

# TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (March 25, 2026)

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

**Minutes:** Linda Bangay

### 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Bill; seconded by Scot; carried at 7:29 p.m.

### 2. Presentation by Dave Ward, Superintendent, Ontario Parks Temagami Cluster:

- Nicole welcomed Dave Ward and introduced him to Board members.
- Dave gave an overview of Temagami's protected areas – including a proposal from the late 1990s for a provincial park that would protect much of the skyline reserve of Lake Temagami. Nothing came to fruition at the time, but this issue has recently resurfaced.
- Dave wants to begin a conversation with the TLA and Teme Augama Anishinabek (Temagami First Nation) residents about this topic.
- The Crown Land-Use Policy Atlas shows the area in question and categorizes it under “recommended” provincial parks.
- This initiative would expand the boundaries for protection of the Lake Temagami shoreline and include only Crown-land campsites (mostly on the mainland) that currently exist. Under this system, the campsites would be accessed via a permit system and maintained by the province.
- Benefits of this proposal include the fact that a park would offer a means of organizing camping and collecting fees – and putting these funds toward campsite maintenance (since no one is currently caring for campsites on an official basis on Lake Temagami). It would also provide an opportunity for tourism to grow in the Temagami area, and the region could be managed as one large, protected area instead of a patchwork of smaller protected areas.

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026:

- moved by Carol; seconded by Bill; carried at 8:09 p.m.

### 4. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the February 2026 Board meeting were provided re: finances, the *Temagami Times* Winter 2026, March 2026 property patrols, and the TLA Membership Directory 2026.

## 5. President's Update:

- Nicole and Lynn will make a presentation to Municipal Council tomorrow (March 26, 2026) about the TLA's concerns regarding invasive species, road safety, and parking.
- Nicole noted that an improper, federal road category is being used for the designation of the Lake Temagami Access Road instead of a municipal category (which negatively affects its maintenance). The Access Road has significant use by Teme Augama Anishinabek residents, property owners, businesses, and visitors – so, it must be maintained much more effectively and consistently.

## 6. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

### (A) UPDATE RE: TEMPORARY, PORTABLE BUILDING FOR HEADQUARTERS:

- We require an official response from the municipal building inspector re: a possible building permit.
- Preliminary prices to re-establish the electrical services will likely be higher than expected (including permit costs). When the building is eventually moved, however, some of this work will not have to be duplicated, and this could save money in the future.
- There is also the possibility that we could rent a temporary utility panel on an annual basis.

### (B) UPDATE ON SUMMER STAFFING 2026:

- Next week, Nicole and Linda will be interviewing two, qualified candidates for the part-time summer position.

### (C) STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2026:

- Membership renewals have picked up in the last month. Currently, more memberships have been renewed in 2026 compared to the same time frame in 2025 and 2024.

## 7. New Business:

### (A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

#### *Natural Resources and Environment:*

- The committee remains focussed on Eurasian Watermilfoil, and information on this issue has been added to the TLA website. A three-year action plan is also being developed.
- Other Ontario lake associations have been consulted regarding suggested eradication methods, and many have switched to using the herbicide, ProcellaCOR (which requires government authorization).
- Lake Temagami residents are being asked to look out for this invasive aquatic plant and to report sightings to the TLA.
- Currently, the priority area is around the Town docks.

### *Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee:*

- The Municipality's new official plan (OP) was approved by the Province on March 16, 2026.
- The final, approved document showed that the comments made by MHBC (the Municipal planning consultant) re: the TLA's modifications of concern had been fully addressed, except for these two:
  - There is an additional requirement for a shoreline, vegetative buffer (minimum size of 30 meters) – which is not always possible on Lake Temagami. The Province did, however, add a proviso to this ... “unless otherwise justified through an Environmental Impact Statement.” All new development will be seriously impacted by this, and will require either an Official Plan Amendment or completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.
  - Another unresolved modification removed a statement from the list of municipal objectives to be considered in the disposition of Crown land: “to ensure that new development conforms to the provisions of this Plan and the implementing Zoning By-law.”
- Overall, the committee is pleased with the approved document.
- The approved OP now requires an updated Zoning By-law, so that its policies can be implemented. It appears as though MHBC has not yet been contacted to start this process. MHBC told the TLA on March 23, 2026 that they will raise the issue of the Zoning By-law update and timing with Council. The October 26, 2026 municipal election will have a bearing on the timing of the by-law's preparation.
- Municipalities are given three years to complete the Zoning By-law process to ensure conformity with a new official plan.
- Although the old plan is no longer in effect, the (old) corresponding Zoning By-law is still in place. All zoning now undertaken must conform to the new plan.

### *Fire-Pump and First-Aid Training:*

- Brad will host another training session on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

### **(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:**

- The March 26, 2026 Council meeting will focus on the draft Municipal budget.
- Teme Augama Anishinabek applied for an “addition to reserve” for the Daki Menan Lands and Resources Corporation site on Highway 11 – with the expectation that some services will be provided by the Municipality.
- The trial run for the “HONK” parking system hasn't yet occurred, and many questions remain.

### **(c) TLA DRAFT BUDGET 2026**

- The TLA draft budget for 2026 was included with the Board-meeting reading materials.

### **8. Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom**

### **9. Meeting Adjournment:** moved by Carol, seconded by Bill, and carried at 9:20 p.m.