

TLA Response:

Good day folks,

I just received a copy of your organization's request for upcoming municipal elections candidates to respond to some of your concerns.

Building strong partner relationships within the community for a bright economic future for the area:

1. When it comes to working relationships including permanent residents, seasonal residents, and both TAA groups, I believe we should achieve trust, cooperation, loyalty, with common objectives and goals that will allow our municipality to grow, and thrive. We will never achieve this without standing united. This applies to the whole municipality from Marten river to James lake. I would like to believe that there is and has been ongoing dialog with all parties concerned already. I would like to get more information if this is always occurring before committing to attending, due to the fact that If I am successful with my campaign, there will be a bit of a learning curve at the start.
2. Positive and sustainable economic development, short-term and long-term in the municipality would improve with increased housing in the community, more services and employment opportunities. The municipality needs to strive to increase investment for commercial and industrial business opportunities. Investment incentives should be offered to help fill empty and available property in the industrial park. Apartment buildings, more family homes increase population, which will help to bring back a bank, restaurants, hardware stores, motels, automotive repair shops, etc.
3. I have a couple of things that I would like to see improve for the residents and seasonal residents of Lake Temagami.
I would like to see the Waste Disposal System at the landing straightened out and parking issues at the landing increased and resolved. Both will require significant investment, but I believe with some provincial, and federal assistance this can be achieved.
A wildlife proof transfer station, and some acreage opened up to accommodate increased parking requirements.

Protecting Lake Temagami:

1. I believe Safeguarding water quality and ecosystems falls under provincial government jurisdiction. That being said, I believe the municipalities have a responsibility to also engage in assisting when it comes to this issue. Municipalities do have eyes and ears in their jurisdiction and should be involved. I just want to clarify, that Lake Temagami is not the only lake in this municipality, there are quite a number of lakes that have to be protected and cared for. This is a huge responsibility for such a small tax base to absorb.

2. When it comes to invasive species, all boat owners have the responsibility to maintain and clean their vessels. Boat washing stations are great, but there are so many lakes and access points all over the municipality that it's simply not feasible to purchase and maintain what is required. There was a boat washing station halfway down the access road, not once did I encounter anyone using it. I believe signage and education are the key. Transient boaters should wash their vessels at home. If provincial and federal funds were available, I would gladly support purchasing and maintaining washing stations. Once again the municipal tax base is not large enough to absorb these added, and ongoing expenses.

3. I am 🐢 behind preserving Lake Temagami's mainland.

Improved Services for Taxes Paid:

1. I fully support working with both TAA organizations to improve the access road and parking issues. I personally would like them to take over these assets to create employment opportunities for their organizations. The municipal employees have such a large geographic area to maintain this would alleviate the work load, allowing them to focus on other issues.
2. I am in favor of paid parking within the municipality. I believe the municipality's proposal allows a fair and reasonable solution to all tax payers on Lake Temagami. I believe every tax payer will receive 1 free parking pass per year.

Improved Disaster Management and Emergency Communication::

1. It's not that I won't support a stronger, more co-ordinated emergency response for remote locations within the municipality, but people have to take preventive actions and improve their chances by having a plan and equipment available themselves when they choose this lifestyle. I don't believe this should fall on the municipal tax payer.
Perhaps The development of a volunteer based search and rescue team with trained individuals from all organizations in the area would be adequate.

Effective Current Planning Documents for The Municipality:

1. When it comes to starting the process to developing a comprehensive zoning by-law to implement the municipality's official plan that was approved in March of 2026, I will make that decision if I am a successful candidate.