

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (February 19, 2025)

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Board Attendees: Nicole Brooker, Carol Lowery, Christopher Brooks, Scot Paltrow

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Lynn Buckham

Absent: Alec Morley

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025:

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

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the January meeting were provided re: finances, *Temagami Times* Winter 2025, TLA member survey 2025, and property patrols (February 2025).

4. President's Update:

- Nicole sent a letter to Sabrina Pandolfo about the Municipal response regarding fairness in taxation for property owners on Lake Temagami, and the unacceptable situation concerning garbage and recycling disposal at the Access Point transfer station.
- Nicole also sent a note to the CAO regarding the preliminary results of TERAS' water-quality monitoring in 2024. We will update her when the final results (and those from lake-sediment core sampling) become available later in the year.
- Most of the donations that were provided to the Municipality for the "Big Canoe" project (now obsolete) will be transferred to TERAS.
- Nicole recently sent a note to the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association (LaTemPRA) regarding their March 5, 2022 letter – which had suggested a collaboration between our organizations (and Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association / CALA), on issues of concern to the three groups. To date, the TLA has received a positive response from the CALA President.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA MEMBER SURVEY 2025:

- The survey was distributed to the TLA membership on January 29, 2025. People have until March 14, 2025 to respond.
- To date, 105 responses have been received.

(B) TLA BUDGET REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2025:

- No specific budget requests were received.
- Most TLA committees won't require any money in 2025.
- Some money has, however, been budgeted for use by the "Communications, Archives, Membership, and Events" and "Natural Resources and Environment" committees.

(C) TLA SOCIAL EVENT FOR 18-TO-30 YEAR-OLDS:

- Ideas for possible events include: removing Eurasian Watermilfoil from the water at the Town docks, followed by a social event; hosting a "meet and greet" (with snacks) for young parents and their children at the HQ; and/or leading a "forest walk" on the Temagami Island trails.
- Any event planned would be advertised in *Temagami Times* and/or on the TLA website and Facebook page.
- Nicole will make inquiries to determine if the Municipality would support the removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil at the Town docks.

(D) TLA "TOWN HALLS" 2025:

- "Cottage succession planning" is a topic of interest.
- Directors are asked to review the list of "hot topics" and programs on the FOCA website. Linda will share a link for this.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment:

- Discussion of a Municipal boat-washing station(s) and paddler-wash station(s) has been deferred to the March Council meeting and will use information provided by the committee.
- Rob and Christopher provided links to Murray Richardson re: historical water-quality results on Lake Temagami.
- Christopher will send links re: historical water-quality to Linda for the TLA website.

(B) OP UPDATE:

- MHBC planners incorporated further feedback from the TLA and Lake Temagami Group (following the January 23, 2025 Working Session) into the Final OP.

- This input included reference to a “Lot Creation and Development Study” that could be implemented in the future, if required, and revised wording to clarify “Lake Temagami Neighbourhood” principles.
- Council accepted the Final OP as presented on February 13, 2025. It will now be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval.
- Additional input can still be submitted to MMAH by the Municipality prior to their final approval of the OP.
- The “Planning and Municipal Affairs” Committee and TLA planner have done a great job in advocating for the interests of the Lake Temagami community in this new OP.

(C) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- The Access Point “parking” committee has completed a report which will be sent to Council in March. The focus has been on paid parking and establishing procedures. Going forward, parking issues will likely be addressed by the Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation (Tredcorp) Access Point committee.
- The Municipal “waste management” committee (chaired by Brian Koski) met last week. The meeting was very productive, and was attended by Municipal staff.
- A provincially-appointed company has taken over Municipal recycling responsibilities across the Province, but it’s not currently clear how this may affect recycling at the Access Point Transfer Station.

(D) STATE OF THE TLA MEMBERSHIP 2024:

- Linda provided an overview of membership comparisons (Canadian, US, International) for 2023 and 2024 in the following areas: active memberships; membership percentages; new members; memberships not renewed; and, causes of membership losses.
- Some suggestions to increase TLA membership numbers include: providing information on the TLA website and Facebook page, and in the *Temagami Times*; posting details about membership benefits around the Temagami community; and, attending community events to raise our profile.

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

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Scot, seconded by Carol, and carried at 8:52 p.m.