

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 15, 2025

AT 4:00 PM by Zoom

ATTENDING: Frank Johnson (President), Tom Ellis (Vice President), Frank Sammut (Lake Steward), Cathy Anderson (Secretary), Steve Hiltz, Richard Mosley, Jim Walterhouse, Margo Ayers

REGRETS: Carol Morgan (Treasurer)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by all.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 5, 2025 DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Approved by all as circulated. Tom will consult with Frank J. about the process for posting the Minutes of our meetings to the website.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Frank Johnson

a. Water Source Protection Project –

Frank has completed a draft which was sent out to members of the Executive, and he has incorporated all comments received to date. Terry Rees has provided extensive comments as well. Frank drew our attention to the executive summary which highlights the fact that our lakes' water source is over capacity. The BluMetric report previously recommended that this situation should be carefully monitored, which is a Tay Valley Township responsibility. Tom recommended that several of the excellent points made by Frank in the Executive Summary of his draft report should also be included in the body of the report. He expressed

gratitude on behalf of all members of the Executive for the work that Frank has put into generating this comprehensive report.

The Executive gives approval for Frank's draft to be sent to Noelle Reeve at TVT and Haley Matschke at RVCA for their feedback, before sending it to FOCA in early January.

Our Provincial Government has proposed making significant changes through the passing of Bill 68, which appears to be designed to centralize conservation authority in Toronto and to remove impediments to development. If passed, it will diminish funding and limit the scope of environmental oversight provided by Conservation Authorities throughout Ontario. It is imperative that we do all that we can to raise awareness of this proposed change, and to express our fervent desire that our RVCA and other provincial Conservation Authorities continue to be funded and that their responsibilities and activities not be diminished or centralized. We need to ensure that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority continues to exist and continues to be available to work with us to ensure that the health of our lakes be safeguarded. The RVCA gives valuable assistance to us in maintaining our lake's water quality and the health of the biome. The proposed amalgamation of Conservation Authorities would most certainly diminish our interaction with local experts. Once a lake's health is jeopardized or lost, it is hard to regain it. Remediation is enormously expensive and time consuming. Members of the Executive are encouraged to send letters of support for the RVCA to the Provincial Government. Feedback will be accepted until December 22nd. Frank Sammut will write a response on behalf of the LSRLPOA. Noelle Reeve's submission on behalf of TVT was reported to be impressive. Our Association supports Tay Valley Township's submission.

Richard asked about the property that is currently up for sale at the County Rd. 36 end of Little Silver Lake and is advertised as a development opportunity.

Frank will include references to that in his report since it is in our watershed and any development there will have potentially significant impacts on our watershed, as continues to be our concern with the Maberly Pines development.

Bill 60, known as the Building Better Faster legislation, was also opposed by TVT in a very thorough report generated by Noelle Reeve. This proposed legislation will limit local control over local development. Our Association supports the submission made by TVT as regards Bill 60.

b. Municipal Affairs–

TVT passed their Budget for 2026. Frank sent a Bulletin to all members of our Lake Association and the broader community in the midst of Council's Budget deliberations. That Bulletin generated a lot of feedback from constituents to TVT Councillors, some of whom mentioned that receipt of those messages made an impression, and very likely significantly impacted the final vote. Voices matter.

The expectation is that livestreaming of TVT Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will finally be initiated early in the new year. The equipment has been purchased and received, and it was reported that staff training will be initiated shortly. We remain hopeful.

Through the Lake Networking Group, we have been made aware of the development of a pit being proposed on the Highland Line in the McDonald's Corners area of Lanark Highlands. Those opposing that development have taken their case to the OLT. Although this doesn't impact us directly, we will follow this with interest.

As regards the upcoming Township elections in 2026, residents of TVT who may be interested and able to stand for election to positions on TVT Council are

encouraged to put their names forward. The deadline for submission of candidates for nomination is early May 2026. The Municipal Elections Act dictates the scheduling parameters, and the first quarter of the election year is the time to put candidates' names forward. The campaign will effectively begin once the candidates names have been published.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Ellis for Carol Morgan

a. Membership Update–

No further information to report at this time.

b. Calendars–

Forty calendars were produced. Thirty nine have been sold, and one is available to the Association for gifting. We are grateful to Carol for her hard work in preparing the calendar, and to those people who submitted photos to be included. The calendar has been really well received, and Carol managed to have them produced for a very reasonable price.

5. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT: Frank Sammut

a. Ice Formation on Little Silver Lake–

The ice formed on the lake earlier than in previous years. In the past, ice has not formed until December 10th or later, this year the first ice appeared on December 2nd. Frank reminded that it is not yet safe to go out on the lakes. Recent heavy snowfall acts as an insulator on top of newly formed ice. This prevents the thickening of the ice, which is necessary for safety sake. A recent incident on Dog Lake required a helicopter rescue of people who went out on the lake too early. Chris Knudsen usually drills a pilot hole to test the thickness of the ice and

posts that information to our FaceBook group when the ice is thick enough to venture out safely.

b. Ice Rescue Training–

Jason Fuller, a resident on Little Silver Lake Road, is a firefighter. He will be carrying out ice rescue training for other firefighters early in the new year. He has installed a bubbler system at his waterfront which will keep the water open there throughout the winter. Approximately 200 feet of shoreline will be open water. He has committed to ensuring the safety of all those using the lake for recreational purposes this winter by initiating a number of safety precautions. A sign will be erected at the boat launch. Markers will be placed around the open water with solar lights, cones and fire tape to completely cordon off the area. Frank J. will generate a Bulletin to be sent out to all lake residents early in the new year to ensure that everyone is aware. The Bulletin will also include a link to ice safety information available on the FOCA site.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cathy Anderson

a. Membership List Update–

Thanks to all who have made changes to the master list on Google Sheets. A reminder was provided to advise Tom of any changes made, so that he can also update the MailChimp list, as that does not automatically happen. It is suggested that there be limits on the number of members of the Executive who have permission to update the membership list, and that will be discussed at a future meeting. Further, the possibility of reinstating a Property Owners' Directory will be put on the agenda for discussion at a future Executive Meeting.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Ellis

a. Mail Chimp Accounts and Bulletins—

There are two current Mail Chimp Accounts, being used in parallel. One is used by Frank J. to send out Bulletins to a wider audience about municipal business and concerns. The other is used by Tom to send lake-related Bulletins, most recently about the newly formed Social Committee. It was suggested that those should be coordinated. Stats are able to be tracked. Slightly less than eighty percent opened the last Bulletin sent out by Tom, which made him wonder if some of those Bulletins were going to people's junk mailboxes. However, Frank indicated that an eighty percent read rate is considered good. The next Bulletin will concern Ice Safety, FOCA related information, and encouragement for others to join the Social Committee.

b. FOCA—

There has been several surveys sent out by FOCA concerning roads, which has been somewhat confusing. FOCA requested that those surveys be filled out by representatives of each road, rather than by the Association. Tom has completed the survey on behalf of Rainbow Lane. Steve will complete the survey for Silvery Lane, and Frank S. will complete it on behalf of LSL Road.

There are a number of valuable benefits available to those who belong to FOCA, as all members of our Association do. Tom will work with Frank J. to generate a Bulletin to go out early in the new year to advise members about how to access those offers and benefits on the FOCA website, along with all of the valuable information available on their site.

8. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jim Walterhouse

A number of folks have stepped forward to participate on the newly formed Social Committee. Those who have volunteered represent all three roads and both seasonal and permanent residents. They include:

Alison Bentley–Rainbow Lane

Claire Rothery–Silvery Lane

Steven and Elaine Scott–Silvery Lane

Chris Knudsen–Little Silver Lake Road

Jim Walterhouse–Rainbow Lane

It is suggested that the structure of the Committee will be relatively simple with one person serving as the Chairperson (Jim Walterhouse), and others stepping forward as Event Leads. A variety of social events will likely be organized and offered to members of the Association, some with a family focus, others for adults only, and perhaps others for the entire community. Although the Committee has an annual budget of \$400, it is expected that events will generally pay for themselves through small registration costs or donations as necessary. The Committee will discuss such things as communication with Association members; the potential for a survey of Association members to invite ideas from others; the number of events to be offered (seasonal/quarterly/monthly); the method of documentation and reporting back to the Executive. The next meeting of the Social Committee will be scheduled early in the new year.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Website–

Frank and Tom will work together to enable Tom to post on the website, including Minutes of our meetings and any other information or links that he feels would be beneficial to be available to Association members.

10. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: January 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.