

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 17, 2025)

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2025:

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

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the June meeting were provided regarding finances, TLA HQ summer staffing, and TLA events (Summer 2025).

4. President's Update:

- The TLA affirmed our presence in the community this summer (e.g., via the shoreline clean-up challenge and removal of invasive *Phragmites* along the Access Road).
- Nicole participated in the emergency preparedness for members (fire-pump and first-aid training), with about 20 people in attendance.
- Nicole is speaking at the Council working session on September 25th (e.g., re: the TLA and TFN removal of invasive species; lack of Municipal promotion for the clean-up challenge; continuation of recycling services at the Access Point Transfer Station).

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) UPDATE ON TLA BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING:

- Nicole met with the North Bay MNR staff on September 10th re: extending the TLA's LUP. The MNR should have a response within two weeks.

- If the LUP is extended, the TLA could have a small, portable structure on site to serve as the HQ – to fulfill the membership preference to have a physical presence on the Lake (as indicated in the March 2025 survey). This could then easily be relocated when the Access Point plan is finalized by the Municipality and TFN.
- As Bill has secured a demolition permit, Canor Construction of North Bay will remove the TLA building in October.
- Bill has contacted Ontera and Hydro One re: removing utilities from the HQ building prior to demolition. The phone will be disconnected on September 30th.
- Most items have been removed from the Headquarters building to ready it for demolition. Some were sold, while others were given away, recycled, or taken to the landfill and hazardous-waste depot. The remaining items will be stored in Nickie's boathouse for future use.

(B) TLA MAILING ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER:

- The TLA mailing address will remain the same for the time being, and mail will be forwarded to Linda at her home.
- A new TLA e-mail address will be set up shortly and shared with members (and on the website).
- The current phone number will be suspended, and the process for possibly obtaining a new phone number can be investigated in 2026.

(C) FEE INCREASES IN 2026 – MEMBERSHIPS, PROPERTY PATROLS, ADVERTISING:

- Acceptance of the proposed modest fee increases for memberships, property patrols, and advertising was moved by Christopher, seconded by Scot, and carried at 8:45 p.m.

(D) RECRUITING TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2025-2026:

- Two positions remain open on the TLA Board of Directors for 2025-2026.
- It would be great if the Association could recruit some “younger” Directors.
- Nicole will pursue potential Directors whose names were put forward by TLA members.
- [Any other suggestions should be sent to Nicole.](#)

(E) FALL 2025 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

- The Board discussed the possibility of sending out another member survey in late 2025 or early 2026.
- We could, for example, develop a database of additional “Good Samaritan” resources available for TLA members (e.g., the location of AEDs around the Lake, a list of special skills for improved emergency responses).
- [Brad will develop a draft survey for the October Board meeting.](#)

(F) TLA PROPERTY PATROLS 2026:

- The Board is considering the feasibility of continuing with two property patrols in the winter (January and March), as it's been increasingly more difficult to complete both patrols due to warmer and more unpredictable weather.
- A decision about this has been deferred to the October Board meeting.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Headquarters and Operations:

- see 5. (a) above

Natural Resources and Environment:

- Terry Males obtained some wonderful prizes for the "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge" 2025, while Linda implemented the initiative and distributed the prizes.
- The challenge received 35 entries (20 of which were from children) and encouraged residents and visitors alike to retrieve trash from the waters and shorelines of Temagami-area lakes.
- Nicole, Terry, and Christopher spearheaded the removal of invasive *Phragmites* on the Access Road on two occasions in the late summer.
- Christopher conducted water testing for *E.coli* and total coliforms in various sites in the NE Arm using test kits that were ordered in the spring. *E.coli* and total coliforms were detected in some areas. He wrote an article describing this initiative for the Fall issue of the *Temagami Times*.

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- The Municipality is waiting to hear back from the province re: approval of the OP. The next step will be the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law process.
- Municipal Council is looking to reinstate the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee. A representative from the Lake would be ideal.
- Scot and Christopher continue to monitor and share write-ups for regular Municipal Council meetings and working sessions.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Parking management at the end of the Access Road is an issue of concern, and the Council intends to implement parking fees in 2026. There are a number of issues that have yet to be resolved – including how much revenue will be generated versus the cost, and whether or not ratepayers will be charged.

- The Temagami Region Economic Development Corporation and the TFN are creating a plan for the development/improvement of the Lake Temagami Access Point. This is, however, expected to be a long-term project, and no details are currently available.
- The future of recycling for properties that are not residential (but in Town) is another area of concern, as upcoming changes to provincial legislation will soon take effect. Recycling services for the Access Point Transfer Station are unknown going forward.

(c) SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025-2026:

- Brad will work on community-outreach initiatives.
- Committee Chairs for 2025-2026 are:
 - Nicole Brooker (By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections)
 - Carol Lowery (Communications, Archives, Memberships, and Events)
 - Christopher Brooks (Finance)
 - Bill Bateman (Headquarters and Operations)
 - Scot Paltrow (Natural Resources and Environment)
 - Lynn Buckham (Planning and Municipal Affairs)
- Chairs will confirm the respective memberships of their committees and report back to Linda so that records can be updated accordingly.

7. Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2025 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

*** Lynn will chair in Nickie's absence. ***

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Bill, seconded by Brad, and carried at 9:18 p.m.