

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (January 22, 2025)

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2024:

- moved by Christopher; seconded by Lynn; carried at 7:36 p.m.

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the November meeting were provided re: finances, TLA website revisions 2024, the TLA AGM 2025, the Winter 2025 *Temagami Times*, and property patrols (January 2025).

4. President's Update:

- Nicole met with Municipal of Temagami CAO, Lalaa Jahanshahloo, on November 19, 2024 to discuss several issues.
- She made a presentation to Council on December 12, 2025 re: the TLA's 2024 AGM tax analysis, along with our requests for the 2025 Municipal budget (and followed up with a letter).
- A TERAS Board meeting was held in December 2024. It was reported that most water sampling results were good – except in the NE Arm (where there is low oxygen at depth near Finlayson Park). Heavy metals were also found in lake-sediment core samples collected from the NE Arm (perhaps, from the old mining sites). This data will be shared with the CAO.
- Nicole will look into potential "Town Hall" sessions for 2025 (e.g., succession planning).

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA AGM 2025:

- Jess Lewis confirmed that Camp Wabun will be available to host the TLA's AGM on Saturday, July 26, 2025. For planning purposes, we will be asking TLA members for RSVPs this year.

(B) DATE FOR TLA SUMMER BBQ:

- The TLA Summer BBQ will take place on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at the Headquarters building. It was suggested that we invite advertisers to attend and promote their businesses.

(C) TLA MEMBER SURVEY 2025:

- Questions for the upcoming “TLA Member Survey” were discussed.
- A motion to accept the TLA member survey as presented at tonight’s Board meeting (and for Linda to share it with members in late January) was made by Alec, seconded by Rob, and carried at 8:15 p.m.
- The Survey Monkey subscription will be renewed for 2025, and the survey will be sent to TLA members shortly.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment:

- Scot contacted the Municipality about establishing a paddler wash station(s) in the Municipality for canoes and kayaks. John Shymko responded and indicated that this would be added to the agenda for a February 2025 Council meeting.
- The committee will investigate a site(s) in the Municipality that will allow the greatest number of paddlers to access the station(s).

Headquarters and Operations:

- Adam Pugh is interested in obtaining the TLA shed (which must first be emptied). Ideally, this should be removed from the headquarters site during the winter.
- TLA members will be invited again to take or purchase items from the building during the summer, as the building will be demolished in the fall of 2025.

(B) OP UPDATE:

- MHBC planners will present a report regarding the final “Official Plan” (OP) to Temagami Council at the January 23, 2025 Working Session – with the possibility of adoption at that time.
- Most of the TLA requests have been met and incorporated into this final OP.
- The TLA Planner, Anthony Usher, wrote a letter in support of the most-recent iteration of the OP – but, subject to consideration of the following: including a reference to a “Lot Creation and Development Study” that could be implemented in the future, if required; a list of all Municipal Lake Trout lakes, and an indication of whether each is naturally reproducing or put-grow-take, and whether each is or isn’t at capacity; and, revised wording to clarify “Lake Temagami Neighbourhood” principles. Ideally, these will be considered before Council adopts the plan.
- A setback requirement of 30 m for all new development is not included in the final OP, and the TLA will not be pursuing this in its feedback at this time.
- When adopted by Council, the new OP will be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval.

(C) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- It's very helpful that Scot and Christopher are monitoring Municipal Council meetings.
- Tomorrow's Council Working Session will also discuss a Municipal Land-Use By-Law Public Consultation Process.

(D) TLA BUDGET REQUESTS FROM BOARD FOR 2025:

- Specific budget requests from Board members should be submitted to Linda by February 12, 2025 for review and discussion at the February 19, 2025 Board meeting.

(E) MUNICIPAL TAX-ANALYSIS INFORMATION FROM SABRINA PANDOLFO:

- Nicole contacted Sabrina Pandolfo to determine if the 2023 Municipal budget data used in her December 12, 2024 presentation to Council has been updated – particularly the revenue earned from the collection of recycling materials from the Lake Temagami transfer station.
- Recycling revenue listed in the presentation includes contributions from various sources, not solely Lake Temagami residents (e.g., much of the scrap metal comes from the Strathy Landfill on Milne Sherman Road). The Municipality also receives payments from the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) as part of the recycling data-call reporting completed by staff.
- Other information was provided re: the services provided to Lake taxpayers and the costs of such services.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Scot, seconded by Christopher, and carried at 9:11 p.m.