



# **TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION**

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## **Temagami Lakes Association**

### **81<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:00 am**

#### **Draft Minutes**

The 81st Temagami Lakes Association Annual General Meeting was held at Camp Wabun on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Greetings:** TLA president Andrew Healy began the meeting by welcoming members, guests and reflecting on 81 years of TLA operation on the lake.

Roxanne Ayotte chief of the Temagami First Nation reported that new structures are going up on Bear Island, including a warehouse and a shed to store the community's airboat and water taxi. The TFN is working with ex Wabun staff and island youth to build birch bark canoes. The TFN have signed an agreement with a mining company in their territorial lands and will be getting some payments but more importantly, they have environmental say over gold mining operation to ensure that the environment is not negatively affected. Regarding land claim negotiations there has been no progress over the last year. New parking lots at end of mine road have been built by First Nation resources for the use of band members.

John Hodgson, Temagami Mayor, said the town is taking a new, more businesslike approach. The Council tried very hard to reduce debt while reducing the municipal budget. He said further that they have made a financial commitment to the Mine Road, hired Municipality Planner and an economic development officer.

#### **Introductory Remarks and Quorum Confirmation**

TLA President Andrew Healy: Many of today's issues are similar to 1931 when the organization was founded. Property owners came together then to protect the shoreline reserve. In the 1990's amalgamation with town brought higher property taxes but may have saved town. This allowed us to share the benefits of an Official Plan which included the Tenets for Temagami. We are now focusing our efforts on environmental issues such as water quality, fish and wildlife, etc. Water quality was the biggest concern of members in last year's survey. For that reason we have embarked on the biggest water survey ever done on the lake.

Andrew also highlighted further concerns looking ahead including: potential of declining membership, improving our web site to encourage younger members, encouraging

women to get involved, the future of the Headquarters building and the need to support municipality.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Jim Norton to approve agenda. Tom Pace seconded. Carried  
Tom White moved to adopt minutes from 2011. Tim Richardson seconded. Carried

### **Introduction of Directors**

President Andrew Healy introduced the board members present: David McFarlane, Boyd Matchett, Will Goodman and Pete Calverley.

Unable to attend were: Ted Tichinoff, Justin Metz, Jerry Kluwak, Chip Kittredge  
Andrew also recognized past presidents of the TLA in the audience: Brad Hall, Barry Smith and Vince Hovanec.

### **Resolution 1: Approval of Financial Statements**

Treasurer David McFarlane reviewed the 2011 financial statement which showed \$163,000 in year end cash.

He pointed out that the Tenets' Defense Fund may be used to resist challenges to the Tenets for Temagami. Some day the TLA building will have to be removed and the lot brought back to original state at considerable cost. Our financial situation is healthy but looking ahead we may need to use some of our resources. It is time to encourage adult children to join association. Income from annual membership dues is up a bit from 2011. Successful flea market last year; we raised about \$7,000 and we made about \$9,000 from the book. We had about \$12,000 in expenses for water quality testing in 2011.

It was moved by Ed Russell and seconded by Jim Hasler to approve the financial statement. Carried.

**Resolution 2:** It was moved by Jack Goodman and seconded by Robert Tamburro to approve the actions of the Directors and Officers since the Commencement of the 2011 AGM. Carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Municipal Taxation: Boyd Matchett**

Tax rates have been lowered substantially due to recent tenure of Mayor and Council as well as efforts of budget committee and Councilor John Kendrick. Our property values have increased but our tax rates are considerably lower than nearby municipalities. We expect updated evaluations.

### **Natural Resources: Andrew Healy**

Not a lot of activity on forestry and mining fronts. No new mining activity.  
We have, with our summer staff, continued our campsite cleanup with more than 100 campsites cleaned as part of the TLA Campsite Clean Up this year. The TLA in partnership with Camp Wabun have built and installed a number of privies on selected campsites as well.

The TLA joined the newly formed Wolf Lake coalition that was successful in pressuring the Provincial government to remove the Forest Reserve designation at Wolf Lake.

Lake Trout policy: The TLA has contacted MNR to show our support for good planning and continuation of the moratorium on development on cold water fishery lakes. The Municipal Town Council continues to lobby the MNR to have this moratorium lifted to allow development on Lake Temagami.

### **Water Quality: Peter Healy**

We are testing the lake water to create base line points with respect to quality of water. We also want to motivate members and all cottagers to respect water related by laws and take care of our water. Soaps, pesticides, weed killers have no place at all in our watershed. We need to collect solid data for slow development that will stand up in court. We are testing for phosphorous and oxygen levels. There is a minimum oxygen level essential for lake species like trout. Phosphorous results in algae blooms the decomposition of which reduces oxygen levels. We are also testing for water clarity and temperature. Lake trout is an indicator species that reflects health of an eco system. We are taking samples from one quarter and three quarters of the way to the bottom. Our staff, senior university students, are doing this work. We are not testing for e coli and chloroform bacteria but we offered a voluntary program for individual water testing for these things. Untreated lake water is unsafe!

Diana Van Vlymen gave a slide presentation on water testing program. The research showed oxygen levels in deep areas – samples were taken in spring - were an average 12 milligrams per liter which is good compared to other lakes. Phosphorous levels have been rising, but slowly. They average 5 micrograms per liter and are higher near town again better than other lakes. But human impact should be minimized. Only phosphorous free products should be used. Overall, Lake Temagami water is healthy but we must be aware of our impact over time.

Brenda McClay from Near North Laboratories in North Bay gave a presentation on water bacteria. She said there are not a lot of e coli on the lake at this time but levels should not be allowed to grow.

**Resolution # 3** Andrew Healy Clarification: Council is lobbying for removal of Lake Trout Policy. Jack Goodman introduced a resolution that Town of Temagami should not continue lobbying. Mayor clarifies his position on the MNR cold water policy. This does not have to do with tenets for Temagami. TLA has written the Minister of Natural Resources that it disagrees with the Mayor's views on the cold water fishery policy. Andrew accepted Jack's motion: Move that the Town of Temagami municipal council cease lobbying the MNR to cancel the cold water fishery policy as it applies to Lake Temagami. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Norton. Carried unanimously.

### **Water Levels and How and Why They are controlled: Phil Hall, MNR Lands and Water Technical Specialist**

Phil Hall: SNF (Sturgeon, Nipissing, French) Water Management- Most of lakes in water basin (SNF watershed) is in good shape. There are three dams that control Lake Nipissing with sharing of water between various water bodies to control flooding, avoid low water situations and protect fish habitat. Controlling water levels is difficult as it is weather dependent.

Q & A: Mistakes at Cross Lake Dam control? Weather forecasts difficult for planning water levels. Does Cross Lake Dam produce hydro power? No, simply storage dam.

**Conservation Officers and their work on Lake Temagami: Pete Gilboe,  
Conservation Officer MNR**

New Liskeard based. CO job has changed in 23 years. Initially just game wardens, now includes fire ban enforcement and public safety duties (boating safety). COs depend on lake residents participation and input. They go where they are needed- over a large territory. Fire ban is still in place- main enforcement item.

Q & A: Bear on property? What to do? Solution: No food, (garbage) = no bears. Bears like barbecues. Use bleach and water to kill barbecue scent. Hummingbird feeders attract bears. Call OPP for immediate threat. Call Bear Wise for more info. What happens if you shoot “nuisance animals”? Have to believe property is being damaged on your property. You have legal right to destroy animal (bear, beaver etc). Legal requirement to report shooting bear.

Spring bear hunt cancelled. This did not increase bear population. Food supply (berries) controls bear sightings.

**Annual TLA Awards: Peter Healy**

Peter gave many thanks to the Wabun Camp Directors and kitchen staff under head cook Robin Potts for hosting the TLA AGM and lunch. Peter also thanked Allan and Molly Eustis for taking meeting notes.

Andrew Healy was recognized for his second year of service as President of the TLA. Denise Wert was honoured as Member of the Year for her outstanding role in many TLA functions.

**New Business and Motion to Adjourn for Lunch - Andrew Healy**

President Andrew Healy once again thanked the membership for their presence at this meeting and their ongoing support for the organization and welcomed all to stay for a buffet lunch. Motion to adjourn was made by Nicky Brooker at 12:45. Seconded by Sandy Russell. Carried.