

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 5, 2025

AT 4:00 PM by Zoom

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

REGRETS: Frank Johnson (President)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by all.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 22, 2025 DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Approved by all as circulated. Tom will work with Frank to post the Minutes to the website.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Ellis spoke on behalf of Frank Johnson in his absence.

a. Water Source Protection Project –

Continues to be in works. Frank Johnson will continue to keep us apprised as the project progresses.

b. Municipal Affairs–

A summary was provided of the process of TVT Budget setting for the 2026 fiscal year. An eighty five page document was distributed to Council members for their consideration and is available to the public on the township's website. A 7.24%

tax levy is being proposed, as well as the hiring of two new staff positions which would increase the levy even more dramatically. After the large tax levy incurred by taxpayers last year, both of these proposals are concerning/alarming.

Discussion about the proposed budget ensued. Among those items discussed were the absence of a budget line for legal representation and our hope to access that information, possibly through a request by Councillors; the expense of the ERP system that is being proposed, and according to the CAO, has already been committed to as a capital expense; the proposed hiring of two new staff members by TVT; the services provided by the local OPP to residents in TVT, especially considering the impact of its funding on our tax levy; diminishing trust in our Township's governance and its management by Staff, and the need to ensure that Council and Township Staff know that we are following attentively and will question when needed.

Action Items:

Public response to the proposed budget and tax levy, and specifically to the proposed hiring of two new staff members, is encouraged through the writing of letters to TVT Council members, as well as attendance and feedback to Council at the second Budget meeting upcoming this Thursday.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol Morgan

a. Membership Update–

The membership drive has been completed. We have 74 members in our Association and have collected \$2605 in membership fees. The members who are identified at NIFS (Not Interested/For Sale) and those who have not responded to our outreach at all will therefore not be receiving Association bulletins or other advantages of Association membership.

b. Calendars–

Thirty three calendars have been ordered and lots of wonderful photos have been submitted by residents, with more promised by Denis Leroux. The calendar order will be placed shortly, for delivery by Christmas. Thanks to Carol for her work on this initiative.

5. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT: Frank Sammut

a. BaSSs Project Update–

Frank contacted the BaSSs team to check on progress on this initiative. The last communication from them had indicated that they would be applying to the MNR for the actual sanctuaries on the lake. Steven Cook from Carleton University indicated that it is still a work in progress. It will take an additional year to get through the process. Data will continue to be collected from the lake in the coming year, in spite of the delay in establishing the MNR sanctioned sanctuary. We are hoping and anticipating that the sanctuary will be in place in 2027.

b. Lake Level–

An extremely dry summer has led to a fairly low lake level in LSL, in spite of recent rain. It is anticipated that normal levels will be achieved before winter arrives. The water level in Rainbow Lake is up and water is flowing over the weir. That will continue to be managed by Bruce and Margo as the weir is on their property.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cathy Anderson

a. Membership List Update–

The official membership list has now been fully updated on Google Docs, which will now be able to be updated by all Executive members so as to keep it current. Tom has imported that list to a MailChimp account to be used for sending

Bulletins to all members of the Association. Anyone who updates the membership list is also asked to forward those changes to Tom so that they can also be reflected on the MailChimp list. Cathy will continue to update the membership list with phone numbers for those residents on our lakes who have not yet provided that information. Our interest is in being able to contact everyone in the case of an emergency.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of reestablishing a phone directory for LSRL. Currently, we are relying on members of the Executive, who are the only ones who have access to the complete membership list, to relay information between Association members and to be available to contact members in the case of an emergency. The existence of a phone directory would allow everyone to be responsive to neighbours in emergency situations. However, there are concerns about confidentiality and control over the dissemination of that information.

Action Items:

The possibility of establishing an Association phone directory will be brought back for discussion at some future date.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Ellis

a. FireSmart Canada–

Tom circulated terms of reference for the proposed FireSmart Committee which addressed structure, goals, membership, and rules of engagement. Discussion took place which centered on whether those terms of reference are perhaps overly ambitious and may result in volunteers being dissuaded from involvement in the FS Committee. Tom proposed approval of the formation of this committee, even if not the specific terms of reference proposed, so that we can go ahead and apply for recognition by FireSmart Canada as a FireSmart Community so that we can apply for a grant of up to \$1000 for a public education event in May

to increase public awareness of FireSmart and the need to protect our properties. Some members of the Executive encouraged a slower and simpler process. Funding from FireSmart Canada will not be forthcoming without formal formation of a Committee with specific terms of reference.

Action Items:

1. Time lines for formation of a FireSmart Committee to be slowed down and terms of reference to be tabled for now, but commit to building a plan over time.
2. Tom to meet with Jason Fuller (a firefighter, a captain of our local Volunteer Fire Department, and a resident on LSL Road) and Frank Sammut to discuss next steps, with a view towards increasing knowledge and engagement, perhaps holding an event in the early Spring organized by the Executive to encourage residents to protect their properties from the possibility of damage by fire.
3. FireSmart Canada to be invited to make a presentation at next summer's AGM and if there is general support, we can move ahead with formation of a FireSmart Committee and recognition as a FireSmart Community.

8. Social Committee: Jim Waltherhouse

Jim proposes sending a bulletin using MailChimp to all members of the Association to introduce the concept of a Social Committee and to seek prospective members (5 or 6), hopefully representing each of our three roads. He foresees an initial meeting to bounce ideas among participants. Tom suggests making sure that our general population is aware that Association fees are not being funneled to social events and that social events will be primarily self-funded.

Action Items:

Jim will produce a general information bulletin to be distributed through MailChimp, inviting involvement from Association members in the newly formed Social Committee of the LSRLPOA.

9. Other Business:

a. Animal Control (Richard Mosley)--

Richard has reviewed the pertinent legislation and has followed up with the OPP officer who responded to the complaint submitted following the attack by a dog being harboured by a resident's dog on neighbours' dogs in two separate incidents. In his opinion, the investigating officer demonstrated a lack of appropriate knowledge of the pertinent legislation, nor did he refer the matter to ByLaw enforcement personnel. Perth and Tay Valley Township no longer have Animal Control Personnel and those services are contracted out to a private company in Kingston (Frontenac ByLaw Enforcement Inc.). It is recommended that we inform our membership that they need to contact this company directly with any concerns related to ByLaw enforcement,

Action Item:

Richard to draft a message to be sent out to the Association membership via a Bulletin or added to the Association website, informing residents of the existence of Frontenac ByLaw Enforcement Inc. and its responsibility for investigating and enforcing any perceived lack of adherence to municipal ByLaws that negatively impact residents of the Township. That message will be brought back to the Executive for perusal at some future date.

b. Municipal Elections Fall 2026 (Richard Mosley)--

There is an initiative underway to mount a slate of candidates to run in the next municipal election. It was agreed that the Association shouldn't take a formal

position in this initiative, but perhaps we do have a role to play in making sure that all POs, whether seasonal or permanent, are aware of the need to register and to have a voice through our votes.

c. Break-ins in the Area (Tom Ellis)--

Tom reported that he has become aware through a personal contact as well as a local FaceBook feed that there has been an increase in the number of break-ins in the area, perhaps tied to seasonal properties now being vacated until next spring. We are encouraged to be aware and to be vigilant when we see unfamiliar traffic on our roads.

d. Date for next summer's AGM to be set at our next Executive meeting.

10. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Monday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.