

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2025)

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Board Attendees: Rob Corcoran, Brad Sablosky, Lynn Buckham, Christopher Brooks, Scot Paltrow, Bill Bateman, Carol Lowery, Alec Morley

Regrets: Nicole Brooker

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Brad; seconded by Christopher; carried at 7:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2025:

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

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the April meeting were provided regarding finances, the *Temagami Times*, the Membership Directory 2025, property patrols – May 2025, and TLA HQ summer staffing.

4. President's Update:

- Nicole provided a written update, as she could not attend the Board meeting.
- She requested a work permit from the MNR for invasive *Phragmites* removal on the Access Road this summer.
- Nicole did a radio interview with CJKL in Kirkland Lake about invasive species. It was heard by Jacob Evans (TFN Guardian Lead), who contacted Linda to indicate their concerns on this issue – and to potentially offer volunteer assistance with invasive *Phragmites* removal.
- She also did an interview with Darlene Wroe from the *Temagami Speaker*, which was published in the May 3rd “Weekender” edition.
- On May 9, Nicole spoke with the Temagami CAO – who called to discuss her responses to some of the TLA’s Municipal budget requests for 2025:
 - (i) Enhanced OPP patrols on the Lake won’t happen, as this requires a higher level of service than the Municipality is currently receiving (and isn’t currently affordable). We could get try to collaborate with TFN and “petition” for better service.
 - (ii) Septic systems are no longer inspected randomly. They happen only if there are complaints.

- (iii) Council did not pass the motion to adopt the “HONK” contactless parking system, which could be used to ticket vehicles in overflow areas on the south side of the Access Road (and might earn significant revenue for the Municipality). Much more information is required.
- A cost estimate of Eurasian Watermilfoil signage for the Town dock has been requested.
- Keewaydin may be a good source of information on controlling this invasive species due to its significant presence at their US camp location. Alec will check into this.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) TLA “SUMMER BBQ” 2025:

- The Summer BBQ will take place on Saturday, July 5 (noon to 2:30 p.m.) on the front lawn of the Headquarters building. The rain date is Sunday, July 6.
- Board members in attendance will be asked to assist with set-up, clean-up, and BBQ-ing.
- Advertisers and Municipal Councillors will be invited to attend.

(B) TLA “ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING” 2025:

- The AGM will be held at Camp Wabun on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Board members will be asked to assist with set-up, clean-up, registration, and docking.
- Limnology expert, Dr. Jesse Vermaire of Carleton University, has been invited to speak about the lake-sediment core samples that were taken in 2023. Tim Richardson has contacted him.

(C) UPDATE ON TLA BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:

- The “Headquarters and Operations” Committee (Rob, Bill, Nickie, Linda) have finalized a decommissioning timeline for the HQ building.
- Canor Construction of North Bay will be completing the demolition, and we are currently awaiting a revised estimate for this work. We’ve been told that it won’t be much more expensive than the amount quoted last year.
- Bill contacted Daryl Bell, Municipal by-law officer, re: acquiring a demolition permit. A site plan and building dimensions must be submitted, and permit processing takes ~ 10 days. The permit will then be valid for one year. The cost is dependent on the price of the demolition.
- Bill has also contacted the Northeastern Public Health re: the septic system. The TLA doesn’t need a permit (and the health unit likely won’t do a site visit); but, they have several specific requirements, and will ask for updates and photo documentation.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections:

- Three Board positions will be open, as of September 1st. Nickie has agreed to stay on, and there was only one other nomination as of the May 1st deadline – so, no election is required.
- Board members should provide the names of other potential candidates to Nickie.

Headquarters and Operations:

- see 5. (c) above

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Carol attended a conference for Northern Ontario municipalities and picked up some great printed information on invasive *Phragmites*.
- The proposed expansion of “strong mayor powers” is a matter of concern to Ontario municipalities. The Temagami Mayor has indicated that he would use this, if necessary. One Councillor suggested reducing the number of Council members to five – which could negate implementation of the “strong mayor powers”.
- The Lake Temagami Transfer Station will be open 7 days-a-week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Canada Day week-end to Labour Day).
- The recent Committee of Adjustment meeting discussed creation of 12 new lots off Fox Run. There were no other topics of concern, but the TLA should monitor the committee’s activities.

(C) FIRE-PUMP TRAINING AND FIRST-AID TRAINING 2025:

- On Wednesday, July 30, Brad Sablosky will host a fire-pump training for one hour – beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Headquarters building.
- At 2:00 p.m. on the same day, he’ll also lead first-aid training that focusses on practical, cottage-based scenarios and includes basics of care (e.g., addressing bleeding, breathing problems, and allergic reactions), CPR, and information on AEDs and first-aid kits. The session will be three hours in length, and there will be no certification provided.
- Mannequins will be rented from the Marten River Fire Department.
- The maximum number of participants is 20, and people will be asked to bring a chair and RSVP by Saturday, July 26th.

(D) PAYMENT FOR SUMMER STAFFING AT THE TLA BUILDING 2025:

- The summer staff person will work at the TLA building from Saturday, June 28th to Saturday, August 30th – on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, the VHF-radio announcements will be completed once a day.
- The wage will be paid in a lump sum per month (with a gas stipend, if required).

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Bill, seconded by Lynn, and carried at 9:06 p.m.