

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

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

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Bill; seconded by Christopher; carried at 7:28 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2025:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Brad; carried at 7:29 p.m.

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the October meeting were provided regarding finances, the Fall 2025 *Temagami Times*, and year-end administrative tasks.

4. President's Update:

- Nicole thanked Lynn for Chairing the October meeting, Linda for putting out the digital version of the *Temagami Times* before the print version was mailed, Bill for all of his hard work on the Headquarters building, and Scot for convening the recent "Natural Resources and Environment" committee meeting.
- Nicole has contacted the North Bay MNR to formally request an extension to the TLA's LUP to December 31, 2026. She will follow up with them this week.
- Nickie will likely make a presentation to Municipal Council in January 2026.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) LUP UPDATE:

- See "President's Update" above.

(B) UPDATE RE: HEADQUARTERS TEMPORARY, PORTABLE BUILDING:

- Bill provided two options for a temporary, portable HQ building – including photos and diagrams, pricing, and the cost for assembly. It would be set up on the site of the old building.
- To avoid having to obtain a municipal building permit, the structure must not exceed 160 feet².
- Further cost considerations may include: shingles / steel roof; a privy; an antenna set-up; power and Wi-Fi connections; and, enabling portability (e.g., putting it on skids).
- Board members are asked to review the information provided, so that a formal decision can be made in early 2026. Bill will also provide a cost overview at that time.

(C) 2026 SUMMER SERVICES:

- The TLA will strive to provide similar hours and services in the summer of 2026 that it has in recent years (i.e., daily VHF radio announcements, incoming and outgoing mail, Wi-Fi access, and merchandise sales).

(D) VHF RADIO SERVICE 2026:

- One of the reasons given to the MNR to allow a temporary TLA building and extend the TLA's LUP was the provision of VHF radio services – for emergency communication and general information sharing – so, we will continue to provide this service in 2026.
- Linda will update the 2026 membership form to indicate this and to request donations from those who use the service.

(E) TLA DRAFT MEMBER SURVEY:

- Board members discussed the draft “Good Samaritan / Emergency Preparedness” survey that will be distributed to TLA members in early 2026.
- Once survey responses have been compiled, the TLA can organize the information and put it in a usable form for our members.
- Brad is planning several related articles for the *Times* and training opportunities in 2026.

(F) FIRST NATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- Board members had a general discussion about a First Nation acknowledgement.
- The TLA membership will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on this statement.

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment:

- The committee met on November 5, 2025 to discuss: invasive species (e.g., mapping locations, consulting experts, and developing action plans re: Eurasian Watermilfoil and invasive *Phragmites*); water quality; and, TERAS conducting testing for *E. Coli* and total coliforms as part of the annual water-quality-monitoring program.

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- The Municipality and TFN/TAA submitted several changes to the already-approved “Official Plan” (OP).
- The TLA planner also submitted additional comments (e.g., re: the crown-lot development policy). The Municipal planner agreed with the TLA planner’s input. These changes will also be submitted to the province, which will then have to approve the final OP for the Municipality.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Carol reported that the Municipality is currently working on the 2026 budget and the water system in Town.
- Christopher and Scot have provided great reports on Council meetings.
- Nickie will monitor, and report on, the November 27, 2025 Council working session.

(C) 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REQUESTS:

- 2025 requests were shared with Board members for reference.
- If Board members have specific requests for 2026, they should be sent to Nickie. There will likely be some overlap with requests that were made last year.
- [Nickie will then present these requests to the Temagami Council in early 2026.](#)

(D) PROPOSED BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2026:

- The following 2026 Board meeting dates were presented and approved:
 - ❖ Wednesday January 21, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, June 17, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) *** election of new Board executive ***
 - ❖ Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, October 21, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)
 - ❖ Wednesday, November 18, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern)

7. Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Bill, seconded by Brad, and carried at 8:51 p.m.