

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 18, 2024)

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Board Attendees: Nicole Brooker, Carol Lowery, Christopher Brooks, Lynn Buckham, Scot Paltrow, Rob Corcoran

Regrets: Greg Goodman

Absent: Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Scot; seconded by Lynn; carried at 7:31 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2024:

- moved by Rob; seconded by Carol; carried at 7:32 p.m.

3. Executive Director Update:

- Highlights since the June meeting were provided regarding finances, 2024 TLA summer events, the *Temagami Times* (Fall 2024), and property patrols for 2025.

4. President's Update:

- Nickie welcomed the three new Board members: Christopher Brooks, Lynn Buckham, and Scot Paltrow.
- AGM numbers could have been better. Thanks is extended to Tarik, Paul, and Greg for their "Municipal Tax Analysis". Wabun staff were wonderful hosts and provided a great meal.
- Nickie, Lynn, and Terry Males had a productive meeting in the late summer with the new Temagami Municipal CAO/Treasurer, Laala Jahanshahloo.
- John Shymko contacted Nickie to connect with Diane Green about applying for a grant for a boat-washing station.
- Nickie tried to contact Doug McKenzie to determine if there is any written information about an agreement that the TFN/TAA made to not develop the Lake Temagami shoreline if the Town agreed to do likewise. She is awaiting his response.
- Daniel Buckles is the representative for Lake Temagami on the Municipal ad hoc committee for waste disposal.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) SELECTION OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

- As Diane Green has resigned, Carol made a motion that the TLA Board appoint Rob Corcoran as the interim First Vice-President and Lynn Buckham as the interim Second Vice-President until the November meeting. This was seconded by Scot, and carried at 8:02 p.m.

(B) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board members were provided with a list of committee members for 2023-2024 and asked to consider where their interests are for the 2024-2025 year. Committees include:
 - By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections (Chair, Nicole Brooker)
 - Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events (Chair, Carol Lowery)
 - Finance (Chair, Greg Goodman)
 - Headquarters and Operations (Chair, Rob Corcoran)
 - Natural Resources and Environment (Chair is required)
 - Planning and Municipal Affairs (Chair, Paul Tamburro)
- [Linda will send the six committee terms-of-reference to Board members.](#)

(C) CHAIR FOR OCTOBER 2024 BOARD MEETING:

- As Nickie will be away, the Chair for the October 2024 Board Meeting will be Rob Corcoran.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- Paul Tamburro attended the meeting to provide an update.
- The second draft of “Official Plan” (OP) was available for review on the Municipality’s website on August 2, 2024, along with a timeline of events. An “Open House” and “Statutory Public Meeting” was then held on August 22nd. There was good representation from the Lake – mostly from TLA members. Paul had some productive one-on-one time with the Town’s planners from MHBC (Jamie Robinson and Patrick Townes). They also have a good working relationship with the TLA Planner, Anthony Usher.
- Many of the previous comments from the TLA had been incorporated into the second draft. There are, however, a few remaining issues, as follows:
 - A “Restrictive Rural Waterfront Properties” designation encompasses several parcels of land that are within the “skyline reserve” in various areas of Lake Temagami. These are primarily old mining claims. Despite this contradicting the “Tenets” (which have been included in the second draft), the planners cannot ignore these designations. The TLA “Planning and Municipal Affairs” Committee and Tony Usher are, however, urging the MHBC planners to incorporate significant restrictions on these properties.
 - Depending on how some of the vague wording in the draft OP is interpreted, a case could be made for potential development on the entire south shore of the NE Arm. MHBC has indicated that this is not the intent.

- The “Lake Service Designation” could allow contractors’ yards in such areas as the Access Point landing – potentially with large footprints and impacts. The need for such a designation is questionable, as guidance regarding contractor's yards and home industry is already included in other sections of the OP and Zoning By-law.
 - Shoreline setbacks for new properties on Lake Temagami should be 30 m, whenever possible (as per provincial best practices).
- The deadline to provide comments on Draft # 2 of the OP (in order to be incorporated into the final OP) is Monday September 30, 2024. The TLA’s Planning Committee and planner are working diligently to prepare the Association’s formal comments to submit to MHBC.
 - In October, MHBC planners are expected to incorporate these comments on Draft 2 and prepare the final OP for Council adoption (anticipated for the November 14, 2024 meeting).
 - The “Skyline Reserve” is a central part of the “Tenets”, but there is no “definitive” map showing its boundaries. Several maps and descriptions exist, but tend to contradict one another. This issue will not be resolved, however, before the OP is finalized.

Headquarters and Operations:

- The TLA Headquarters building will be demolished in 2025.
- An alternate physical location may, however, be pursued for the HQ and will be investigated by the committee. Input will also be sought through the members’ survey.

(B) OP AND MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Carol said that there was recently a productive meeting for the Access Road, parking-area, ad-hoc committee (chaired by Lori Hunter). Next week, there will also be a site visit.
- The Chair of the waste-disposal, ad-hoc committee forgot to attend the meeting, but the CAO/Treasurer was in attendance. The make-up of the committee is supposed to include a specified number of Lake residents, contractors, etc. As this requirement was not followed for the most-recent meeting, some reorganization is required for the committee to be functional in the near future. Ideally, an improved waste-management plan will be in place for 2025.
- The new CAO/Treasurer seems to be doing an excellent job.

(C) UPDATES FOR TLA WEBSITE:

- AloeRoot Web Services (our website host) will be doing some updates to the TLA website – likely in November 2024.
- Each Board member has been asked to provide Linda with one or two items (by Monday, October 21, 2024) that should be prioritized when website revisions occur.

(D) JOB SHADOWING BY POTENTIAL NEW PROPERTY PATROLLER:

- Peter Healy has confirmed his interest and availability to complete property patrols in 2025.
- Dan O’Mara also plans to do them, but is having surgery at some point in the near future. Therefore, it would be best to have a replacement patroller complete some job shadowing during the Fall patrols. This person would then be ready to take over for Dan, if required.
- Peter Healy will train the back-up patroller during the Fall 2024 patrols.

(E) TLA “VISION” FOR 2024 TO 2026:

- Board members provided input on priority tasks for the TLA to complete by the summer of 2026, including:
 - providing significant input into the development of the final draft of the Municipal “Official Plan”, to help ensure that it is in the best interests of Lake Temagami / Cross Lake and their residents
 - completing the decommissioning of the TLA Headquarters building by December 31, 2025
 - maintaining adequate ambulance service for Lake Temagami and other area lakes
 - ensuring that Lake residents are receiving a fair level of service in return for the taxes that they pay (e.g., improved waste-disposal service and maintenance of the Access Road)
 - establishing a strategy for meetings/communication with the Municipality of Temagami and other stakeholders where one person (e.g., the President) speaks for the TLA and provides a consistent message
 - adding a Municipal update to future issues of the *Temagami Times*
 - pursuing more environmental initiatives (e.g., removal of invasive *Phragmites*, loon survey, “Adopt a Campsite”)
 - increasing TLA membership numbers
 - attracting more youth and young-adult members to the TLA (e.g., through specific activities at the annual BBQ)
 - potentially offering a fire-pump demonstration, AED demonstration, and/or first aid course
 - facilitating the collection of leftover food from cottagers at the end of the season and donating it to the Temagami Food Bank

(F) TLA MEMBER SURVEY 2024:

- [Linda will send a copy of the 2019 member survey to TLA Board of Directors.](#)
- [Board members will bring a list of potential survey questions to the October Board meeting.](#)
- This will provide the basis for development of the 2024 member survey.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom and chaired by Rob Corcoran

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Rob, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:35 p.m.