

Local Services Board of Tilden Lake

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

Date: May 4, 2026

Location: Tilden Lake Community Centre

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

Regrets: Marie Lochhead

Community: Chief Rick Banting

Call to Order: 6:01

1. **Conflicts:** To be noted as they arise.
2. **Minutes from previous Meeting:**
The April 13, 2026 minutes were circulated via email on May 2, 2026 for review. Fiona Venedam motioned to accept the minutes with noted corrections. Barb Carruthers. Carried.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Water Pressure:** Barb Carruthers received a call from Brian Feeney Plumbing advising that a water sample is required before an estimate can be provided for a new system. Fiona Venedam motioned to move forward with the water sample asap. Seconded by Neil Haines. Carried.
4. **Financial Report:** Financial reports were presented by Brenda Haines, Secretary/Treasurer. Trial balance, balance sheet and general ledger were circulated via email to all Board members for review.
5. **Proposed Policies, Bylaws, Motions and Tenders:**
 - Lawn Maintenance: 1 bid was received by Denis Graveline. Fiona motioned to accept the bid. Seconded Mario Ferko. Carried. Brenda will draft up the contract for Denis Graveline.
 - By-law 03-2026: a by-law to establish a fair cents per kilometer reimbursement rate for mileage travelled specifically for Board business, but not limited to Board members. Fiona Venedam motioned to accept. Seconded by Barb Carruthers. Carried.
 - By-Law 04-2026: a by-law to approve a Lawn Maintenance contract. Fiona Venedam motioned to accept. Seconded by Barb Carruthers.
 - Abuse Policy: Circulated the Abuse Policy via email to all volunteers, and the community association. Complete
6. **Chair Report:** (Fiona Venedam)
 - Firehouse Subs: Fiona Venedam will explore potential grant application funding opportunities.
 - MSA's Globe Gear Giveaway: Fiona Venedam has submitted an application.
 - TC Energy: Fiona Venedam will consult with Chief Rick Banting to determine priority needs and forward a letter to TC Energy.
7. **Secretary Report:** (Brenda Haines)
 - No current WSIB claims.
 - WSIB Reporting for April 1-June 30, 2026 completed. Payment of \$937.17 mailed.
 - Follow-up with the Bidwell Roads Board remains pending.
 - OPP & Bell 9-1-1 Services- NG9-1-1 - Received the fully executed copy of the Agreement for the Provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services between the OPP and the Local Services Board of Tilden Lake. The Agreement is effective January 1, 2025 and will remain in effect until either party terminates it, in accordance with its terms and conditions. Complete.

- Email received from MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) regarding new link for updating your property information. Added to Web-site.
- Near North Labs- Water results email to all Board members April 14, 2026.
- Procurement Policy added review summary page. Complete
- Received email from Joanie Girard Ministry of Transportation confirming the spelling of Ellsmere Road. Confirmed.
- Received invoice from North Bay Regional Health Centre. \$1200.00. Mailed cheque.
- Snow contract- Final payment to Wen Poirier May 1, 2026. \$2000.00. Complete
- Lawn Maintenance Tender- One 1 tender received. Denis Graveline. \$1500.00.

8. **LSB Committee Reports:**

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

- There were 2 Wednesday practices and a Saturday morning practice in March. During the Wednesday March 4th practice the fire team completed a pre-exam on "Ropes & Knots" and practiced knot and rope use by securing and hoisting fire fighting tools. Members of the team also practiced donning and doffing the Breathing Apparatus. On March 18th those who attended completed the pre-exam test for Ground Ladders and practiced the proper method of carrying and standing single and extension ladders. In addition, some members practiced donning the SCBA and Rope and Knot use. On Saturday March 28th seven members continued their practice of Ladder, SCBA and Knot skills. One or more Board members attended the practices during the month making it helpful in assessing the abilities of the fire Fighters during exercises.

The new SCBA back packs remain to be re-programmed by the manufacturer and the supplier was unable to supply a service date. An email outlining our disappointment with service was sent to the TransCanada Safety owner.

There were no injuries or calls in March.

Tom Steele and Rick Banting attended the Fire Education Conference in Huntsville for a one-day information session on March 27th. They were able to connect with several suppliers of fire helmets. Tentative arrangements were made with a couple of manufacturers for in- house trials of new helmets. Rick and Tom also sat in on an OFM presentation on "Fire Fighter Certification Options" and became aware of the Ontario Red Seal program which appears to be derivative of the Fire Fighter One program, having requirements for external fire suppression only. The impression is this is the training Tilden Lake should be following although it appears not all that different than the FF1 program. Other topics covered in the presentations included Mutual Aid in the Fire Service, Fire Truck cost and lead times and WSIB Cancer claims in the Fire Service. The experience was deemed to be well worthwhile and was appreciated.

- There were 2 Wednesday practices in April. On April 1st the fire team wrote a pre-exam on Chapter 9 of our training manual, "Forcible Entry" in preparation for the theory portion of our certification process. The team also reviewed the use of our Forcible Entry tools. In Tilden Lake's case, forced entry would likely be only necessary if entry was needed to access the seat of the fire (and conduct an overhaul of a building fire) or to release pets that may be in danger in an unattended home. On April 15th the team completed the pre-exam test for Tactical Ventilation (Chapter 11) and began reviewing the handling of hoses, including extending and loading hose lines.

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- -Fire Station inventory: Ongoing. -MSDS Sheets: ongoing. -Firefighter Certification: ongoing. -Fire Team Lockers: Ongoing

8.2 **Property:** (Barb Carruthers)

- Emergency Exit Lights: Replacement of light bulbs - ongoing
- CO alarms are up to date. Complete

8.3 Recreation: (Marie Lochhead)

TLCA Events:

- **June 6, 2026:** Pancake/Sausage Breakfast & Car Wash.
- **August 8, 2026:** Fire team breakfast and yard sale.
- **December 5, 2026:** Christmas dinner.

Next TLCA meeting: May 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Tilden Lake Community Events :

- **July 4, 2026:** Boat Poker Run.
- **September 26, 2026:** Annual ATV Run.
- **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:

- **Hydro One:** Bill received for \$703.69, Brenda to follow up regarding the unusually high amount.

10. Next Meeting: Monday June 8, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.