

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (October 16, 2024)

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Board Attendees: Rob Corcoran (Chair), Carol Lowery, Christopher Brooks, Lynn Buckham, Scot Paltrow, Greg Goodman

Regrets: Nicole Brooker, Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2024:

- moved by Scot; seconded by Lynn; carried at 7:35 p.m.

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the September meeting were provided re: finances, the Fall 2024 *Temagami Times*, property patrols (Fall 2024), and upcoming website revisions.

4. President's Update:

- Nickie was on vacation and sent a report of these activities since the last Board meeting:
 - She spoke with Doug McKenzie (from TFN) regarding shoreline development. At the time the Municipality was being established, Doug said that if the Town didn't develop the Lake shoreline, then TFN would also not pursue shoreline development. While Doug confirmed that he'd made the statement, there doesn't appear to be a written record of this.
 - Victoria Winsor (from the TFN Lands and Resources Department) believes that the activity on the shores of Dirty Heart Bay is likely from the Katt family – but she will confirm.
 - Victoria also indicated that TFN submitted an application for an LUP at the site of the TLA Headquarters building. The application was denied by the MNR, but TFN will appeal this.
 - Nickie has attended meetings of the "Planning and Municipal Affairs" committee – which has been reviewing the second draft of the Temagami OP. TLA Planner, Tony Usher, submitted comments to MHBC on September 29th. The committee has done an excellent job of advocating for the "Tenets" principles during the OP revision process.
 - Remuneration for summer staff and property patrollers was reviewed. HQ duties were also discussed, along with the need for a "letter of understanding" with any future contractors.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

SELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE “NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT” COMMITTEE:

- No one attending the meeting wanted to take on this position.
- Linda will ask Terry Males if he is interested in being the committee Chair for 2024-2025.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- see “OP Update” below

Headquarters and Operations:

- The TLA Headquarters building will be demolished in 2025.
- Rob spoke with OPG, and apparently, there will be no cost to disconnect the TLA building from the hydro network in 2025. This will have to be confirmed next year.

(B) OP UPDATE:

- The planning committee recently met three times before TLA Planner, Anthony Usher, provided a 13-page submission to MHBC (and the Municipality of Temagami) on September 29th with comments re: the second draft of the OP.
- The next (likely final) draft of the OP will be submitted to Municipal Council in the near future. This is tentatively scheduled for their November 14th Council meeting.
- The planning committee is generally pleased with the OP, but remaining concerns include:

(i) “Restricted Rural Waterfront” Designation in Lake Temagami (LT) Neighbourhood: includes several parcels of land on the mainland in the “Skyline Reserve”; title search was conducted, and most are lapsed/expired mining claims (i.e., Crown ownership with no distribution-of-use rights), with some subject to mining leases; an ownership review of all mainland parcels in the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood should be conducted, and those with Crown ownership redesignated as “Crown Land” (and any in provincial parks / conservation areas, redesignated as “Crown Land – Protected Area”)

(ii) Proposed “Lake Service” Designation: would allow for light industrial uses to provide services for residential/commercial lots on the Lake; unnecessary, and should be removed

(ii) Setbacks: 30-m waterfront setbacks should be the requirement for all new development.

(iii) Policy to Cap New Lake Lots to Five/Year: OP needs to clarify that this is non-cumulative, with no roll-over if unused

(iv) NE Arm Development: wording requires clarification, as it could be construed that it allows development along the southern shoreline of the NE Arm

(v) Crown-Land Lot Creation: although none are currently planned, this would also be subject to the five-lot annual cap; OP should restore requirements for a “Lot Creation and Development Study” before the release of any new lots – to be prepared in the event that the Province changes its policies re: Crown-land lot disposition on the Lake in the future

(vi) Proposed Strengthening of “Skyline Reserve” Policies: As a definitive map doesn’t exist, the TLA has asked for absolute clarification that the “Skyline Reserve” and Lake Temagami boundaries are the same (with no new structures and no floating accommodations permitted in the reserve).

(C) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- During a recent meeting with the Temagami Council, the TAA and TFN Chiefs and Councils revealed that they were surprised to hear about the presence of certain invasive species (e.g., Eurasian watermilfoil) in the Temagami area, and are interested in investigating further. They will also be submitting comments on the OP (which hasn't been done to date).
- An application was submitted by the Municipality for a boat-washing station.
- Council is currently waiting for the final draft of the OP.
- A temporary by-law enforcement officer has been hired.
- “Terms of Reference” for the Access Point waste-transfer station were adopted during the October 10, 2024 Temagami Council meeting. Ideally, improvements will be in place for 2025.

(D) 2024 TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY DONATIONS:

- The TLA Board has budgeted \$1,000.00 for Temagami community donations in 2024.
- Nicole and Linda suggest that \$250.00 be contributed to each of these local organizations:
 - Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary (covering New Liskeard and Temagami areas)
 - Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (in support of the hatchery and fish stocking)
 - Temagami Lions Club (for community projects of their choosing)
 - Temagami Public Library (which houses the TLA Archives)
- A motion to accept the suggested list of donations was made by Scot, seconded by Christopher, and carried at 8:21 p.m. One Director abstained due to a conflict of interest.
- [Linda will distribute these donations shortly.](#)

(E) QUESTIONS FOR “TLA MEMBER SURVEY” 2024:

- Draft questions were developed for the upcoming “TLA Member Survey”.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Carol, seconded by Scot, and carried at 9:08 p.m.