over the lease of the TLA building.
- TFN is also interested in pursuing a boat-washing station for the end of the Lake Temagami Access Road (or elsewhere within the Municipality).

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- No updates were provided.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATE:

- Carol Lowery and Brian Koski are the Municipal Council representatives for the ad hoc committee for the Lake Temagami Waste-Transfer Station, while Carol Lowery and Jamie Koistinen are the Council representatives for the ad hoc committee for Mine Landing parking-stall administration. These Councillors will review applications that have been submitted and select the remaining members for each committee.
- Closure of Scotiabank Temagami will take place as of July 16, 2024. Dan O’Mara is meeting with the MP and MPP about this issue, and will also contact a credit union to see if there might be interest in setting up a location in Temagami.
- The Municipality has recently lost three public works employees to jobs at mines in Northern Ontario. Thus, the Access Road is in poor condition.
- The Municipality recently hired a new by-law enforcement officer (Dan Arbour) and new clerk (Rhonda Smith).

(C) LAKE ISSUES:

Shoreline Development in Shiningwood Bay

- Some tents and trailers have been placed on the shoreline at the bottom (east side) of the bay.
- The TFN also recently created a pow-wow grounds – south of the Access Road and toward the shoreline of Shiningwood Bay. A large area has been cleared for the grounds and associated parking (phase 1), and further development (phase 2) will entail “completing parking areas and a drum arbor which has a budget of approximately \$200,000” (as per the November 2023 edition of the *Bear Island Blast*). The phase should be finished by this fall. “The 3rd phase is the buildings and infrastructure. After phase 2 and 3 are completed they will work on amenities such as a water tower, solar panels, and septic.”
- To date, neither the MNRF nor the Municipality have addressed these developments.

“Notice of Jurisdiction” from the TAA and TFN

- A description of this can be found in the October 2023 edition of the *Bear Island Blast*.
- TLA members may be provided with the opportunity to ask questions about the document via a “Town Hall” event in 2024, where TAA and TFN representatives would attend as guests.

Encampment in Dirty Heart Bay

- The TLA Board was informed of a shoreline encampment in Dirty Heart Bay. It’s not clear if there is ongoing use of the site (or who created it).
- This was reported to the MNRF by Paul in 2022, but no response was received.
- [Nicole will follow up with the member who reported the issue.](#)

Baie Jeanne Break-Ins

- Some cottages in the Baie Jeanne area of the SW Arm of Lake Temagami have experienced repeated break-ins over the past couple of years. In all likelihood, the perpetrators were accessing this remote location via the illegal access road from the West Nipissing area.
- It might be possible for the Municipality to address this via by-laws. It may also be considered an MNRF issue, as the illegal access is on Crown land.

Changes to Ambulance Service on Temagami-Area Lakes

- Some changes to the Temagami ambulance service have been experienced since it’s operation was taken over by the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB). It appears as though EMTs can no longer be transported in private watercraft to assist people in distress, and must instead wait for transportation via an O.P.P. boat.
- Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association (CALA) wrote to Temagami Council with concerns about this issue. They cited an example of a recent problematic situation in their area regarding transportation of EMTs to a water-access location, along with shortcomings in the local, emergency, call-centre database (e.g., missing civic address numbers and locations of some water-access lots). Further details were included in the reading materials for this Board meeting. The issue will also be addressed at the November 9th Municipal Council meeting.
- [The TLA Board will provide a letter in support of CALA’s correspondence.](#)

(D) PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2024:

- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Wednesday, October 16, 2024
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024

- acceptance of proposed dates moved by Terry, seconded by Paul, and carried at 9:09 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Terry, seconded by Paul, and carried at 9:10 p.m.