Highlights of the TLA "Annual General Meeting" 2026

The 95th "Annual General Meeting" of the Temagami Lakes Association was held in person on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Camp Wabun (on Island 981, Lake Temagami).

TLA President, Nicole Brooker, welcomed members, guests, and Ministry of Natural Resources representatives to the meeting. She thanked former Board members (Greg Goodman, Tarik Muzaffar, Paul Tamburro, Alec Morley, Terry Males, Diane Green, and Rob Corcoran) for their efforts over several years. Current Board Members – Bill Bateman, Lynn Buckham, Christopher Brooks, Carol Lowery, Scot Paltrow, and Brad Sablosky – were introduced, and Nicole discussed some of the activities in which they were involved this past year. For example, Bill has overseen much of the work re: demolition of the old TLA building and building the new one; Carol has been the TLA's voice on Municipal Council; Brad has provided fire-pump and first-aid training sessions for members; and, Lynn, Christopher, and Scot monitor, and report on, most Municipal Council meetings.

Nicole encouraged TLA members to put forward their names for Mayor or Councillor positions in the upcoming Municipal election. Next, updates were provided on: the severe storm on June 30, 2026; the front-end loader that fell into the Lake off the south end of Chimo Island; the 2026 "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge"; and, the planned removal of Invasive *Phragmites* along the Access Road in 2026.

Despite the poor weather conditions, 46 voting members (plus guests) were in attendance, and 32 voting members were represented by proxies. After quorum was confirmed, Nicole called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Motions to approve the 2026 AGM agenda and adopt the minutes of the 2025 AGM were made and carried. Resolutions to approve the 2025 financial statement and the actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2025 AGM were also made and carried.

Nicole congratulated Terry Males and Gerry Gooderham for being selected as the 2025 TLA "Members-of-the-Year". Both will receive complimentary, one-year memberships. Terry has worked

diligently on the “Natural Resources and Environment” committee and with the “Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” (now in its fourth year). Gerry has been very generous over a great many years in allowing the use his wonderful photos in TLA publications.

Carol Lowery spoke of TLA members and supporters lost since the 2025 AGM: Terry Cox, Harold Keevil, David K. Ford, Evelyn Bolton, Dr. Paul Schnatz, Allan Anthony, David Seidel, Sally Baker Grout, and Peg Shardelow (+ Balva Bredovskis in 2022 and Nancy Gray in 2024). All will be greatly missed.

A “Q & A” and comments session was then held. Discussion occurred on these topics: increasing the number of TLA members; incentives for people other than property owners (e.g., “Class F” members) to join the TLA; updates on waste management (including after-hours disposal) and parking; challenges with boat docking and signage at the Strathcona Landing site; potential addition of some 911 property numbers to the Membership Directory; and, use of the “Buy and Sell” section of the website to get rid of unwanted items.

TLA Board members, Scot Paltrow and Lynn Buckham, provided an overview of aquatic invasive species in the Temagami area – including Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM), Invasive *Phragmites*, Spiny Waterflea, and the Banded Mystery Snail.

A company from Quebec was hired by TERAS and the TLA to survey the NE Arm for EWM in early July 2026. A final report will be available in December. Although a few problem areas were found near the Townsite, the seaplane base, and the provincial park – the remainder of the NE Arm had only very small or no infestations. To it’s benefit, Lake Temagami is a cold, deep, rocky, nutrient-deficient lake – which will reduce the likelihood that EWM is spread beyond these localized, shallow and warm areas. TLA members are encouraged to report suspected sightings (with photos) to the TLA.

The most important action to take in preventing the spread of this invasive aquatic plant is to utilize mitigation approaches, such as the provision of boat-cleaning stations at area boat-launching sites. Pontoon-cleaning for seaplanes is also important.

Next, Will Goodman (Island 352) spoke of the devastating storm event that severely impacted about 30 properties in the South and SW Arms on Lake Temagami on June 30, 2026. Will made a presentation to the Temagami Municipal Council as an “unregistered” delegation on July 9 and is enrolled to speak as a “registered” delegation on July 23 (with the local MP in attendance).

As of the date of the 2026 AGM, issues of concern included the following: (1) The Municipality of Temagami provided very little assistance to affected islanders, no emergency response was offered to determine if people were injured (or worse), and the O.P.P. did not visit the area; (2) The devastation to forests – on islands and mainland areas – is significant at some sites; (3) Fallen trees are potential fire hazards and should be investigated by fire-department experts; (4) Some property owners are unable to afford the cost of remediation (even with insurance). Accordingly, tax relief from the Municipality was requested for those affected; and, (5) Some people impacted by the storm feel like giving up, as they think that no one cares.

Will added that the TLA has provided great support. He also urged members to travel down and visit the area to see the destruction first hand.

Linda Bangay presented Nicole with a plaque in appreciation for her three years as President of the Board of Directors. Nicole held this position during a very active period of time (e.g., finalizing the Municipal “Official Plan”, demolition of the TLA building, arranging for a new building), and her hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Nicole thanked Wabun for hosting the meeting and TLA members for attending. The meeting was then adjourned at 11:56 a.m.