

Local Services Board of Tilden Lake

46 Village Drive, Tilden Lake, Ontario, P0H 2K0

Date: June 8, 2026

Location: Tilden Lake Community Centre

Present: Fiona Venedam, Barb Carruthers, Marie Lochhead, Mario Ferko, Neil Haines, Brenda Haines.

Community: Bob Morrow, Dianne St. Croix, Denis Graveline, Janice Graveline.

Call to Order: 6:01

1. **Conflicts:** To be noted as they arise.
2. **Minutes from previous Meeting:**
The May 4, 2026 minutes were circulated via email on May 18 2026 for review. Fiona Venedam moved to accept the minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by Barb Carruthers. Carried.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Water Pressure:** Barb Carruthers will email Judy at Feeney Plumbing for the water test results, once received will forward to all Board members. Pending.
 - b) **Hydro One:** Brenda contacted Hydro One regarding the recent high hydro bill. Hydro One advised that the meter is read every four months, resulting in estimated bills between readings and a larger bill when an actual meter reading is taken. Options discussed included submitting monthly meter readings or enrolling in an equal billing plan. Brenda will contact Hydro One to obtain information on the cost and details of the equal billing option and report back to the Board.
 - c) **Starlink:** Correspondence received from Starlink advising of a service rate increase. Effective June 18, 2026, Starlink service will increase to \$150.00 plus HST.
 - d) **Scotiabank:** GIC investment is due for renewal on July 3, 2026. Once renewal rates are received, the information will be emailed to all Board members for review and consideration.
4. **Financial Report:** Financial reports were presented by Brenda Haines, Secretary/Treasurer. The trial balance, balance sheet, and general ledger were circulated via email to all Board members for review on June 7, 2026.
5. **Proposed Policies, Bylaws, Motions and Tenders:**
 - Lawn Maintenance: Contract signed June 1, 2026. Complete.
 - By-Law 05-2026 a by-law to approve the 2025-2026 interim budget. Via email May 25, 2026. Fiona Venedam motioned to accept. Seconded Neil Haines. Carried.
6. **Chair Report:** (Fiona Venedam)
 - Global Medics: Email sent, new program opportunities for hoses and firefighter coveralls.
 - MNR - Wildland Fire Protection Plan: Fiona will send an email for more information.
 - Interim Budget Report: Complete.
 - Firehouse Subs: Fiona Venedam will explore potential grant funding opportunities July 2026.
 - MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway: Pending
 - TC Energy: Pending
 - Canada Post: Correspondence was received from Canada Post advising that box numbers will be changed. New keys are expected on August 1, 2026. Postal codes remain unchanged.
 - Junior Firefighter Application: Fiona is working on new application.
7. **Secretary Report:** (Brenda Haines)
 - No current WSIB claims.
 - Follow-up with the Bidwell Roads Board remains pending.
 - Lawn Maintenance Contract: June 1, 2026. Complete
 - Canada Post address collection- complete

- TPON - complete June 2, 2026. Complete
- Intact/ NFP Insurance emailed to all board members May 4, 2026 for review upcoming changes.
- Received an email from Ontario Northland regarding upcoming tour on June 17, 2026. Emergency preparedness. Forwarded to Fiona and Rick.
- Received an email from Office of the Solicitor General of Ontario requesting a Tilden Lake Volunteer Fire Department crest. Mailed June 1, 2026. Complete
- SIR (Standard Incident Report). Updated and complete 2025. 2 SIR reports 2026 uploaded and complete.

8. **LSB Committee Reports:**

8.1 **Fire Protection:** (Mario Ferko)

- In May, there were two Wednesday practices and one extra Saturday practice. On May 6th the fire team wrote a test on Fire Hose which is Chapter 12 in their training manuals. In addition, they reviewed the procedures for coupling and uncoupling hoses, replaced winter equipment of the trucks with summer equipment, discussed the set up for the June 6 car wash and reviewed the Tilden Lake Services Board Abuse Policy. On Saturday May 9th six fire fighters practiced rope and knot use for hoisting equipment, donning and doffing SCBAs and deploying hose in a forward lay from the pumper. On May 20th, under the direction of the department Captains, the team conducted a fire suppression scenario at the picnic area, activating the three trucks and circulating personnel through pump, hose and nozzle duties.
- There were no injuries and two emergency call-outs in May. On Sunday May 17th at 11:16 am, the Fire Department responded to a forest fire on crown land adjacent to and on the west side of Hwy. 11, about 200 meters north of the Tilden Lake Road intersection. Fortunately, there was no wind and the fire was controlled until MNR crews took over about 1 hour into the call. On May 29th at 6:43 pm and during relatively high winds, a resident and fire team member observed smoke across Tilden Lake at a location on Bells Road. Following a closer examination, the resident found a garage and surrounding bush on fire and 911 was called. A large branch from a pine tree had fallen on the garage and ripped the electrical service mast from the building exposing the live electrical conductors. This fire had high potential for significant loss as it was on and near properties with several structures and in dry conditions. Although it was difficult to maneuver in and around fallen branches, the area was protected somewhat from the wind and the crew of seven was able to extinguish the fire on the ground and in the walls of the building in about 2 ½ hours.
- Rick Major announced his retirement in May after an unprecedented service period with the department. Rick's versatility, experience and humor will be missed. The current roster is at nine fire fighters.
- We had a student request to participate in our fire practice youth program and steps are underway to provide him with this learning opportunity. Future fire protection will rely on interested individuals from the community and efforts will be stepped up this year to encourage new participants.
- Forest fire numbers in northern Ontario this year are exceeding those from last year. It is important that residents manage dead growth surrounding or near their buildings.
- -Fire Station inventory: Ongoing. -MSDS Sheets: Ongoing. -Firefighter Certification: Ongoing.
-Fire Team Lockers: Ongoing

8.2 **Property:** (Barb Carruthers)

- Emergency Exit Lights: Complete

8.3 Recreation: (Marie Lochhead)

TLCA Events:

- **August 8, 2026:** Fire team breakfast and yard sale.
- **November 7, 2026:** 2nd Annual Christmas Market/Craft Show
- **December 5, 2026:** Christmas dinner.

Next TLCA meeting: June 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Tilden Lake Community Events :

- **May 29, 2026:** *Wellness Clinic.*
- **June 26, 2026:** *Wellness Clinic.*
- **July 4, 2026:** 2nd Annual Boat Poker Run.
- **July 24, 2026:** Wellness Clinic.
- **August 2, 2026:** Botanical Print Workshop.
- **August 28, 2026:** Wellness Clinic.
- **September 13, 2026:** Soap Making 101.
- **September 20, 27, October 4, 2026:** Guitar Group Lessons.
- **September 25, 2026:** Wellness Clinic.
- **September 26, 2026:** 6th Annual ATV Friends And Family Day.
- **October 17,18, 2026:** Stained Glass Mosaic
- **October 25, 2026:** Halloween Kid's Drop in.
- **November 7, 2026:** Christmas Handmade Market.
- **November 15, 2026:** Grey Cup potluck dinner.
- **November 28, 2026:** Christmas Craft Pinecones.

8.4 Emergency Services: (Neil Haines)

- Nothing to report.

9. New Business:

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10. Next Meeting: Monday July 13, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.