

Local Services Board of Tilden Lake

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

Date: September 21, 2026

Location: Tilden Lake Community Centre

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

Absent:

Community: Bob Morrow, Heather Gravelle

Call to Order: 6:05

1. **Conflicts:** To be noted as they arise.
2. **Minutes from previous Meeting:**
The August 10, 2026 minutes were circulated via email on September 6, 2026 for review. Fiona Venedam moved to accept the minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by Mario Ferko. Carried.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Water Pressure:** Brenda Haines will contact Feeney Plumbing to schedule a meeting at the community centre to assess the water pressure issue to determine the next steps. Neil Haines to bring a water sample to Clean Waters solutions.
 - b) **NFP Renewal:** Fiona Venedam motioned to accept the insurance renewal. Seconded by Neil Haines. Carried.
 - c) **ARAG Legal Expense Policy quote for review:** All Board members agreed to defer consideration of the quote until next year.
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 September 12, 2026.
5. **Proposed Policies, Bylaws, Motions and Tenders:**
6. **Chair Report:** (Fiona Venedam)
 - Ontario Fire Protection Grant: Fiona Venedam reported that she has emailed all OFM advisors regarding the Ontario Fire Protection Grant but has received no response explaining why we are unable to apply through TPON.
 - MNR: Fiona Venedam is in communication with Shayne McCool to plan an October presentation on the Wildland Fire Protection Plan.
 - Correspondence was received from Minto Township requesting information about a Local Services Board. Fiona replied to the email. Complete
 - Junoir Firefighter application: Fiona Venedam is developing an application and program guidelines. Pending.
7. **Secretary Report:** (Brenda Haines)
 - WSIB: No current claims.
 - Roads Board: An email was sent to Linda Cope on August 13, 2026 confirming a roads board meeting and update took place on July 18, 2026. Pending.
 - NFP- Address and driver information were updated. All board members approved policy for the 2026/2027 policy via email on August 28, 2026.
 - ARAG Legal Expense Proposal: the proposal received from NFP was emailed to all Board members on September 1, 2026, for review.
 - Scotiabank- An email was sent to bank advisor Joshin on September 14, 2026, requesting cheque order and an address change. Complete.
 - MPAC: Received communication Webinar September 30, 2026 Fiona Venedam is registered.

- Ontario Northland: Received communication for the Emergency Response Plan forwarded to Chief Rick Banting and Neil Haines. Complete.
- Near North Lab Inc: Water results emailed to all board members for review September 15, 2026.

8. LSB Committee Reports:

8.1 Fire Protection: (Mario Ferko)

August Report by Captain Tom Steele

- *The Tilden Lake Volunteer Fire Department conducted two regularly scheduled practices in August. A simulated building fire at a local residence and an equipment training session at the picnic area. Training continued on all apparatus, with an emphasis on smaller hose deployment. Additional fire attach hose was secured.*
- *Annual inspections were completed for all three department vehicles.*
- *The fire team also prepared for and helped host the well-attended Firemans's Breakfast, Bake Sale and Garage Sale with the Tilden Lake Community Association.*
 - 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)

TLCA Events:

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

Next TLCA meeting: October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Tilden Lake Community Events:

- **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 3, 2026:** Candle Making Workshop.
- **October 17 & 18, 2026:** Introduction to Stained Glass Mosaic.
- **October 19, 2026:** TBA
- **October 25, 2026:** Halloween Kid's Drop in.
- **November 15, 2026:** Grey Cup Potluck Dinner.
- **November 21 & 22 2026:** Moccasins and Mitts Workshop.
- **November 28, 2026:** Christmas Craft Pinecones.

8.4 Emergency Services: (Neil Haines)

- Nothing to report.

9. New Business:

10. Next Meeting: Monday October 5, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 p.m.