

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (January 21, 2026)

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

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

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

3. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the November 2025 Board meeting were provided regarding finances, TLA memberships, and the Winter 2026 *Temagami Times*.

4. President's Update:

- Nicole submitted the application for the land-use permit (LUP) to the MNR on January 7, 2026. The MNR has acknowledged that they have received the application.
- The LUP will have to be renewed on an annual basis going forward.
- Nicole will likely make a presentation to Municipal Council in February or March re: the TLA's current concerns.
- The Invasive Species Centre has funding for use in NE Ontario to address invasive *Phragmites* infestations.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) LUP UPDATE:

- See "President's Update" above.

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

- A \$3,000.00 deposit was made to Peacock Woodcraft in early December 2025 to reserve a small, portable building for the Headquarters. This deposit will ensure that the TLA has access to 2025 pricing when the building is purchased. In addition to the price of the structure, the cost for assembly, travel time, and delivery was provided.

(C) “GOOD SAMARITAN / EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS” SURVEY FOR TLA MEMBERS:

- Board members finalized the draft survey that will be distributed to TLA members.
- Once survey responses have been compiled, the TLA can organize the information and put it in a usable form for our members.
- [Linda will send the “Google Forms” survey link to TLA members early next week.](#)

(D) ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS X 2:

- There remains space on the Board for two additional Directors.
- [This will be advertised in the Winter 2026 Temagami Times.](#)

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment:

- The Committee will meet on January 28, 2026 to discuss, in particular, concerns with Eurasian Watermilfoil near the Municipal docks.

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- The Municipality is still waiting for final approval from the Province for their amended OP submission.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- Councillor Carol Lowery and Mayor Dan O’Mara attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference and met with the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Minister of Education, and Minister of Infrastructure about various issues affecting the Temagami area. Mayor O’Mara also met with the Minister of Natural Resources.
- Under the new provincial Circular Materials Program, industrial, commercial, and institutional owners and residents will not be able to deposit recycling at the Access Point transfer station. A private company could be used for this purpose, but this has not been arranged at this time.
- The Northlander train service will be reinstated in 2026, with stops in Temagami.
- The Municipality is planning a paid parking program for all municipal sites that permit overnight parking. This will be implemented by the Spring of 2026 and could affect Lake residents.
- There are plans for different types of parking in the Access Road landing area, but a number of unanswered questions remain about implementation of the program and who it affects.
- There will be a Municipal election in October 2026. The nomination period opens in May.

(c) TLA AGM 2026:

- The Board discussed different formats (e.g., in-person, Zoom) for the 2026 AGM.
- A motion was made by Bill for an in-person AGM to be held in 2026. This was seconded was by Christopher and passed unanimously.
- Linda will contact Jess Lewis from Camp Wabun to book the date for the AGM and place a notice for this in the Winter 2026 *Temagami Times*.

(d) 2026 TLA BUDGET REQUESTS FROM COMMITTEES:

- A budget-request form was included with the Board-meeting reading materials.
- Committee Chairs are asked to return these to Linda by February 11, 2026 – so that they can be included in this year's budget.

(e) STATE OF THE TLA MEMBERSHIP (DECEMBER 31, 2025):

- The Board reviewed the document that was included with Board-meeting reading materials.
- Membership numbers are almost identical to those from 2024 – despite some enhanced recruitment efforts.
- Although 22 new members joined the TLA in 2025, several of our members passed away during the year. In addition, members were lost when people sold their Lake properties and when some families reduced the number of memberships they had.
- Any suggestions for recruiting new members is always welcome.

7. Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Bill, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:14 p.m.