

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (April 16, 2025)

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Board Attendees: Nicole Brooker, Lynn Buckham, Bill Bateman, Christopher Brooks, Carol Lowery, Alec Morley

Regrets: Brad Sablosky, Scot Paltrow, Rob Corcoran

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2025:

- moved by Lynn; seconded by Christopher; carried at 7:32 p.m.

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the March meeting were provided regarding finances, the *Temagami Times*, the Membership Directory 2025, and property patrols – March/April 2025.

4. President's Update:

- Nicole welcomed Bill Bateman as a new member of the Board.
- The contractor from Canor in North Bay has been contacted, and the TLA building will be demolished in early October 2025. A draft timeline has been developed for decommissioning tasks that must be completed.
- Nicole made a presentation to Temagami Council to reiterate the TLA's municipal budget requests for 2025. She will follow up with a proposal to address invasive *Phragmites* along the Access Road. Darlene Wroe from the *Temiskaming Speaker* spoke with Nicole after the Council meeting.
- A letter from the TLA Board was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: the TLA's opposition to "Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities".
- CALA was contacted re: any potential responses from the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board concerning their inquiries about Temagami-area ambulance services. A response is forthcoming.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA AGM 2025:

- The Board confirmed that the 2025 Annual General Meeting will be held at Camp Wabun on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.
- Should attendance be as low as it was in 2024, the Board will consider whether or not in-person AGMs will continue going forward.

(B) FIRST AID AND FIRE-PUMP TRAINING:

- Brad Sablosky will host a first-aid information session that focusses on practical, cottage-based scenarios and includes basics of care, CPR, and information on AEDs and first-aid kits. The course will be two to three hours in length, and there will be no certification provided.
- Fire-pump training will take a couple of hours to complete and may occur on the same date.

(C) TLA HQ BUILDING HOURS AND SERVICES – SUMMER 2025:

- The Board reviewed and approved the document of proposed hours and services for the TLA building in 2025.
- The building will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m. – from Saturday, June 28 to Saturday, August 30, 2025.
- An additional service for this year is the collection of unopened, non-perishable food items for the Temagami Food Bank.

(D) SALE OF TLA BOARD TABLES AND BENCHES:

- TLA members will be advised that they can make bids to purchase the TLA Board table and benches (currently sitting in the HQ building).
- Bidding will begin at \$500.00, and the highest bid received by the deadline of August 15, 2025 will win. The table and benches must then be removed from the building, as soon as possible after this time.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Communication, Archives, Membership, and Events:

- The “Temagami Islands” (“Doomsday”) book is a good community resource. Carol has recently used it to provide information to people in the Tri-Town area.
- At some point, it might be beneficial for the book to be scanned, so that digital copies can be shared, as required.
- The book will be available for TLA members to view at the BBQ and AGM events this summer.

Headquarters and Operations:

- see “President’s Update” above

Natural Resources and Environment:

- The proposal for paddler-wash stations will be reviewed at the next Council meeting (including potential placement sites).

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- The proposed expansion of “strong mayor powers” is a matter of concern to Ontario municipalities.
- On April 17th, the Temagami Council will host a public-consultation and information session on the proposed Municipal land-use by-law and associated user fees. If approved, the by-law would apply to all municipal lands under municipal jurisdiction and require individuals to obtain a permit before placing certain items (e.g., trailers) on public land.
- New parking rules will be put into effect shortly.
- A Council working session will take place on April 24th.

(C) “TEMAGAMI SHORELINE CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE” 2025:

- Terry Males, Chair of the “Natural Resources and Environment” committee, is taking the lead on this initiative.
- During the Summer of 2025, anyone residing on, or enjoying, Lake Temagami and other area lakes will be invited to take part in the challenge.
- Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: “Most Trash Collected”; “Most-Unique Piece of Trash”; “Oldest Piece of Trash”; “Most-Useful Piece of Trash”; “Largest Piece of Trash”; and, “Children’s Entries”.
- The challenge will run from July 1 to August 31, 2025.
- [Linda will send information about the challenge to Terry.](#)

(D) TLA MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- To grow the TLA membership, it’s been suggested that new members (or those that renew before a certain time) be offered a discount on membership fees.
- This will be discussed at the September Board meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Alec, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:09 p.m.