

Local Services Board of Tilden Lake

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

Date: August 10, 2026

Location: Tilden Lake Community Centre

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

Absent: Marie Lochhead

Community: Rick Banting

Call to Order: 6:00

1. **Conflicts:** To be noted as they arise.
2. **Minutes from previous Meeting:**
The June 8, 2026 minutes were circulated via email on July 6, 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, they will be forwarded to all Board members. Pending.
 - b) **Hydro One:** Hydro One's monthly budget billing is \$255.00. The Board agreed to maintain monthly Hydro One payments. Hydro One will continue to read the meter every four months, with any necessary billing adjustments made following each actual meter reading.
 - c) **Scotiabank:** Renewed July 21, 2026. Two-year term at 3.25%. Fiona Venedam motioned to accept. Seconded by Marie Lochhead. Carried.
 - d) **NFP Intact Renewal:** Automobile Questionnaire completed and emailed July 29, 2026. Driver information was updated. The Board had questions regarding rental income and limits. Emailed Sue Gallagher, pending new policy rates for September 20, 2026 renewal. Pending.
4. **Financial Report:** The 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 August 6, 2026.
5. **Proposed Policies, Bylaws, Motions and Tenders:**
6. **Chair Report:** (Fiona Venedam)
 - Firehouse Subs: The grant submission deadline was July 1, 2026. The North Bay location had not yet opened. Fiona Venedam will apply in 2027. Complete.
 - MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway: Letter was not accepted because Tilden Lake is an unassumed township. Complete.
 - TC Energy: Fiona Venedam will apply in 2027. Complete
 - Global Medics: Communication was received from Global Medics. When a grant becomes available, we will be notified. Complete.
 - MNR - Wildland Fire Protection Plan: An email was sent to Shayne McCool requesting a brief presentation on the Wildland Fire Protection Plan, including wildfire hazards and the potential impact on fire event could have on the community. Pending.
 - Canada Post: Email sent to Willy Behrens on August 10, 2026 confirming dates to distribute new keys. Pending.
 - Ontario Fire Protection Grant: Deadline September 1, 2026. Fiona Venedam will apply. Rick Banting will provide quotes for new gear and cylinders. Pending.
 - Junior Firefighter Application: Fiona Venedam is working on application and program.
 - Years of Service Plaque: Fiona Venedam had a plaque made for the Fire Department by The Engraving Shoppe. Rick Banting will supply names of all past and present firefighters with more than five years of service.

7. Secretary Report: (Brenda Haines)

- No current WSIB claims.
- WSIB Reporting: July-September 2026: \$750.94 payment sent. Complete.
- Bidwell Roads Board: Email resent July 6, 2026. A reply was received from Linda Cope on July 7, 2026 advising that Robert Cope passed away in 2023. The Board sent its sincere condolences. The next Roads Board meeting will be held on July 18, 2026, and updated contact information will be forwarded.
- The annual budget estimates were reviewed, and necessary adjustments to match the Financial Statements were made. All corrections have been completed, and the budget estimates are accurate and up to date. Complete.
- Received communication from Ontario Northland. The new tour date is Thursday, August 27, 2026. Rick Banting, Chuck St Amand, Ignazio Faraci and Janique North will attend.
- Received the updated Fire Plan from Ontario Northland. The email was forwarded to Rick Banting, Fiona Veneham, and Neil Haines.
- Near North Lab Inc: Results emailed to all Board member on June 27, 2026. The report was updated in the kitchen and the binder. Complete.
- Received communication from Moore Propane regarding a new account number. Noted on file.
- SIR (Standard Incident Report): Complete.
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8. LSB Committee Reports:

8.1 Fire Protection: (Mario Ferko)

June Report

- In June, there were two Wednesday practices. On June 3, 2026 Lakeland Fire Equipment representative demonstrated two types of fire helmets that were identified as good options during the Fire Education Conference. During this practice the fire incidents in May were reviewed, the appropriate bags for contaminated clothing were discussed, the truck cabs were cleaned as a result of contamination. The car wash needs were explained and the picnic tables were out. On June 17, 2026 the Training Portal access for members was discussed. A contaminated hose was cleaned and use of the wildland Wajax fire pump was practiced.
- Eight fire team members participated in the June 6, 2026 car wash. It is believed 26 vehicles were washed and lake and truck pumping systems worked well.
- There were no injuries or emergency call-outs in June.
- The fire team has tested four different helmets in the past two months. Members have been given the opportunity to select a helmet which suits them and meets the department's needs. The white and yellow colours are not an option. A final attempt will be made to bring in other helmets at the July 22 practice at which time the most ideal helmets will be selected. That information and cost quotes will be forwarded to the Board.
- Chuck St Amand completed his Class D licence and Z endorsement, making him eligible to drive the tanker. This is a great asset to the department. Well done Chuck!
- The fire department discarded two more 2 ½ inch hoses in June due to a leak and damaged threads. If read correctly the bulk of our hoses were manufactured in 1983. We are not in a critical situation but continue to plan for replacement hose over the next few years.
- Arrangements will be made to have our trucks inspected in August. We have surplus MSA equipment to be disposed of, and the chief will outline the available options.

July Report

- In July there were two Wednesday practices. On July 8, 2026 the fire team conducted a fire scenario at the Tomiko Restaurant. The team set up two angles of fire attack with a forward hose lay from an established water supply at the river. Also, the key points from an OFM town hall meeting were reviewed with the group as well as new helmet selection and the need for some to complete a free WHMIS course. On July 22, 2026 the fire fighters reviewed the components of a water shuttle exercise which requires use of our storage pool and the drawing of water by the pumper. Other discussions included the plans for the Community Picnic and the training expectations available on the relatively new OFM Learning Portal.
- There were no injuries or emergency calls in July.
- Most of the fire team has signed onto the OFM Training Portal, the official Fire Fighter training site for the province. In order to accelerate our certification process the members have been asked to sign on and complete the free External Fire Attack Theory, 40 hour course which is expected to become available in the fall or winter.
- The fire chief participated in an OFM town hall meeting in July which provided updates on the fire fighter certification process in Ontario and the elements of a 2026 Cancer Prevention grant. The Ontario Fire Marshalls office has been challenged by the demands for training and certification and it appears some timeline relaxation was needed in order to maintain the health of provincial fire protection. The courses on the Training Portal have been tailored somewhat to accommodate certification and the province is expecting all new recruits to be certified within three years of hiring.
- Arrangements have been made to have our trucks inspected in succession on August 17, 18, 19, 2026. These annual safety inspections create some protection vulnerability; however, any two trucks can provide basic fire suppression.
- The fire chief was advised that a road access restriction for emergency vehicles could occur as a result of equipment and materials stored on the White Pine Road turnaround. Further investigation didn't reveal a problem for fire trucks but a homeowner was reminded that safe driveway access is important for efficient fire protection.
- The department has surplus MSA equipment and a disposal process should be agreed on.
- -Fire Station inventory: Ongoing. -MSDS Sheets: Ongoing.
- -Firefighter Certification: Ongoing. -Fire Team Lockers: Ongoing
- Abuse Policy - Rick Banting will review with all Firefighters.

8.2 Property: (Barb Carruthers)

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Recreation: (Marie Lochhead)

- Nothing to report.

TLCA Events:

- **November 7, 2026:** 2nd Annual Christmas Market & Craft Show
- **December 5, 2026:** Christmas Dinner.

Next TLCA meeting: Monday August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Tilden Lake Community Events:

- **August 14, 2026:** Beading and Embroidery Workshop, presented by the Metis Nation of Ontario.
- **August 22 & 23, 2026:** Moccasin Workshop.
- **August 28, 2026:** Wellness Clinic.
- **August 29, 2026:** Botanical Print Workshop.
- **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:** Introduction to Stained Glass Mosaic.
- **October 19, 2026:** TBA
- **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:

10. Next Meeting: Monday September 21, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.