

# TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (April 17, 2024)

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

**Regrets:** Alec Morley

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

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

- moved by Rob; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:36 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2024:

- moved by Diane; seconded by Tarik; carried at 7:37 p.m.

### 3. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the March meeting were provided regarding finances, the *Temagami Times* (Summer 2024), the 2024 digital Membership Directory, property patrols (Winter 2024), and the draft amendments to the TLA's "Articles of Incorporation" and "By-Laws".

### 4. President's Update:

- MNRF staff have not met with the TLA despite several requests to book a meeting with them.
- TLA t-shirts and ballcaps have been purchased for 2024. Prices for TLA members will be set at \$20.00 for t-shirts and \$30.00 for ball caps.
- **Action Item:** Nicole will send a follow-up letter to the MNRF (and MOEE) re: the abandoned houseboat.

### 5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

#### (A) UPDATE ON TLA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING LUP:

- A "Request for Proposal" (RFP) will be distributed shortly to appropriate local contractors.
- The RFP could be publicly advertised if these directed requests are not successful.

## **(B) AGM INVITATIONS:**

- TAA Chief, Michael Paul, and TFN Chief, Shelley Moore-Frappier, will be invited to speak at the AGM and then join us for lunch. Mayor Dan O'Mara will also be invited for lunch.
- [Action Item: Invitations to the three potential guests will be sent out shortly, with further details to follow.](#)

## **6. New Business:**

### **(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

#### *Natural Resources and Environment:*

- Diane is in the process of creating a more-detailed proposal for a boat-washing station to provide to potential donors.
- A demonstration of boat-washing equipment within the Municipality in 2024 would be ideal.
- Diane also attended a webinar concerning a technique to control species, such as Eurasian WaterMilfoil, using suction harvesting (which avoids the use of chemicals).

### **(B) OP AND MUNICIPAL UPDATES:**

- A fire-pump subsidy program will be offered by the Municipality in 2024.
- [Action Item: Further information regarding the subsidy will be shared via a blog posting.](#)
- Council discussed liability issues surrounding the dock used for the Temagami Island Trails.
- Municipal staffing remains an issue, and several positions have not been permanently filled.
- The 2024 Municipal budget is forthcoming.
- The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) has stated that EMTs are permitted to ride only in approved watercraft (e.g., those operated by the O.P.P. and Bear Island Police) on Temagami area lakes. Further details are in a letter to Council (dated April 11, 2024) which clarifies the DNSAAB commitment for Cassels Lake.

### **(C) MUNICIPAL TAX-ANALYSIS INITIATIVE:**

- Tarik provided a municipal tax update through a PowerPoint presentation. It focussed on property tax-rate changes from 2019 through 2023 (increase of 10% over 5 years), waste-disposal rate changes from 2019 through 2023 (200% increase from 2022 to 2023), and the alignment of services delivered in various categories with the tax that is collected in these same categories.
- The tax rate is determined by the Municipality. Some expenditures (e.g., education, seniors' home, DNSSAB, health unit, policing), however, are not set by the Municipality.
- Further information is required (e.g., the breakdown of the ~ 40% of taxes that are spent on municipal programs).
- [Action Item: Brian Koski will be contacted for further information.](#)

**(D) HQ HOURS AND SERVICES FOR 2024:**

- Ideally, the hours and services for the Headquarters Building will remain the same as last year. This will, however, be contingent on securing a summer operations manager, and may be impacted by any decommissioning tasks that must be completed in 2024.

**(E) TEMAGAMI SHORELINE CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE:**

- The “Challenge” will go ahead in 2024 – for Lake Temagami and other area lakes. Prizes will awarded in the following categories:

- (a) “Most Trash Collected”
- (b) “Most-Unique Piece of Trash”
- (c) “Oldest Piece of Trash”
- (d) “Most-Useful Piece of Trash”
- (e) “Largest Piece of Trash”

- Prizes will also be awarded again in a special “Children’s Category”.
- [Action Item: Nickie and Paul will contact potential prize donors.](#)

**7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom**

**8. Meeting Adjournment:** moved by Rob, seconded by Paul, and carried at 9:28 p.m.