TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (September 23, 2026)

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

Minutes: Linda Bangay

Pre-Meeting:

- Brad Sablosky moved to accept TLA members, Amelia Lavery and Daniel Buckles, as new Board Directors. This was seconded by Bill Bateman and carried at 7:22 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

- moved by Brad; seconded by Scot; carried at 7:31 p.m.
- Nicole then welcomed new TLA Board members, Amelia Lavery and Daniel Buckles.

2. Update on the June 30, 2026 Storm Damage from Will Goodman

- Will provided an overview of the storm damage to ~ 32 island properties – and of the challenges faced by affected individuals in dealing with financial and bureaucratic red tape.
- Will has spoken twice to Council about getting some Municipal support. There are, however, limited financial resources available.
- Mayor O'Mara has visited the area twice (including once with an MNR representative).
- A building department person indicated that re-building must take place in the same footprint.
- Tree planting may be available for affected areas next year.
- Although salvage cuts are deemed too dangerous to implement, some shoreline burning may be permitted by the MNR to mitigate possible wildfire issues going forward.
- Will suggested that the TLA Board could support affected cottagers by playing a role in Municipal planning responses for wildfires, medical emergencies, weather emergencies, etc.

3. Approval of the Agenda and Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2026:

- Approval of the agenda was moved by Brad, seconded by Bill, and carried at 8:01 p.m.
- Approval of the minutes was moved by Carol; seconded by Bill; carried at 8:02 p.m.

4. Executive Director Update:

- Updates since the June 2026 Board meeting were provided on these topics: finances; "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge"; 2026 AGM; and, summer services 2026.

5. President's Update:

- Nicole noted that this was her final meeting as TLA President.
- She sent letters to different levels of government to request assistance for those affected by the June 30 severe storm. She also did an interview with the CBC.
- As far as she knows, both demolition and building permits will be required for any property owner that was impacted by the storm.
- Nicole was contacted by the man responsible for allowing the front-end loader to fall into the water off the south end of Chimo Island. He was looking for suggestions of contractors that could safely address the situation. Contact information for a local contractor was provided.
- All Council and Mayoral candidates were provided with a list of questions developed by Lynn and Nicole. To date, two candidates have provided written submissions.
- Lynn and Nickie will also be meeting with a Mayoral candidate on September 24 and Council candidate on September 29 to discuss responses to the questions provided.
- The "All-Candidates Meeting" is October 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on YouTube. Details have been posted on Facebook and will be shared in a blog posting via the TLA website.
- TLA committees are asked to be mindful of the number of e-mails that are sent out to the Board of Directors as a whole. In many cases, Committee members can discuss issues among themselves and then share relevant information at Board meetings.

6. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) Update on New Building:

- The building was put up and painted inside and out this summer.
- Before closing off the permit: (i) The building inspector wants the whole building to be anchored to the ground to deal with uplift from wind. (Bill is working with Peter Nietlispach from Peacock Woodcraft to develop methodology to do that.); and, (ii) A deck and ramp are also required to meet accessibility requirements – perhaps built by volunteers next spring.
- A permanent roofing system must also be installed on the building.
- The building inspector will now allow the new building to act as a commercial building (TLA office) without a washroom. Therefore, the 2027 summer radio operator will be able to work out of this building. We will, however, have to provide a portable toilet / outdoor washroom.
- Alternatives for Wi-Fi services may be investigated due to the challenges faced in 2026.

(B) Emergency-Preparedness Training – July 2026:

- There was a good turn-out for the islander emergency-preparedness training session for TLA members – led by Brad at the TLA Building site on July 29.
- The focus was on setting up, and troubleshooting, fire-pump systems. There was also a presentation on first-aid topics and some discussion about local emergency-response capabilities.
- In addition to VHF-radio services, the Lake likely requires at least one other large-scale communication system. The "Meshtastic" project developed by Bond Keevil and/or Wi-Fi technology may be options. Further investigation is needed, though.

(C) PROPERTY PATROLS 2027:

- Due to the unpredictable weather and ice conditions that have been experienced in the last several years, there are sometimes only limited windows-of-opportunity to complete property patrols in January and March of each year.
- Accordingly, it might be best to utilize the services of a second patroller – as is the case with May and October patrols. Adam Pugh from Loon Lodge would be willing to assist Dan O'Mara with the January and March patrols.
- Linda will confirm this with Adam.

7. New Business:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Natural Resources and Environment:

- A general "Action Items" document for the next steps re: Eurasian Watermilfoil was shared with Board members – and includes an article for the Fall 2026 *Temagami Times*.
- Possible grants through TERAS should be investigated for control efforts (e.g., boat-cleaning stations).
- The final report from Fyto should be provided to the TLA and TERAS in December 2026.

Planning and Municipal Affairs:

- The Municipality has three years to develop a Zoning By-Law, which is required to implement the new "Official Plan". This task will fall to the new Council.

(B) MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- The Municipality is in a "lame duck" period, as Municipal elections will take place across the province on October 26, 2026.
- This is Carol's last term as a Municipal Councillor.

(C) SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027:

- Officer candidates were nominated (or put forward their names) for each of the four positions.
- A motion to approve the following slate of Officers for 2026 to 2027 was made by Bill Bateman, seconded by Carol Lowery, and carried at 9:20 p.m.

    - President: Lynn Buckham (nominated by Scot and seconded by Carol)
    - First Vice-President: Bill Bateman
    - Second Vice-President: Brad Sablosky
    - Treasurer: Christopher Brooks

(D) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TLA BOARD AND STAFF:

- The draft *Elements of a "Code of Conduct" for TLA Board and Staff* document was distributed prior to the Board meeting.
- Board members are asked to read the document, so that it can be discussed at the next Board meeting. Any comments can be sent to Bill and Lynn.

8. Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2026 (7:30 p.m. Eastern) via Zoom

9. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Christopher, seconded by Carol, and carried at 9:24 p.m.