

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (June 18, 2025)

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

Regrets: Rob Corcoran, Brad Sablosky

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2025:

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

3. Executive Director Update:

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

4. President's Update:

- Nicole and Linda have hired a summer student and are preparing for the TLA BBQ.
- We are still waiting for MNR approval re: removal of invasive *Phragmites* on the Access Road.
- Alec connected with Keewaydin Dunmore re: their experience with Eurasian Watermilfoil. He provided Scot with the name of a person who is quite knowledgeable on the subject.
- TLA membership flyers will be distributed to businesses/organizations around the Town.

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 who are able to attend are asked to assist with set-up, clean-up, and BBQ-ing – starting at 11:00 a.m.

(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.
- The cost to the TLA is \$16.50 per person for morning snacks and lunch.
- Board members are asked to assist with set-up, clean-up, registration, and docking – starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Limnology expert, Dr. Jesse Vermaire of Carleton University, will be speaking about the lake-sediment core samples that were taken in 2023.

(C) UPDATE ON TLA BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:

- Today, Bill applied for a demolition permit from the Municipality. There is roughly a 10-day turn-around to evaluate, and respond, to the application. The Municipality will then accept it or ask for further details. The permit is valid for a one-year period of time, and the cost is dependent on the price of the demolition.
- Canor Construction of North Bay will be completing the demolition, and we are currently awaiting a revised estimate for this work. To this end, Mike Audette will be conducting another site inspection.
- We must arrange for the septic tank to be pumped – but, Canor will complete the remainder of the septic-removal requirements.
- Bill will contact Ontera and Hydro One re: removing utility connections.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Headquarters and Operations:

- see 5. (c) above

Natural Resources and Environment:

- Chair Terry Males is working to obtain some prizes from local businesses for the “Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” 2025.
- Friends of Temagami will be providing t-shirts for child participants.
- Nicole has requested that the Municipality promote the event (e.g., on their website).
- The committee will order a small number of test kits to measure *E.coli* and total coliforms in various sites around the Lake.

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- Scot and Christopher have been monitoring and sharing write-ups re: regular Municipal Council meetings, as well as Council working sessions.
- The province deemed Temagami’s OP submission complete. It now has 120 days to review it.
- The “Committee of Adjustment” is also being monitored by the TLA. A “Consent” to create one lot on Lake Temagami has been heard and given conditional approval.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Carol said that there would tentatively be a Library-sponsored reading event (with snacks) for toddlers at the TLA building in mid-July. Further details are forthcoming.
- The 2025 Municipal budget is currently being reviewed. A tax increase is expected.
- Parking management at the end of the Access Road is currently an issue of concern.
- Most personal items from Municipal parking lots (e.g., trailers) must be removed by October.

(C) SUMMER 2025 STAFFING AT THE TLA BUILDING:

- A summer student has been hired and will begin the season on Saturday, June 28th. Nickie will work with him for the first shift, and he will be provided with support throughout the summer.
- From June 28 to August 30, he will staff the building from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and make two VHF radio announcements (in addition to other tasks) on these days. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, he will make one radio announcement at noon.

(D) NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2025-2026:

- 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.
- A motion was made by Alec for Nickie to stay on for a second, three-year Board term. It was seconded by Lynn and passed unanimously.
- Board members should provide the names of other potential candidates to Nickie.

(E) SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026:

- Nickie will stay as President for another year (as this position can be held for up to three years), and Christopher Brooks offered to stay on as Treasurer.
- Motions were made for other Officer positions to be filled, as follows: Lynn Buckham – First VP (nominated by Carol and seconded by Alex); and, Bill Bateman – Second VP (nominated by Alec and seconded by Christopher). All nominations passed unanimously.

(F) DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP FORMS BY BOARD MEMBERS TO THEIR LAKE COMMUNITIES:

- It was suggested that each Board member distribute membership forms in their respective Lake communities to those who are not currently TLA members (ideally, to boost our numbers).
- Linda will send membership forms to Board members for this purpose.
- Forms will also be distributed to the Temagami and District Chamber of Commerce.

7. Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2025 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Christopher, seconded by Bill, and carried at 9:04 p.m.