

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (May 13, 2026)

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2026:

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

3. Executive Director Update:

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

4. President's Update:

- Nicole provided some remarks about submissions for the *Temagami Times* and the role of the Editor.
- A \$250.00 donation was provided for the Temagami Public School fundraiser in June.
- A request was received for a "Letter of Support" regarding upgrading the unused Municipal tennis courts, so that they can be used as pickleball courts. A letter will be sent indicating that Board will support this, as long as the money for upgrades doesn't come from general revenues. User fees should be implemented. This suggestion passed unanimously.
- Nickie has a quote of \$649.75 from Price Signs for the creation of five signs to educate people about Eurasian Watermilfoil. These will be placed at the Town docks, Strathcona Landing, the Manitou Landing, and the main Access Road landing docks.
- Additional TLA apparel was purchased (t-shirts and ball caps). Some of the shirts will be children's prizes for the "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge", and the rest of the shirts (along with the ball caps) will be available for purchase by our members.

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) UPDATE RE: TEMPORARY, PORTABLE TLA BUILDING:

- The application for a building permit was re-submitted, with the TLA building classified as a shed (storage building). Because it will be the primary building on the property, it must meet accessibility requirements and have an engineer's seal on the building's plan documents.
- It may be challenging to have the structure ready for use by radio operator this year. Other options are being explored.
- Bill provided a spreadsheet with additional costs totalling approximately \$25,600.

(B) SUMMER POSITION 2026:

- The summer position has been filled by a qualified young woman who has had much experience on Lake Temagami. She officially begins work on Saturday, June 27, 2026 – but may be available during the week prior to assist with set-up of the building.

(C) TEMAGAMI SHORELINE CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE 2026:

- The clean-up challenge is open to all residents and visitors of Lake Temagami and surrounding lakes, who are encouraged to pick up trash in the water and on shorelines.
- For prize eligibility, participants must submit photos of themselves with the trash they've found between July 1 and August 31, 2026. They will be asked to dispose of all items collected.
- "Citizen scientists" will also be asked to watch for infestations of Eurasian Watermilfoil (and other invasives). They can access the TLA website for identification and reporting information.
- Nickie and Linda have secured t-shirts for children's prizes (i.e., each child participant receives a prize).
- [The "Natural Resources and Environment" committee will secure prizes from local businesses for the five specific categories \(e.g., "Most Trash Collected"\).](#)

(D) TLA AGM 2026:

- The TLA AGM will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Camp Wabun (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). All Board members who are able to attend are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to assist with the set-up, registration, and to help members dock their boats.
- The AGM will consist of: an overview of TLA activities since the 2025 meeting; motions for approval; recognition of TLA members (i.e., 2025 "Members of the Year" and "Members and Supporters Lost Since the 2025 AGM"); Q and A, along with Board-led discussions; and, presentations.

(E) NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2026 TO 2027:

- The TLA Board of Directors may have between three and nine members. Typically, a full complement for our Board is nine people.
- Thus, we are still looking for two additional Directors for September 1, 2026.
- [If anyone on the Board knows TLA members who may be interested, please ask them to contact Nickie or Linda.](#)

6. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Fire-Pump and First-Aid Training:

- Brad will host another training session on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.
- A summary document – based on the responses to the “Good Samaritan / Emergency Preparedness” survey – will be created for TLA members.
- Brad will reach out to respondents and act as an advisor and resource person.
- It will be up to individual neighbourhoods to organize procedures that work best for them.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- The Municipality has applied for funding for a skating oval in the harbour.
- Waste management is an issue for a number of reasons (e.g., the lifespans of local landfills).
- Temagami residents who don't receive curbside collection services will be provided with punch cards to be used at landfill sites / transfer stations for garbage disposal. Clear garbage bags (maximum size of 75 L and maximum weight of 40 lb.) must be used for waste disposal. Further information is available on the Municipal website: www.temagami.ca/services-and-emergency-services/garbage-recycling2). In addition, metal and wood bins will be removed.
- Commercial enterprises will have to pay for recycling, as they are not included in the new system.
- **Specifics re: waste management and recycling will be posted on the TLA website.**
- The “HONK” parking system is on the agenda for the May 14, 2026, and Council will decide to proceed or defer with the plan.

(C) TLA PARAMETERS FOR FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS:

- This may be discussed in further detail at a future meeting.

(D) EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL SURVEY PROPOSAL:

- Be it resolved that:

(a) the Board of Directors of the Temagami Lakes Association requests that the Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship Board of Directors (TERAS) fund a comprehensive survey of Eurasian Watermilfoil along the shoreline of the NE Arm of Lake Temagami – as described in the estimate received by Fyto dated February 13, 2026;

(b) that TERAS, with assistance from the TLA, will actively fundraise to support the initiative mentioned in (a), if required; and,

(c) that the TLA will provide financial support of up to \$9,500.00 for this initiative, if required.

This motion was moved by Scot, seconded by Brad, and passed unanimously at 9:48 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Brad, seconded by Lynn, and carried at 9:53 p.m.