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*September Night Sky Over Lake Temagami (photo by Gerry Gooderham)*



## Water Monitoring Program UPDATE 2015

By Anthony Van Vlymen and Diana Van Vlymen

This summer, the TLA continued with the environmental, water-testing program. The seasonal staff completed the spring round in May and June, while the summer round was concluded in August. Thanks to this hard work, good field results were collected and compiled with previous data.

The first finding that should be discussed is the

“Secchi depth”. This measurement is a determination of the point at which the Secchi disk becomes invisible due to turbidity – which depends on both floating nutrients and phytoplankton presence. Secchi disk readings for this summer were very good and comparable to previous years. The average spring reading was 6.5 metres, while summer Secchi depths averaged 6.9 metres. By comparison, the 2012 spring and summer (baseline) results were 6.5 and 7.9 metres, respectively. Differences in weather over the past four years affected these (and other) results, as freshwater biology displays strong seasonality.

Spring arrived the first week of May; thus, the Secchi depth was shallower than previous years because there was more time for the phytoplankton (algae) community to develop before spring sampling began. Stratification (layering) of the water column occurs as we move into summer and limits the movement of nutrients out of the bottom layers of the lake. These layers make up the region below the thermocline (the transition zone between the mixed layer at the surface and the deep water layer) – which acts as a natural barrier due to its sharp change in temperature, and creates large differences in density. Thus, the summer usually has low nutrient availability in the upper layers.

Other important pieces of the puzzle included the

water temperature and dissolved-oxygen profiles that were created from the sampling results. The spring 2015 temperature trend was 5% warmer overall than in previous years; however, compared to the baseline (2012), averages for both periods were approximately the same.

With respect to dissolved oxygen, May 2013 and May 2015 displayed different trends compared to each other; but, the May 2012 (baseline) trend was lower compared to both. There was also a fair amount of dissolved oxygen in the shallower depths due to water turbulence. The data recorded during the 2015 sampling round ranged more widely than in previous years – with the minimum value observed being 1.5 mg/L lower than in 2013 and 2014, and the maximum value being 8.5 mg/L higher than previously noted. This variance was less in the surface layers and thermocline, and more pronounced in the deeper water below. The summer trends were similar from the water surface to 10 metres in depth.

In addition: surface readings of dissolved oxygen were about 10 mg/L, a spike in dissolved oxygen was experienced in the thermocline due to phytoplankton activity, and the deeper waters recorded higher dissolved-oxygen levels than the surface (with increased amounts at greater depths).

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## President's Letter

Fall has arrived – which means the end of another summer. It is also the time when the new Executive of the TLA takes office. I am pleased to say that I have been given the opportunity to serve as President for another year (although this year will be the last one in which I am eligible to sit on the Board of Directors).

I must say that while attending the “Annual General Meeting” of the TLA in July, I was heartened at the level of interest and enthusiasm regarding all matters relevant to the entire Temagami community. On the other hand, I was somewhat dismayed when I realized that it seems to be the same core group who are present and involved – the same faces that take such an intense interest in the many issues affecting the Temagami region.

Although the TLA was initially formed to protect those interests that are relevant to the summer residents, it has, in fact, grown far beyond that. The organization should now be viewed as a group which advocates for the community as a whole. This is certainly the direction that other successful lake associations have taken. For example, the LAKE OF THE WOODS DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION has grown to 4,000 members – many of whom are just casual visitors who see the value that the lake environment provides and want to protect it as much as they can.

The building of, the success of, and, indeed, the survival of Temagami as a healthy community can only be achieved by all of the various interest groups coming together and working toward achieving a common vision. That is true whether the goal is financial, environmental, or something more esoteric.

As a case in point, why should a community such as Elliot Lake be so successful and the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI less so? After all, Temagami probably has more of the essential ingredients necessary to achieve and surpass the standing reached by other Northern Ontario communities. I am sure that there is a unique formula that would work for the Temagami region. We just have to find the right one that can excite every interest group and inspire them to work together.

In trying to understand some of the Municipality's issues, I have noted that it is not only the Lake residents who fail to fully support local businesses; it seems that the permanent residents fall short in that regard as well – especially in the winter months.

Build it and they will come. One of Elliot Lake's strengths is the presence of a community mall (which, as we know, is being rebuilt because of a recent tragedy). It provides a social gathering place and allows its merchants to provide a wider variety of merchandise to keep residents happy. There is no doubt that the number of inhabitants is also a major factor for this community. Although the population of Elliot Lake has declined from about 25,000 in the late 1950s, the town has been able to maintain a base of about 11,000 people (as of 2011) with a lot of hard work and cooperation.

If you think that I will now provide a solution for Temagami, you are going to be very disappointed. I will say, however, that there is an answer and that the time is ripe. The aging population in Canada and the United States is looking for reasonably-priced places to retire. Temagami provides this and more than its share of natural assets. It also has a good road system, a railway line, and an attractive diversity in its population base.

I did not start writing this piece with the intent to explore this theme; however, it is something that needs to be discussed. For a variety of reasons, the Temagami community has become somewhat polarized – not in the sense that there are significant, ongoing disputes, but from the perspective that various interest groups within the municipality have become complacent and content to exist in isolation from one another.

Well why not? It is very easy to simply exist and allow the wonders of this special place to wash over you as you continue feed on its bounty. Inherent in this position is a selfishness that ignores the obligation to keep and protect these pleasurable elements and gifts for the generations to come.

I have tried to attend some fundraising and social events of other organizations that are promoting the Temagami spirit. What struck me was that most of the participants do not attend or become active in TLA events and initiatives. Personally, I have never thought of the different groups as mutually exclusive, so I found this observation a bit disturbing and counterproductive. There should not be a competition between the groups – and until we can discard this approach and work as a team, it will be very difficult to achieve our common goals. I am sure that every coach tells players that the word TEAM stands for “Together Everyone Achieves More”.

In this issue of the *Temagami Times*, we have encouraged different interest groups to engage in an informative and educational discussion of a current issue affecting the municipality: the “Energy East” pipeline proposal (i.e., to convert the gas pipeline that runs along the Highway 11 corridor through the Temagami region to an oil pipeline).

We hope that this will be the start of a community discussion of all matters that may affect permanent and seasonal residents alike. The vehicle for this dialogue is in the form of “op-eds” (short for “opposite the editorial page”) – which are articles in a newspaper or magazine that express the opinions of people who are not employed by the publication.

I hope that this will be one in a number of initiatives that will allow the community to share constructive opinions and ideas on many topics. JOIN IN, WRITE, SHARE, PARTICIPATE! START THE CONVERSATION!

Gerry Kluwak, Island 758

### SKYLINE RESERVE

The mainland surrounding Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is to be zoned as a landscape ecology zone to preserve the beauty, restore the integrity and preserve the wilderness aspect of the Temagami Forest. This ecology zone would consist of 2 reserves which would be protected from natural disturbance e.g. fire and insect infestation, but would have separate management goals and prescriptions.

The two reserves would be the following:

**1. Skyline:** The Lake Temagami and Cross Lake reserves must protect any part of Lake Temagami or Cross Lake with no visual evidence to the naked eye that any activities such as timber cutting or mining have taken place. The minimum dimension would be 200 metres. It would be preserved in its natural state and its permissible uses would be very limited.

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**2. Ecological Buffer Reserve:** This would surround the skyline reserve to protect the natural forest and wildlife habitat ecosystems of the Temagami region. It would have a broader range of controlled activities but no new public roads would pass through it except in the village of Temagami.

### ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is supported by our three groups. We define the existing public road access points to consist of the village waterfront, Finlayson Park, Strathcona Landing and the Lake Temagami Access Road landings. We agree that, where possible, parking areas must be screened from the main body of the Lake. Shiningwood Bay, Cross Lake, Austin Bay, Blue Bay and any other illegal access points are to be closed using scarification methods. Existing gates are to be main-

tained and new ones are to be installed to prevent new public access roads to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.

New ski-doo trails accessing Lake Temagami/Cross Lake are to be no wider than ten feet and for winter ski-doo use only. Proposals for these access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake are to be reviewed and sites inspected by the new governing body prior to construction.

**MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT**  
There should be no mainland development on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake with the exception of those potential lots immediately adjacent to the Township of Temagami that are able to be serviced by the Township's central sewage treatment facility. All other future development will occur on islands, the number and location to be determined by the revised official plan which will be sensitive to current ecological standards.

# Thoughts on the “ENERGY EAST” Pipeline Proposal

## FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI: Pipeline Concerns Flow Through Northern Ontario

Submitted by Bob Olajos, FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI

“Northern Gateway”. “Line 9”. “Keystone XL”. Oil pipelines are causing controversy across North America, and Temagami is not immune to this. TRANSCANADA PIPELINES wants to convert one of its natural gas pipelines so that it can transport crude oil from Alberta to Atlantic Canada. Known as “Energy East”, this repurposed pipeline would cross the Temagami region, roughly following the Highway 11 corridor.

On its way through Temagami, “Energy East’s” proposed route would cross 48 lakes, rivers, and wetlands. This includes several waterways flowing into Lake Temagami, as well as into Net Lake near the municipal water intake. At over 4,600 km in length, “Energy East” is almost as long as all of Temagami’s canoe routes put together. It would pump an estimated 174 million litres of oil per day.

“Energy East” has been dogged by controversy since it was announced. First Nations, municipalities, organizations, and individuals from across the political spectrum have applied to intervene in regulatory hearings on the proposed pipeline. Applicants from this area include the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION, CITY OF NORTH BAY, TEMISKAMING-COCHRANE LANDOWNERS ALLIANCE, and the FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI, to name a few.

Most of the oil pumped through the “Energy East” pipeline will be loaded onto tankers and exported – not processed in Canadian refineries. Thus, it will not decrease the amount of oil that Canada imports from places such as Saudi Arabia.

Some oil is currently shipped in Canada by rail. This past winter, two CN trains carrying oil derailed within weeks of each other near the small town of Gogama – only 130 km northwest of Lake Temagami. Over one million litres of oil spilled into a tributary of the Mattagami River. This environmental catastrophe led to economic hardship in Gogama, as many tourists cancelled their vacation plans.

Oil is not currently shipped on the ONTARIO NORTHLAND rail line through Northeastern Ontario; but, Temagami did have a similar experience in 2000, when a train derailment spilled 386,000 litres of sulphuric acid into Hornet Creek. The spill was over 10 km from Lake Temagami and in a different watershed. Regardless, media coverage connected Temagami with a major hazardous-material incident in the public mind. Many tourists stayed away in the summer of 2000.

In light of the Gogama spills, some have suggested that pipelines should be used instead of trains to transport oil. But one is not a substitute for the other. Oil transported by train is mostly from fracking operations in a variety of locations – not from Alberta’s oil sands. The short lifespan of fracking wells makes the flexibility of rail shipping attractive to these producers. “Energy East” will not decrease the amount of oil shipped by rail in Canada.

Many point to the jobs created by pipelines. It is true that temporary construction jobs will be created where new stretches of pipe need to be laid. Temagami is not one of those places, however, because the pipeline already exists in this area. Northeastern Ontario will not see many new jobs created by the “Energy East” project.

An unfortunate fact about pipelines is that they leak regularly and rupture occasionally. Indeed, a TRANSCANADA natural gas pipeline near Marten River ruptured in 2009. In addition, in 2010, an ENBRIDGE pipeline in Michigan ruptured and spilled over four million litres of crude oil into the Kalamazoo River, making it the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history.

In July, a brand new, double-walled oil pipeline ruptured in Alberta. State-of-the-art warning systems failed to detect the spill, which was discovered by a contractor walking the line. Over five million litres of oil emulsion leaked over a period of up to three weeks, before it was shut down.

Temagami’s 2000 sulphuric-acid spill, Marten River’s 2009 pipeline rupture, Kalamazoo’s 2010 oil spill, and Alberta’s July 2015 spill have given us a warning. An oil spill in Northeastern Ontario would be an economic and environmental catastrophe. It would result in a lengthy, perhaps permanent, downturn of the tourism economy. And it could have incalculable impacts on the natural environment – from the loss of Aboriginal and sport fisheries, to the destruction of municipal drinking-water sources.

Pipeline companies across North America are already bending from public opposition to their plans. Over 100 people were arrested last year while protesting the “Trans-Mountain” pipeline near Burnaby, British Columbia. U.S. President Barack Obama’s refusal to approve the “Keystone XL” pipeline is likely to stop that project at the border.

Opposition to “Energy East” is growing. A proposed export terminal in Quebec has already been axed because it would threaten endangered beluga whales. Undermining all this is the global slump in oil prices, which make Alberta’s high-cost tar sands less economically viable. “Energy East” is far from a done deal.

## Municipality Explains Reasons for Conditional Support of “Energy East” Project

Submitted by Mayor Lorie Hunter, MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI

We thank the *Temagami Times* for the opportunity offered to the Municipality to explain the reasons that Council is supporting the TRANSCANADA “Energy East” pipeline initiative. This was not a decision taken lightly.

Council had written to TRANSCANADA PIPELINES to outline our questions and concerns, and we appreciate them taking the time to come and meet with us to address these questions and concerns. Following their presentation, Council delayed the decision on whether or not to support the project until they had provided the opportunity for public consultation on the matter. We recognize that Temagami is a microcosm of diverse opinions and appreciate those who expressed their various and passionate opinions – verbally or in writing.

Council heard arguments about issues on both the national and global scale, as well as points about local resource protection and the local economy. Climate change, the merits of accessing international markets with our fossil fuels, and potential risks to local water bodies and water sources were included in the comments. Some people viewed technological innovation as the remedy to the problem, while others saw it as part of the problem.

After listening to the diverse opinions, Council tried to make the decision that would be in the best interest of the Municipality and its citizens. We want to ensure that we protect the environmental values that are so important to our community and safeguard our surroundings, water sources, and wildlife. We also recognize the potential financial benefit to this community from both the economic boost during the construction phase, as well as from the ongoing tax revenues that would result from the increased pipeline assessment value.

After much discussion, the majority of Council voted to support a resolution that gave conditional support for the “Energy East” pipeline proposal – provided that it was completed to the highest of safety standards and recognized issues previously raised by the Municipality (particularly with regard to water bodies). Council noted that it still has commenter rights in front of the NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD and realizes that we are in the initial stages of a process that will result in many, many conditions, modifications, and prohibitions on the project.

In the end, the majority of Council did not see this as an “either/or” choice. We believe that the project can provide local and national benefits, and can still be done to the highest of environmental standards. This is a view held not only by Temagami, but by many northern communities.

## TLA Surveys Membership Re: “Energy East” Pipeline Proposal

On June 30, 2015, the Board of Directors sent an e-mail to the TLA membership concerning the “Energy East” pipeline proposal.

The TLA Board requested input on the position it should take using the “SurveyMonkey” online survey service. The following request was put forth:

*“As you may be aware, there is a proposal before the NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD to convert the ‘Energy East’ gas pipeline to an oil pipeline. The pipeline runs along the Highway 11 corridor and passes through the environmentally sensitive Temagami region. You can easily find information online and form your own opinion. The TLA board would like your input on the position the board should take, if any, with regard to the proposal. Please select the option that best fits your opinion.”*

### Survey Results as of September 17, 2015:

Statements	Response Percentages
I believe the TLA should not take a public position on the pipeline issue.	• 14.71% (10 responses)
I believe the TLA should publicly oppose the conversion of the pipeline from natural gas to oil.	• 58.82% (40 responses)
I believe the TLA should publicly support the conversion of the pipeline from natural gas to oil.	• 26.47% (18 responses)

# Water Monitoring Program Update 2015

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Phytoplankton act like tiny plants and perform photosynthesis – usually in the late spring to early summer. Although phytoplankton numbers are low in summer, the dissolved oxygen formed by photosynthesis is unable to leave the thermocline due to density differences; so even a small population has a dramatic impact. These dissolved-oxygen results are promising, as the water is consistently more oxygenated than required by any level of the freshwater food chain.

Another factor in this water-testing analysis (with ample data available) was phosphorus levels. For these readings, water samples were collected and sent to the TRENT UNIVERSITY field laboratory in Dorset, Ontario for testing. This year's results averaged 4.2 µg/L (micrograms per litre) at the Secchi depth and 3.9 µg/L at 75% of the total depth. These readings are very similar to the total phosphorus values recorded previously, and deviate within the limits of seasonal variation.

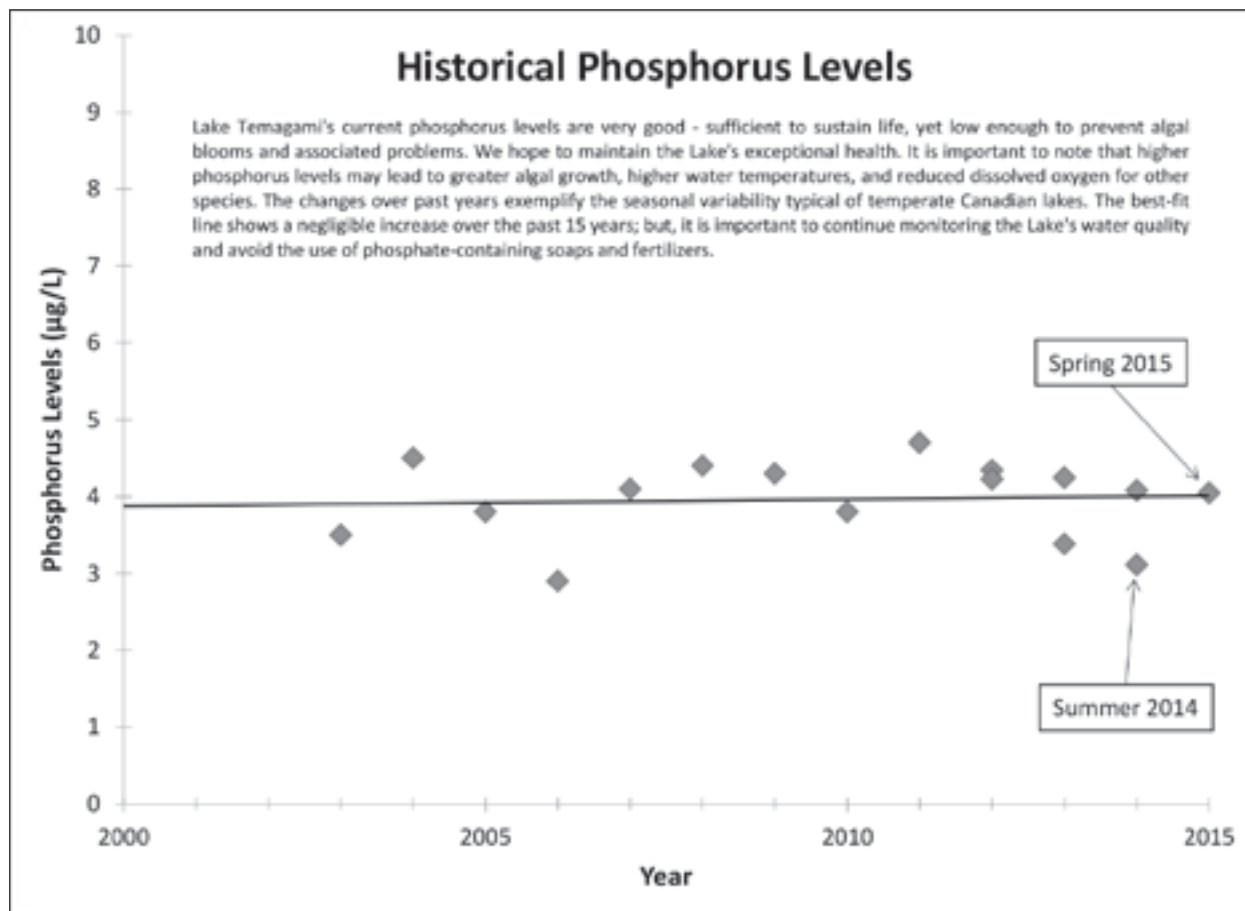
It is important, however, to note that the phosphorus level is unlikely to remain constant, and that differences in seasons from year to year play a much greater role in affecting readings than isolated weather events. This is the purpose of long-term testing – to build a baseline of data that accounts for yearly changes (and to which we can compare future water quality), in order to determine whether or not any significant changes have occurred over time. For now, it is fair to say that we have not seen any.

Thus, phosphorus readings have shown no pronounced

changes over the last 10 years. This is an excellent result, as other lakes have not been so lucky. For this reason, it is important that Lake residents continue to make an effort to: use only phosphate-free soap products; avoid phosphate-containing fertilizers; ensure that greywater leaching pits are in compliance with MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE regulations; and, update septic tanks to avoid leaching effluents with high-phosphate content into the water (which can be the most significant input of phosphorus into the lake). This will help to ensure that excess phosphorus doesn't enter a healthy lake ecosystem.

Finally, for the second time this August, samples were collected from the water surface and top level of the thermocline to test for "chlorophyll a". Again, these samples were filtered back at the TLA Headquarters building using a vacuum pump, and sent to CARLETON UNIVERSITY with Dr. Murray Richardson to determine the concentration of chlorophyll a present. This information is very valuable, as chlorophyll a is a more direct measure of the phytoplankton present in the lake ecosystem than phosphorus content, dissolved oxygen, or turbidity (all of which are considered indirect measures). Chlorophyll a concentration tells us how much phytoplankton IS present in Lake Temagami, whereas phosphorus indicates how much phytoplankton SHOULD BE present.

Overall, Lake Temagami is still in excellent shape. We are continuing to establish a very strong baseline of information, and the TLA's water-monitoring program has lasted longer than most. Once more, we are including the measurement of chlorophyll a – which is monitored by only a limited number of lake associations. We look forward to what the future holds for our water-monitoring program.



Historical Phosphorus Levels for Lake Temagami 2015 (graph by Diana Van Vlymen)

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# A TLA Summer

By Peter Healy



It was good summer weather wise – warm (if not, hot) temperatures and just enough rain to keep the forest-fire threat in check. You would have to be very unlucky to have your short holiday dampened by bad weather this year.

At the TLA Headquarters building, we started work in early May. Eric Goodman and Anthony VanVlymen, both sons of TLA members, were hired to conduct our water-testing program and work on various other tasks over the summer.

Weather in early May was inconsistent for tasks that required staying in position for a half hour in a boat to take water samples. Wind and rain made this a challenge at times; but, Eric and Anthony persisted and completed sampling over a two-week period.

On days that would not accommodate work on the Lake, the boys spent time clearing trails in the old-growth forests around Temagami and on Temagami Island. About 10 privies were also constructed, and these were placed on campsites that required them due to heavy use. The installation of privies will help to prevent human waste from reaching the Lake water, which benefits all of us.

During May and June, Eric and Anthony visited and cleaned over 100 campsites on the Lake and brought countless bags of trash and other debris to the dump. While on campsites, privy trails were clearly marked with universal washroom signs to facilitate their use (especially at night) and keep the sites as clean as possible.

Last fall serious leaks in the roof of the TLA office, and the resulting potential damage to our supplies of maps and posters etc., convinced us that a new roof was required. This was completed in June – ensuring a snug storage facility for many years.

Over the years, groundwater seepage has meant that the floors of the TLA building (covered, for some reason, with wall-to-wall carpet many years ago) were often damp and moldy. We used poor-

weather days in June to rip out all the carpets, and to wash, and completely dry, the cement floors. This allowed us to paint them with a bright colour. A second coat of paint was then applied in late August. Member visitors told us they were quite pleased at both the cleanliness and bright appearance.

The July 1st long week-end meant that the office was open for member services. Each day saw many folks dropping by to pick up maps and soap, check e-mails, or use our computers and Wifi services. On four consecutive Wednesdays in July, we were quite busy accepting tap-water samples for delivery to the lab in North Bay. Testing results were subsequently e-mailed directly to members a few days later.

The last week in July found us very busy in preparation for the “Annual General Meeting”, which was held at CAMP WABUN. Tables and BBQs (and related supplies) had to be taken to WABUN, set up, and later returned to the TLA office. Extra staff were hired to help with these preparations and follow-up. The AGM itself was well attended, and the BBQ/corn roast that followed was outstanding in every respect. A special “thank you” goes out to head cook for a second year – TLA member, Rick Moore. Rick was ably assisted by two student volunteers from the Drake family – Trevor and Kyle Sanders.

Early August found our staff once again on the Lake taking water samples, while I enjoyed the ambiance of our office in their place. Once the samples were taken and catalogued, I took them to the TRENT UNIVERSITY laboratory in Dorset, Ontario for analysis.

As the summer came to an end, our students managed to complete one more trail-clearing excursion to Temagami Island and build a few more privies for future installation. We thank Anthony and Eric for their efforts this summer and wish them success in the coming school year.

While the TLA office is closed in the coming months, members can still reach out for services via e-mail or phone – as all calls to the office are forwarded to my island number. I wish everyone a great year end and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

# The Wonders of Wild Rice

By Jennifer Sinclair



We lie in sickbeds and wait for our next ration of BOOST®. We purchase, and serve to our families, meals of processed (but affordable) junk foods that masquerade as nutrition. There is another choice to make. Either we take control of our local food system and what we put on our tables, or we can wait for researchers and experts to tell us what supplements to take next.

Wild rice is just one example of a healthy, local food choice. It grows in clean, shallow, cold waters – which make Northern Ontario and Manitoba prime regions for cultivating its stalks. Technically, it is not rice at all, but the seed of an annual aquatic grass called *Zizania aquatic* L., and is the only grain cereal indigenous to Canada.

It is very low in saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. It is also a good source of manganese – an essential trace mineral that is concentrated primarily in the bones, liver, kidneys, and brain – and has many benefits, including the regulation of blood sugar, formation of connective tissues, and metabolism of fats and carbohydrates.

Wild rice is also rich in the B-vitamins (niacin, riboflavin, and thiamine), as well as potassium and phosphorus. In addition, it is a complete protein (contains all essential amino acids) and is a whole grain that scores low on the glycemic index. This makes it an excellent food choice for those concerned with their blood-sugar levels.

Unlike other grains such as wheat, oats, and corn, in Canada, wild rice remains virtually untouched by scientific processes. It also has a greater overall nutritional value than some of the other grain cereals.

The recipe that I want to share with you is a salad that highlights wild rice, berries, and seeds found in Ontario and which are still grown, harvested, and consumed by First-Nation communities.

### Wild Rice Salad: (compliments of GROUND ROOTS CATERED AND PREPARED FOODS)

wild rice	1 cup	sunflower seeds	1/4 cup
pumpkin seeds	1/4 cup	pine nuts	1/4 cup
blueberries	1/2 cup	green onions	1/4 cup
dried cranberries	1/4 cup	cilantro	to taste

*Directions:* Rinse rice. Add four cups of cold water to one cup of rice. Bring to a boil, and reduce to “simmer” until the rice splits (40-45 minutes). Chill rice. Toast seeds separately. Mix everything together, and chill.

Here is some further information about wild rice and where to purchase it from a local First-Nation producer:

- <http://nutritiondata.self.com/facts/cereal-grains-and-pasta/5752/2>
- [www.canadianwildrice.com](http://www.canadianwildrice.com)
- [www.wildrice.org/iwrawebsite/html/wildricehistory.html](http://www.wildrice.org/iwrawebsite/html/wildricehistory.html)

N.B., This is an edited version of an article that was first published in the *Anishinabek News*. Jennifer Sinclair is the owner of GROUND ROOTS CATERED AND PREPARED FOODS – soon to be available on Bear Island.

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# TLA Students Clean Campsites and Install Privies

By Eric R. Goodman

In addition to our usual duties of office management and water monitoring this summer, Anthony and I, the 2015 TLA summer students, were able to clean up every single known campsite on Lake Temagami. We did this for approximately two work-weeks during our down time between the spring water testing and the opening of the office on July 1st. One, or both of us, would use the TLA's boat and travel around the lake with a privy in our bow and a trash bag in our hands. We were ready to take on whatever we encountered at our next site!

Many of the sites we visited had little, if any, trash on them – a testament to the cleanliness of our campers. Most of the campsites had some small scraps of plastic and broken glass, mixed with the odd can or two. With these items (and others), we filled up at least one trash bag for every six-hour day of clean-up. Only two or three times did we come across a campsite that had been the site of some sort of large party – a fine record on a lake with 150 campsites. In such locations, we'd typically fill up at least one large trash bag (and, occasionally, two). Counter-intuitively, many of the most heavily-used campsites were also the cleanest thanks to responsible campers. The TLA would, however, like to remind campers to wash their dishes back in the woods to keep food waste out of the water.

There was also an element of archaeology to our work, and several times we came across huge wrought-iron water systems or decades-old bottles. As bad as it is that all of these things were dumped here, it has given me a sort of porthole into Temagami history. In addition, while cleaning up in Sandy Inlet, I picked up a good-as-new Leatherman multi-tool and an old axe for the TLA. I would also like to give a note of appreciation to KEEWAYDIN and WABUN for creating high-quality fireplaces on some sites and for leaving their excess firewood stacked for future campers.

Our other responsibility was to install privies on the higher-usage campsites. Over the past several years, the TLA staff have tried to install a box privy at any campsite where it was needed. The sturdy privies that we install are Ray Delarosbel's design – made out of pressure-treated 1 x 6 boards with untreated supports. We hope that they will last for many years with proper maintenance. With a good chop saw, a privy takes about two-and-a-half hours to construct.

The privies are installed well away from water and situated above metre-deep holes that are dug by hand. Because of these large holes, we made sure to place them where there was plenty of soil. Anthony and I also made sure to orient the privies with priva-




Eric and Anthony With Newly-Constructed Privies (photo by Peter Healy)


cy in mind. We want people to actually use them. In addition, all campsites with privies on them should have obvious markings. We used flagging tape and attached small plastic signs to trees to make privy locations obvious. If, in your travels, you encounter a box privy, please feel free to brush off any dirt or needles that may have landed on it to prevent rot.

The point of installing these privies is twofold: to make camping on Lake Temagami a more pleasant experience; and, to keep waste off the ground and out of the water. As a camper myself, there certainly is an allure to the trowel ceremony; but, the ease and convenience of a box privy is pleasant while roughing it in the woods. I can also state that the box privies are very good at keeping campsites cleaner. Many sites without these amenities have flecks of toilet paper scattered here and there – and other evidence of people's bad habits. More importantly, though, poorly-buried excrement that is located too close to the water may cause problems (e.g., water contamination and campsite odours).

Here at the TLA, we also encourage members to "Adopt a Campsite"! Is your cottage near one of our Lake's 150 beautiful campsites? Does it need some serious love to make it the ultimate camping home-away-from-home? Then swing by and grab one of our "Adopt a Campsite!" sheets. Even minor pruning and trash-bagging can make a huge difference to your campsite.

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## TIMISKAMING HEALTH UNIT "Water Sample Wednesdays"

The summer 2015 private drinking-water sampling program had another successful season of participants utilizing the free testing service. The program has run for the past few summers through collaboration between the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION and the TIMISKAMING HEALTH UNIT.

A key observation made this season was that there was a 50% increase in "satisfactory" results for treated water samples compared to previous years.

Year	Treated Water: Satisfactory Results	Treated Water: Adverse Results
2014	62.50%	37.50%
2015	92.30%	7.70%

The THU would also like to remind residents that:

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## I N R E M E M B R A N C E

## Catherine Alena Morrison Fondly Remembered

(February 4, 1909 – June 2, 2015)

By Barbara Olmsted

Lake Temagami has lost one of its most-loved summer residents and lifetime members of the TLA. Catherine Alena Morrison died on June 2, 2015 at the age of 106. She grew up on a farm in Middleport, southeast Ohio. Her mother, Mary Thomas, loved to cook, bake, and prepare preserves, and her father, Harry, worked the farm (Black Angus cattle and corn). Without electricity or running water, farm life was indeed rustic. Little did Catherine know at the time that the lessons she learned in childhood would serve her well later in life.

A longtime employee of GENERAL ELECTRIC, Catherine met her husband, Robert Knox Morrison, in the 1930s. They married in 1939, and as newlyweds, made Temagami their vacation destination in 1940. One is curious to know why they would choose a place so far away – particularly at a time when travel was so much more difficult. Robert (Bob), however, had an old cedar-strip canoe (which can still be found in the cottage rafters at Island 731) that he used to paddle on Mosquito Creek, and he enjoyed camping and being out-of-doors with his parents. One of his fellow employees (Walt Anthony, from Cleveland) often spoke of a special place “up north”. And, many Cleveland folk had already discovered Temagami. That was the impetus for Bob to discover Lake Temagami for himself.

Catherine’s first introduction to the Lake, however, was less than auspicious, as she refused to get into the boat! And this was after a lengthy trip north under false pretenses. She originally thought they were heading to Toronto (from Niles, Ohio) to visit relatives. Much to her surprise and shock, Catherine awoke in the back seat of the car in the wilderness of Northern Ontario.

That first vacation was just the beginning of a 74-year bond with the Temagami we all love. During those years, the Morrison family, with Catherine as its matriarch, had many wonderful times there. They initially shared a cottage at High Rock (Island 312) with John, Walt, and Eleanor Anthony; but, the Morrisons then purchased Island 731 in 1949 for \$95.00! An event that occurred when Ty (Catherine and Bob’s son) was perhaps one or two years-of-age might have been the catalyst for the purchase. Ty recalled, “I remember I fell and began rolling down the steep rock face on Island 312. My dad grabbed me and declared then that we were going to get our own place.” This was facilitated by Dennis Laronde, and when the property (which was originally under a 100-year lease) came up for sale, the previous family (the Hoopers) declined to purchase it. The Morrisons had now firmly established their roots in Temagami!

An excerpt from Catherine’s cottage journal effectively captures those first moments at their new cottage on Island 731: July 1950: “Needless to say we were very anxious to get to the lake this year. Through the winter there had been many thoughts as to what was going on. Bob had drawn up the plans taken from a house in our neighborhood. We had heard from time to time from Dennis [Laronde] (who was our builder) and knew that the building was up. A neighbor agreed to drive a truck up in early spring, in exchange for a few days of fishing. We had a rough time getting in, as we had no dock as yet. In July, Grandpa and Grandma Morrison, Bob, and the kids and I saw our place for the first time. When we rounded the bend at Wabikon, we saw it for the first time. It was quite a problem for the Aubrey Cousins to land us on the island. Couldn’t wait to see the finished cabin. Of course it was one large room, no furniture. Everyone slept on the floor. Next day, Dennis brought beds over. We cooked on a gasoline stove and ate on a card table. It was rough.

With three young children (Sue – aged 7; Bobby – aged 5; and, Ty – aged 3), Catherine and Bob began to build their dream. Ty, sharing one of his earliest memories of travelling to Temagami, said, “Imagine putting three young kids in the back of a ’56 Oldsmobile, driving 15 to 18 hours on a two-lane highway to spend three weeks at a cottage with no electricity, no refrigeration, and trying to survive!”

Entries in the cottage journal over the years tell tales of building projects, visitors to the cottage, new appliances and furnishings, weather

events, and various Lake activities. Island 731 was a busy place in those days, and Catherine carefully documented it all.

Sue recounts her memories of those early days: “It was really hard for my mom in the beginning, with three young children, cooking on a camp stove, and so many of us living in one large room. One chilly night after a fish fry, my grandfather (Morrison) went to bed early. The next morning, my mom accused my grandmother (Minnie) of throwing out the oil from the frying pan, and Minnie accused my mother of the same thing. My grandfather came into the room and declared that he had had a wonderful night’s sleep because of the still-warm, oil-filled hot water bottle keeping him cozy all night!”

One of Bobby’s earliest memories was floating in an inner tube out in front of Island 731, waiting for the waves from the *Aubrey Cousins* as it headed towards Bear Island. He also remembers many of the other smaller “water taxis” that would pick up cottagers at the Town site and deliver them to their cottages for the summer – including the *Gull Lake*, the *Ramona*, and the *Naiad*. Bobby recalls: “We would drive all night to get to Temagami at about 7:00 a.m. in the morning, pull into the ONTARIO NORTHERN BOAT LINES terminal (now the SHELL station), and have a big breakfast before we loaded onto the boat.”

Once at the cottage, the kids never lacked for adventure and fun. The rules were strict: life preservers worn at all times when outside! Many readers will recall the bulky, restrictive, canvas models of the time. One day, Bobby was driving a wooden Peterborough fisherman boat (Bob’s pride and joy) with a 3-HP motor in Phillips Bay. Ty was in the middle, and Sue in the bow. Bobby struck a rock and Sue went flying into the lake. Fortunately she was fine; but, the boat suffered immensely – as did Bobby upon his return to the cottage to face his father! “I remember Dad taking me to the south end of the

island. He demanded that I grab my ankles, and he tanned my hide! He claimed I just wasn’t paying attention and that it was my responsibility to look after my brother and sister. I have never forgotten that lesson!”

Though cottage life is usually associated with happy times, tragedy struck the Morrison family in 1960 when Bob was diagnosed with a lung tumour. With gritty determination, he visited Temagami for a brief time that summer – his last. He died in 1962, leaving Catherine widowed at age 53. At this time, Sue was 19, Bobby was 17, and Ty was just 15. Despite this tragic loss, Catherine’s growing love of Temagami fueled her determination to return to the Lake each summer thereafter. Sue picked up on many of Catherine’s fears, noting that her mom was not a strong swimmer, did not know how to drive a boat, and was unsure about taking care of a cottage in Temagami.

Fortunately, Bob had prepared the boys well. Notes Sue, “After my Dad died, Mom’s responsibilities changed. She relaxed more, and became more knowledgeable and comfortable over time. In her later years she thought of Temagami as her home, and she was vacationing elsewhere. Everything that was very important to her went to Temagami.”

Catherine’s journal entry notes the following: “The first year for staying alone. With Shirley and Dick [Crum] and the Taylors so close by, I was very comfortable. The dock sale, my first, was a huge success. Ty donated his services at barbering, under a sign that said, ‘Backwoods Barbering’. Did very well. Next week the cabin will be closed for the season. I have been here 11 weeks!”

Catherine contributed annually to the TLA sale with her famous sticky buns, which were sold almost immediately at a premium price! Seldom did she miss a social event. Most recently she attended the “Temagami Tea” at the Avar’s Island 711 in the summer of 2014.

Regardless of the level of activity, what clearly was most meaningful to Catherine was time spent with her family and dear friends. As her children grew and had families of their own, Catherine continued to welcome one and all to her cottage. Her journal contains long lists of visitors,



Catherine Morrison (Mamoo) at 100



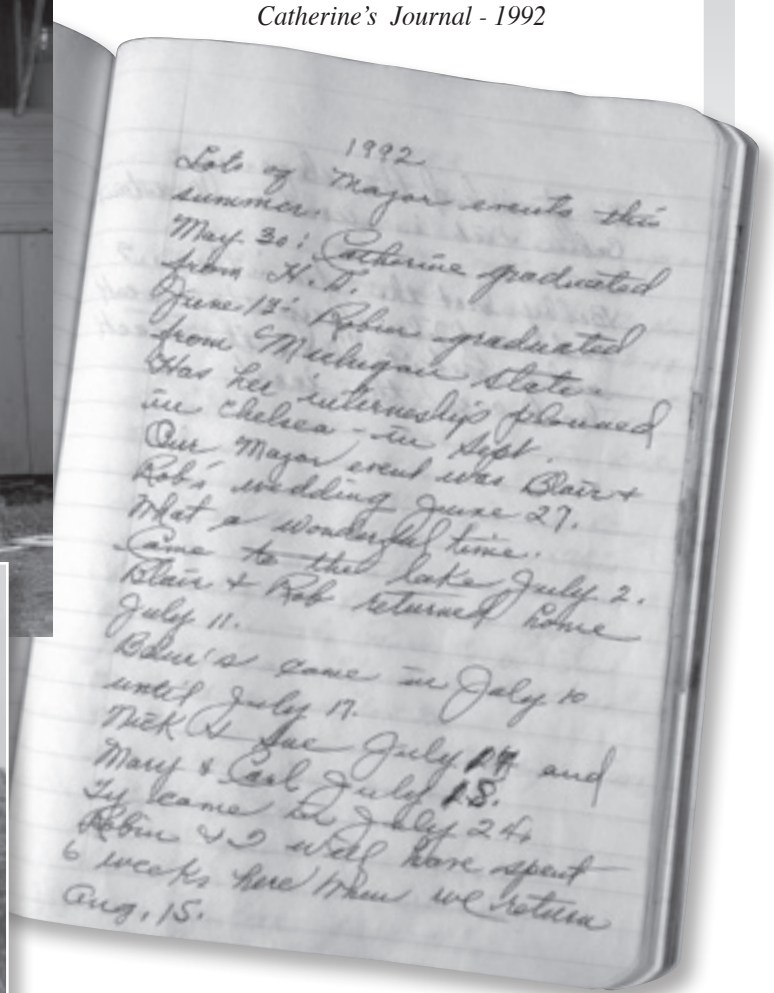
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Catherine and the Morrison Family on Temagami Island 731



Catherine and Grandchildren



Catherine's Journal - 1992

their lengths of stay, and notable events, all carefully detailed in Catherine's tidy script. As noted in one entry in 1991: "It's been a wonderful summer for me to have so many of my loved ones here."

The years at Island 731 have been celebrated with major accomplishments and special events – graduations, weddings, and the birth of grandchildren.

The Morrison clan continues to grow, boasting five grandchildren (Rob, Robin, Catherine, Nick, and Christopher) and nine great-grandchildren (Spencer, Peyton, Catherine, Caroline, Presley, George, Sam, Ryder, and Dominic).

One of the most notable family traditions at Island 731 is the "pennant ceremony". Any family member (or close family friend) who is recently graduated from college or university is invited to hang a pennant from his or her school on the wall of the cottage. Included in this special ceremony is a requirement for the graduate to recite the school motto and sing the fight song or hymn to all those assembled! At last count, 39 pennants hang in the Island 731 main cottage (the details of which are all carefully documented in Catherine's journal).

Catherine took great pride and joy in her gardens each season. She spent hours tending to the flower beds in earlier years; and in later years, ensured the gardens were prepared with love and care. Her island was one of the stops on the "Cottage Garden Tour" in 1999, when over sixty participants enjoyed a guided tour. More gardens were added – including the "flag pole garden" the following year. Most of Catherine's cottage journal entries include references to new plants, transplants, and the many family and friends who assisted Catherine in preparing the gardens. Noted one entry in 2001: "I have been here three months. Apart from the weather, I have been very comfortable – content and relaxed (new dishwasher helped). David helping greatly with new flower beds. Gardens are really beautiful."

Catherine was a well-known summer resident on Lake Temagami. Referred to as "Mamoo" by many – especially her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren – she had a gift for making everyone feel important and special. Catherine had a genuine interest in anyone with whom she spent time, and invited others to share their stories. She had her fair share of stories, as well! Ty said, "She was always willing to meet a new face, and she never said a bad word about anybody."

Her laughter was always near the surface, and Mamoo had a positive approach to life. Perhaps one of her most remarkable qualities was her ability to forgive, to accept others free of judgement, and to harbour no ill will or resentment. In Mamoo's words: "Just be kind. Don't worry about being happy – that will come if you are kind." No doubt a secret to her longevity, Catherine was indeed the epitome of kindness and benevolence. We might all learn from her example.



Catherine and Peyton - 2009

Not surprisingly, three separate memorial services have been held in honour of Catherine's life: in Dallas, Texas (Catherine's winter residence for the past 10 years); in Niles, Ohio (Catherine's home town); and, in Temagami – the special place she considered her real home.

In her 2005 journal entry, Catherine noted the following: "What a beautiful summer (weather-wise) it

has been. The States suffering from the heat makes me realize what a joy and privilege it is to be here. It is my 55<sup>th</sup> year on Island # 731!"

Mamoo, it has been a privilege for Lake Temagami to claim you as its most special resident! We will miss you!



Catherine and Great-Grandchildren



Catherine, Bob, and Kids - Circa 1953

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# Cottage Succession – Part 3

As discussed in the Summer 2015 issue of the *Temagami Times*, a series of six steps (“estimating the capital gains tax”; “reducing taxes”; “funding the capital gains tax liability”; “selecting your preferred plan”; “making an agreement to avoid adversity”; and, “leveling the financial playing field”) were outlined to address the three principal challenges in planning for family cottage succession: paying the capital gains tax, keeping the cottage going, and managing expenses.

Other considerations in ensuring that the cottage stays in the family, and is not subsequently sold due to conflicts or monetary issues that may arise, include:

## Leaving a Cottage to Only One Child:

Parents with more than one child may face a dilemma when they are planning to pass the cottage on to the next generation. Should the cottage be left to all, to some, or to just one of the children?

This question is very complex, with many issues that need to be considered. Nevertheless, a decision must be made and settled in the parents’ wills or the whole matter may become a tremendous problem for the children. In addition to these family concerns, there are different tax and financial consequences arising from the choice ultimately made by the parents.

In some cases, the best decision is to leave the cottage to only one of the children. Perhaps only one child is interested in the cottage; or, others have recreational properties of their own or are too geographically-distant for cottage ownership to be practical. If that decision is made, for whatever reason, there are still important concerns that should be addressed.

The first is the tax consequences. For example, perhaps the cottage is left to the son and the remainder of the estate to the daughter. If so, then after the parents die, the son will receive the cottage free and clear, while all of the capital gains tax liability accrued on the cottage will be paid from the daughter’s share! To avoid this unfair (and unintended) result, special planning is required – including specific wording in the wills.

Another planning problem arises from the wish of parents to be fair to all children. Most want to ensure that each child receives a roughly-equal portion of the estate. Accordingly, if one child is to receive a valuable cottage, then this inheritance should be balanced out for the other children through appropriate details in the wills.

This balancing or adjusting mechanism can use one of several approaches. It could, for instance, include an arbitrary monetary figure chosen by the parents and incorporated into the wills. Alternatively, it might utilize a fixed amount determined by a present-value appraisal of the cottage, which would also be specified in the wills. Another approach could be to set out an adjusting formula in the wills, using an appraisal figure that would be obtained as of the dates of death of the parents. Each strategy has its own advantages and disadvantages; but, it is important to plan for the possibility that non-cottage assets may be substantially reduced from their present value by the time the parents have passed away.

In recognition of the complexity of this issue, it is vitally important to family harmony and to the successful transition of the cottage to the next generation to determine the most appropriate balance of practicality and fairness.

## A Child’s Marital Breakdown:

Marital breakdowns are a reality in today’s society. This results not only in tremendous emotional stress, but also creates financial pressures as demands are made for divisions of assets and support payments. If a child is the owner (or part owner) of a cottage, this may reluctantly be viewed as a solution to the financial pressures. The sale of the cottage, or requests to be bought out by other sibling co-owners, may result.

It is critically important when passing on the cottage to children to provide protection against the possibility of marital breakdowns. Whether the cottage is provided as a gift during the lifetimes of the parents, or bequeathed through wills following their deaths, protections can be incorporated into the planning process to exempt the value of the cottage (and increases in its value during a child’s marriage) from any future claims by a divorcing in-law.

## Loss of Mental Competence:

None of us expects to become mentally incompetent; but, the fact is that only a fortunate few live their entire lives without a period of decline in their mental capabilities. Such incapacity may be temporary and last only a few weeks or months as a result of a stroke, or it might be permanent – as in the case of Alzheimer’s disease.

There are many unhappy aspects to mental incompetency. For example, the legal and financial affairs of the incompetent person are not automatically taken over by the spouse or adult child-



*Whatever your individual circumstances may be, it is essential to make plans ahead of time regarding cottage succession. To assist you in making informed decisions, it’s always best to consult a professional who has experience in estate planning and can ensure that you haven’t overlooked any important considerations.*

Instead, it is the Provincial Government that has authority. No one wants this body to take over their financial affairs, even temporarily; and, no spouse wants to have to struggle with the government simply to continue accessing the family finances.

Everyone is at risk in these circumstances – although there is a particular risk for the owner of a cottage if the Provincial Government takes over the property and financial affairs of a mentally-incompetent person. The Public Trustee may view the cottage as a large and unproductive asset, and might sell it to provide capital that can be invested for income to support the incapacitated person.

To avoid the possibility that the family cottage might be sold because of an unexpected mental-competency problem, every cottage owner should ensure that her/his lawyer prepares a modern “Power of Attorney for Property”. This document will ensure that if such a situation occurs, it will be your own chosen and trusted people who will control your affairs, at the exclusion of the government and courts.

It is very important to ensure that in signing a “Power of Attorney for Property”, you are aware of the consequences of doing so. Almost all of these documents take effect as soon as they are signed. Consequently, you would pass over full, legal control of all of your affairs to others immediately – despite the fact that you are still mentally competent. This might not be your intention; so make sure that your “Power of Attorney for Property” takes effect only if you are determined to be incompetent by a doctor.

Whatever your individual circumstances may be, it is essential to make plans ahead of time regarding cottage succession. To assist you in making informed decisions, it’s always best to consult a professional who has experience in estate planning and can ensure that you haven’t overlooked any important considerations.

Source: Peter Lillico of Lillico Bazuk Galloway Halka (Barristers and Solicitors)  
 Note: Peter Lillico’s law practice is located in Peterborough, Ontario and is concentrated in the areas of “Estate Planning”, “Business and Corporate Law”, and “Real Estate”. More information on “cottage succession” can be found on his law firm’s website at: [www.lbghlaw.com](http://www.lbghlaw.com).



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# Highlights of the 2015 TLA “Annual General Meeting”



The 84th TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION AGM was held at CAMP WABUN on Saturday July 25, 2015. The full version of the minutes will be posted on the TLA website at: [www.tla-temagami.org](http://www.tla-temagami.org).

## Greetings:

TLA Executive Secretary, Peter Healy, welcomed members and guests, and introduced President Gerry Kluwak. He observed a good turnout of approximately 50 voting members.

Councillor Carol Lowery (representing the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI) discussed: capital projects that are being undertaken and funded primarily through grants (e.g., improvements to water-access points and the train station heating system); an increase in taxes by about 1%; extension of the fire-pump subsidy (15 more units are available); and, encouraging Lake residents to join municipal committees.

## Introductory Remarks:

Gerry described the efforts of the “Old Growth Trails Partnership” to improve the accessibility, signage, and mapping of old-growth trails. He then stated that the TLA was encouraging women and youth to become involved with the Board. There is also ongoing discussion about expanding the *Temagami Times* and making it more attractive (e.g., seeking op-eds from the wider community). Another proposal is to post news content on the TLA website more quickly.

## Introduction of Directors:

Gerry Kluwak introduced members of the Board: Kelly Romans Bancroft, Will Goodman, Andrew Zyp, Justin Metz, and Pete Calverley. Those unable to attend were: Andrew Healy, Peter Whyte, and Tim Richardson. Former presidents in at-

tendance – Hilton Young, Barry Smith, Rob Corcoran, and Tom Romans – were acknowledged.

### Resolution 1:

#### Approval of 2014 Financial Statement

Andrew Zyp reviewed the 2014 financial statement. Cash and equivalents increased by about \$8,000.00 due to reduced spending. Also, TLA membership numbers are higher than budgeted, and the adult children of members were encouraged to join.

The TLA contributed \$5,590.00 to the “Temagami Island Old Growth Trails” dock (a one-time expense). Water quality studies are, however, difficult to budget for because unexpected expenses occur.

### Resolution 2:

#### Approval of Actions Since 2014 AGM

The actions of the TLA Directors and Officers during this time frame were approved.

### Resolution 3:

#### Amendment to Quorum Requirement

TLA bylaws state that absent voting members may assign proxy votes to other voting members who are attending the AGM to achieve a quorum of 15% of voting members. It was proposed that the requirement be reduced to 10% as a precautionary move due to occasional low turnouts for the AGM. Although about 50 voting members were present (and 50 proxies received) in 2015, Peter said that 2014 AGM attendance was a “close call” as quorum was barely reached. He added that the average attendance, including attendees and proxies, is 80.

After some discussion, Peter said that legal advice would have to be sought before changing the process. The motion was then carried to maintain the 15% quorum requirement.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Archives:** Will Goodman reported that the archives collection is housed at the

train station and is time-consuming to access. The TLA wants to catalogue and digitize it – a massive task due to the collection size and difficulty of scanning larger items. The project is in its infancy, but will eventually allow people to view archive materials online. Anyone with expertise in this area should contact Peter Whyte or Peter Healy.

## Communications:

Kelly Romans Bancroft reported that the new Editor of the *Temagami Times* (as of November 2014) is Linda Bangay. The TLA hopes to improve and increase the newspaper’s content.

The TLA website has been enhanced with blog posts to drive traffic to the site. Interactive, Google-type maps and better compatibility with smart phones are being considered. Peter Healy reminded members that the late Tim Gooderham initiated the website.

## Natural Resources:

Peter Healy reported that volunteers for the TEMAGAMI AREA FISH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM had a busy spring collecting eggs. There was a 30% hatch rate, and 300,000 fry were released into Lake Temagami in 2015.

Many old-growth trails were maintained this year through an initiative headed up by Ed MacPherson. Free trail maps of Temagami Island are now available. Also, a new interpretive brochure is being designed by Dr. Peter Quinby, a forest ecologist.

## Fish and Wildlife:

Justin Metz reported that lead sinkers are being used less frequently as awareness of their fatal effects on loons is understood. Loons sometimes mistake them for pebbles, ingest them, and die of lead poisoning. An exchange program is being offered at the TLA building. Lead tackle is recycled in Kitchener, and the TLA purchases non-toxic tackle with the profits.

LOON LODGE and the TLA also pro-

vide bins for the disposal of monofilament fishing line, which is sent to a fishing-tackle manufacturer that breaks it down and produces crates for fish habitat. These are subsequently distributed to participating organizations.

## Planning:

Peter Healy said that the TLA monitors applications for variances. Jack Goodman asked about any plans that are in place should the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY moratorium on Crown-land development for lake-trout lakes (e.g., Lake Temagami) be eliminated. Peter responded that the policy is unlikely to change because Lake Temagami is a world-class lake. The “Official Plan” also places limits on development. Gerry Kluwak added that this could be monitored so swift action can be taken by the Lake community if the policy changes.

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Will Goodman reported that break and enters are down significantly from last year. Permanently marking personal property and reporting break-ins immediately to the O.P.P. are key steps. “Crime Stoppers” has also increased its rewards for information.

Councillor Dan O’Mara described the new “Lake Temagami Watch Program”. It promotes community safety and security by using “Coordinators” throughout the Lake to whom suspicious activities can be reported. Members receive decals, signs, trace pens, motion alarms, and/or motion lights as deterrents – depending on membership level. The program is also lobbying for cameras at the landings.

## Water Quality:

Peter Healy reported that water-quality testing costs about \$20,000.00/year (for equipment and wages) and has produced scientifically-sound data. There has been little change in Lake Temagami’s phosphorus levels during the four years of monitoring.

Over the past two years, about 70 samples from Lake residents’ kitchen taps have been *continued on page 21*



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# Coordinator Calls on Lake Residents to Get Behind the “Lake Temagami Watch Program”

By Dan O'Mara

The local Coordinator of the newly-formed “Lake Temagami Watch Program”, Dan O'Mara, is calling upon every resident of the Lake to get involved with this initiative. The local project is basically a “Cottage Watch Program” – a community-driven, police-supported initiative that promotes cottage community safety and security ([www.opp.ca/ecms/files/275866562.8.pdf](http://www.opp.ca/ecms/files/275866562.8.pdf)). It was formed last year to help address the rising number of break-ins on the Lake, and its objectives are two-fold: to set up a system of monitoring the Lake for suspicious activity; and, to support Lake residents in becoming better equipped to protect their own properties. The TLA, members of the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION, and the LAKE TEMAGAMI PERMANENT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION are actively working to have the program fully up and running by this fall.

Now is the time to get behind this program and not wait until the number of cottage break-ins start to increase again!! Just one year ago, a meeting room was filled to capacity with residents expressing their concerns about crime rates on the Lake and asking what could be done about it. Here is a chance to be proactive and get involved with a program that works.

By indicating that you are part of this program, you can show those thinking of committing acts of crime in your area that the community is prepared to deal with the problem to the fullest extent of the law. The “Lake Temagami Watch Program” has set up a communication network through both e-mail and a private Facebook site to keep its members up to date on what is happening on the Lake, and to help them better respond when issues do arise.

So far, the Temagami group has close to 80 members, along with about 25 volunteers who have agreed to be-

come designated “Lake Area Coordinators”. The group is encouraging all members to become more security-minded and to take steps to secure and protect their properties. To this end, the “Lake Temagami Watch Program” is promoting the use of a “trace pen”. When applied to an object, this anti-theft device leaves an ink mark which can only be seen using a black light. Beyond simply marking property, the ink in each pen contains tiny plastic discs that are etched with a unique pin number. The number is registered online along with a listing of the items marked, and can include other information such as pictures and serial numbers. The ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE has endorsed this product.

In addition to the “trace pen”, the “Lake Temagami Watch Program” offers signs and window decals which will inform others that a property owner is an active member of the program. Promoting the use of other anti-theft items (e.g., motion alarms, motion lights), encouraging property checks, and asking everyone to keep an eye open to what is going in their respective Lake areas is also being encouraged by the program.

Get involved and become a program member by: becoming knowledgeable on what the program is about; filling out a membership application; taking the necessary precautions to protect your property; displaying a sign to indicate that you are an active member; keeping an eye open for suspicious activity when you are on the Lake; and/or, becoming a “Lake Area Coordinator”.

For further information or to become a member, please refer to the program website at: [www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/160](http://www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/160). You may also contact Dan O'Mara at 705-237-8460 or at [danomar@ontera.net](mailto:danomar@ontera.net). The “Lake Temagami Watch Program” feels that together we can make a difference!!

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## SENIORS HOUSING UPDATE

The Affordable Housing for Seniors Committee recommended to Council, in their initial report, that the Municipality submit an application for SEED funding. This Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation program would provide funding to study the feasibility of an affordable housing for seniors project in the Municipality of Temagami.

In August, the Municipality was approved for funding of up to \$20,000. This consists of a \$10,000 grant and a \$10,000 interest free loan.

Now that the funding has been approved, the Committee will meet again soon, to prepare additional recommendations with regard to moving forward on the study. If the project is found to be feasible, the Municipality will proceed with a business plan for it, to prepare us to take advantage of future funding opportunities.

## FIRE PUMP SUBSIDY

As a result of a Lake Temagami Fire Protection study and report, Council selected the option of providing a Fire Pump Subsidy. This will enhance the ability of landowners to respond to fires on their property in limited fire service areas of the Municipality.

The subsidy program approved in 2014 was to provide a subsidy of up to \$400 for an approved pump design and set up for up to 50 properties that do not have fire suppression services available. This program was advertised in the later summer and fall of 2014, with applications due by early November. The municipality received and approved 35 applications for pumps, to be purchased and reimbursed by the end of 2015.

In June of this year, Council decided to reopen this program for a further year or until the goal of reaching 50 new pumps is achieved. For further details, or to obtain an application package, please contact the Municipal Office.

## SUMMER EVENTS

Temagami was an exciting place to be this summer, with new events taking place in addition to the ever-popular ones. We thank all those who worked hard to make these events possible.

Council was pleased to extend municipal support for the new Temagami Deep-water Music Festival and Temagami Canoe Festival, hosted by the Temagami Artistic Collective, which ran concurrently July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. These events were well received and well attended.

The Municipality also continued to support the Temagami Community Market, which ran each Saturday throughout the summer, the Temagami Chamber of Commerce's Blueberry Festival on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Aboriginal Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mar-

ten River Fire Hall was also a popular place for fun as the Volunteer Firefighters Association put on their traditional Pancake Breakfast on June 28<sup>th</sup> and Pork BBQ on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Municipality's own event of the summer, the annual Canada Day Celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup> was again an enjoyable event, culminating in a fantastic fireworks display.

We are grateful to the many volunteers, from the local community groups, service clubs and the municipal parks and recreation volunteers, who donate their time and talents to contribute to the success of these events. We also appreciate the hard work and dedication that our municipal staff contribute to help make these events successful. We hope that our residents and visitors enjoyed these wonderful events this summer and are already planning to come and participate again next year.

## MUNICIPAL AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to Bettina Schuller, recipient of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of her contributions to the children's Art Camp as one of the co-founders and its leader for the first 10 years.



The 2015 Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon the late Tim Gooderham, for a number of significant contributions to Temagami over his lifetime.

The Citizen of the Year Award was not awarded in 2015, as these awards are decided based upon nominations received, and no nominations were received in this category.

For more details on these awards and this year's recipients, please see the longer article in this edition of the Temagami Times.

We thank those who submitted nominations this year and encourage people to consider nominating deserving individuals or groups for the 2016 awards. For details on how to submit a nomination or nominations, please visit our website at [www.temagami.ca/awards](http://www.temagami.ca/awards) or contact the Municipal Office.



## ATV BY-LAW UPDATE

New provincial legislation came into effect on July 1, 2015, to update the Highway Traffic Act. It now allows two-up all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on permitted provincial highways, and on municip-

pal roads where municipal by-laws permit their use.

The announcement of this change was gladly received by the Municipality. In 2012 Council joined with other Northern Ontario Municipalities to request that the provincial government allow us to pass, use and enforce local bylaws, which would allow citizens the right to use ATVs and UTVs carrying 2 passengers on our local streets, in order to access bush trails.

Once the new provincial legislation came into effect, the Municipality replaced the former by-law allowing only ATVs with a new By-law 15-1257 to allow all of these vehicles to use municipal roads. Please visit our website, or check with the Municipal Office for details.

## MEETING RE NUISANCE BEARS

In recent years, the Municipality has experienced increasing problems with nuisance bears. A growing population of bears in the area, along with decreased natural food supply due to weather conditions has caused a higher prevalence of bears. Hungry bears are straying into urban and residential areas. They are particularly prevalent at our landfill sites and in the Temagami North townsite.

In July, the Municipality hosted a joint meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to discuss the problem and how to address it.

The MNR advised the Municipality that it is each resident's responsibility to eliminate those things that attract bears to their property. If a bear finds an abundant and easily accessible food source, it will keep coming back. The MNR provided a flyer with bear wise tips which the Municipality sent out with the tax bills. The MOECC provided tips on deterring bears from landfill sites. The Municipality has created an information page on our website at [www.temagami.ca/bears](http://www.temagami.ca/bears).

Residents should be aware of and follow the bear wise tips.



In the event of a human/bear encounter or of bear sightings in populated areas, we encourage people to take the following measures:

- If there is an immediate threat to life, call 9-1-1 and the OPP will respond.
- If a bear is seen in a residential area, report it to the MNR through the bear hotline at 1-866-514-2327. The MNR needs people to report each time a bear is sighted so that they can have more accurate statistics on human/bear encounters.
- If a bear is seen in a residential area, you can also report it through MPP John Vanthoff's website [northernbearreport.com](http://northernbearreport.com) (you can also upload pictures).

**TRANSCANADA PIPELINE**

Back in March of 2014, many of the Mayors in the Temiskaming area expressed their official support of the Energy East project. Temagami's Council determined to research the matter further before making such a decision. The research included referring the matter to the Protection to Persons and Property Advisory Committee to identify specific areas of concern.

Following the committee's report to Council, there was correspondence between the Municipality and TransCanada, culminating in a presentation by TransCanada to Temagami's Council at a special meeting in March 2015. In April, Council deferred a motion of support for the project until June 2015 to allow for Council to first hold a town hall meeting to obtain public input on the matter.

Significant input was received, both against and in favour of the proposed project, which Council considered in making their final decision. The majority vote of Council was to give conditional support to the project. The conditions include that TransCanada will take every reasonable precaution to protect Temagami's water crossings and source water as indicated in their presentation.

Council also applied for Commenter status with the National Energy Board regarding the Energy East project. This would provide additional opportunity for input into the regulation of the project as it progresses.

The Temagami Lakes Association invited the Municipality to submit an article for the Temagami Times explaining the reasons that Council supported TransCanada's Energy East Pipeline initiative. Please see that article elsewhere in this edition of the Times.

**COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FEEDBACK**

Committees are one of the means that Council uses to obtain input on policy decisions. Municipalities are permitted by provincial legislation to decide on the type of committee structure that works best for their community. The current committee structure has been in place, largely unchanged, for over a decade, so Council undertook a review to determine if changes are warranted.

Following two special meetings of Council, sitting as a committee of the whole to discuss the matter, Council scheduled two public meetings to obtain input on the preliminary recommendations. These included changing the number of Councillors appointed to some of the committees and changing the nature of the Parks and Recreation Committee from an Advisory Committee to a service committee.

We thank those who provided input. Council plans to hold one more meeting in September, sitting as a committee to finalize recommendations following public feedback. After this committee review is completed, Council will update the Terms of Reference for Committees and will then commence a review of the Municipality's Procedure By-law.

Members of the Public are encouraged to consider sitting on the following

Standing Advisory Committees: Public Works and Water, Protection to Persons and Property, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, and Planning. Most meet once a month. If there is one that interests you, we encourage you to send an expression of interest to [clerk@temagami.ca](mailto:clerk@temagami.ca).

**TRAIN STATION SURVEY**

The Temagami train station is a focal point in the community for both residents and visitors. For many years, however, it has been too expensive to keep it open year round due to heating costs. Even with closing it from November to May, the Municipality's costs for heat, hydro and maintenance for this building have been almost \$10,000 annually. The Municipality recently has received grants from FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to do renovations in 2015 that will make it feasible to keep the building open year round.

With this extended occupancy in mind, Council committed to a public consultation process to determine the mindset concerning this building. In the late summer, a survey was put out, in paper form and online, to ask public opinion on whether the Municipality should sell the building, use it for non-profit purposes (subsidized or not), or lease it for market rent to a business or businesses. Additional comments on the best uses of the station were also solicited.

After the survey closes in October, staff will compile and summarize the responses

in a report to Council. Council may also hold a public meeting for further discussion. We thank all those who have participated in the survey, and who will share their opinions on this building throughout the process. For further information, please contact the Municipal Office.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Steering committee was formed in January to explore how such a plan could benefit Temagami and to make recommendations to Council on implementing a CIP that could help encourage needed development.

Earlier this year, the committee met regularly and in early June proposed a focus area to Council. Council adopted the recommended Community Improvement Area boundaries, which basically encompass Temagami's downtown core. Once crafted and adopted by Council, a CIP will provide the Municipality with opportunities to initiate incentives to encourage a diverse and prosperous downtown area.

Over the summer, the CIP Committee work has encountered a temporary slowdown due to the busy summer schedules of committee members along with municipal staff vacancies in positions that were tasked with working on this plan. We look forward to continued progress on this project in the future.

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**It's Fire Prevention Week  
Hear the Beep Where you Sleep!**

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2015. The Temagami fire department is encouraging everyone to hear the beep where you sleep and install a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

"Many fatal fires occur at night when everyone is asleep, so early warning is crucial to survival," says Chief Sanderson. "The Ontario Fire Code requires working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, our fire department is recommending that you also install a smoke alarm in every bedroom."

The best protection will be provided by inter-connected smoke alarms. The alarm closest to the fire will sense the smoke, triggering all of the alarms throughout the home. For easy installation, wireless interconnected smoke alarms are now available.

Smoke alarms are required to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer. This is usually ten years. When replacing interconnected smoke alarms, it is advisable to replace all units in the system at the same time. If a single malfunctioning alarm needs to be replaced, make sure the new alarm is compatible with the existing units.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit ([www.temagami.ca/FireSafety](http://www.temagami.ca/FireSafety)) or OFMEM website at [www.ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://www.ontario.ca/firemarshal).

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The primary responsibility for fire safety belongs to homeowners themselves. Smoke alarms can help you to get out of a burning building sooner, but it is much better to take precautions to prevent fires in the first place. Fire prevention is always important, and even more so in areas with a delayed fire response or that do not have fire suppression services due to their location.

In the areas of Temagami where fire suppression service can be provided, people still need to keep in mind that it is provided by **volunteer firefighters**. This means that, even in the best of circumstances, additional time is required to activate volunteers who first have to get to the fire hall before initiating a response; and the level of response provided will depend on the number of volunteers available at any given time.

So be proactive and learn what you can do to keep yourself, your family, and your property safe from fire. It is also important to have a fire escape plan, so you know how to get out quickly. Visit the websites listed above or contact your local fire department for tips.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, or simply assisting with fire education and prevention, we would love to hear from you. Please contact your local Fire Chief or the Municipal Office.

# The Monetary Value of Water Quality

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

The TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION spends thousands of dollars annually to acquire water-quality data. The TLA's monitoring system involves gathering and scientifically archiving robust and credible data about the health of the Lake on an annual basis. Between hiring university students, and paying for the lab analysis of samples, gas to travel around the lake, and the necessary equipment and instruments, it is not an inexpensive endeavour. The TLA knows, however, that water quality is important to its members and is an important part of the Temagami experience.

To many, the question of lake-water quality is an ecological, emotional, aesthetic, and/or sentimental one. Two economists, however, recently completed an analysis of lakes in Ontario's "Near North" and asked the question: "What is the monetary value of a cleaner lake?"

They reviewed several studies that investigated water quality and real-estate values in Florida, Maine, Maryland, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New Hampshire. The studies spanned as many as four to six years and dozens of lakes, and also examined corresponding real-estate data. The overall result was this: "The studies, above all, point to the positive effect of water quality on property values."

But what about lake-water quality and cottage real-estate values in Ontario? The authors studied 253 cottage, real-estate transactions from 74 different lakes in the Huntsville North area, the Almaguin Highlands, and the District of Parry Sound. They acquired data on the water quality of these lakes from the Province's "Lake Partner Program" (an initiative in which the TLA also participates and submits data annually).

Water clarity is estimated by lowering a black-and-white Secchi disk into the water and recording the depth after which the disk can no longer be seen. The clearer the water, the greater the depth at which you can see the disk. Clearer water has fewer nutrients and less algae growth. For the lakes studied, the average Secchi disk depth was 3.85 metres – ranging from a low of 1.2 metres to a high of 9.4 metres.

The economists also considered other factors that influence real-estate value, such as: cottage size in square feet; number of bedrooms; number of feet of waterfront; relative size of the lake; and, whether or not the cottage faces west (presumably for sunset-enjoyment value). Not surprisingly, the size of the cottage, amount of waterfront, and having a westerly view were all positively correlated to real-estate value.

A statistical analysis also revealed a significant relationship between water quality (as estimated by the Secchi depth) and the price of a cottage. "A one-unit (one-metre) increase in Secchi depth increases sale price by about 6.5%. This translates into about a 2.0% increase for each one-foot increase in Secchi depth."

The authors concluded: "Our results indicate that water clarity does, in fact, matter to lakeside homeowners. They are willing to pay more for a clearer lake."

How do these results relate to Temagami's water? Readers of the *Temagami Times* are well acquainted with the exceptionally-clear water in Lake Temagami. In 2013, the TLA's water-sampling program indicated that the mean Secchi depth was 6.7 metres, and ranged from a minimum of 5.2 metres to a maximum of 8.7 metres. The 2014 average, spring reading was 6.8 metres, while summer Secchi depths averaged 7.4 metres. In addition, the average, spring 2015 Secchi-disk reading was 6.5 metres, while summer depths averaged 6.9 metres. Thus, Temagami's water is considerably clearer than most of the lakes studied (which had an average Secchi depth of only 3.85 metres).

There are, of course, many variables that influence the real-estate value of a cottage; but, this new study indicates that Ontario's waterfront cottage values are positively related to the clarity and quality of the associated water body. Some might say that real-estate values are meaningless compared to the aesthetic and ecological benefits of clear, clean lakes. Others, though, might be interested in these findings as they represent just one more reason why continuing to monitor water quality is an important TLA function and responsibility.

This article is based on the following original study: Clapper, Julia and Caudill, Steven B. (2014) *Water Quality and Cottage Prices in Ontario*. *Applied Economics*, 46:10, 1122-1126. (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2013.851778>)



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## TLA Students Clear and Maintain OLD-GROWTH TRAILS

By Eric R. Goodman

Over the course of the summer, my co-worker Anthony and I were lucky enough to be assigned to work on the "White Bear Forest" trails near Town and on the old-growth trails on Temagami Island. It was our honour to help maintain these trails with many other committed people from the FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI. These important pieces of Temagami culture and history are well worth the effort of clearing fallen trees and clipping encroaching underbrush.

When Anthony and I first arrived at the "Temagami Island Old Growth Trails" landing site, we had to clear away a massive fallen cedar. It had completely cut off access to the entire right half of the dock and needed immediate removal. It was a poor sign, and proved portentous. The rest of the trails that we walked along were similarly blocked, overgrown, or both, and we spent hours working with our bow saws, hatchets, and clippers (and later enlisted the help of Ed MacPherson for his skill with a chainsaw). By the end of our endeavour, we could proudly walk the entire length of the trails without having to push through, or jump over, any of the previous obstructions. It was a job well done, and we hope that future hikers will appreciate our efforts. We also took the time to clean and clear up the campsites near the access dock by trimming back hemlocks and alders.

Our second trail-clearing venture was on the "White Bear Forest" trails just outside of the Town of Temagami. These trails are already quite well-maintained,

but we relished the chance to do some decent clearing near the parking lot and other minor work around the main trails. It was also the first trip to the fire tower for both Anthony and I. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a grey, damp day with minimal visibility. Our circuit of the trails was great, however, despite a little muskeg in a low spot. They were not too rigorous to trek, and much of the surrounding landscape was covered in beautiful, old-growth trees and exposed rock faces.

Later in the season, Anthony and I assisted the FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI with the removal of brush from the sides of an access-road hiking trail (beyond the "White Bear Forest" trails). Five people took part in this endeavour – including two who used gasoline-powered weed-whackers with saw-blade attachments. This duo stayed twenty or thirty metres ahead, and took out the larger saplings and denser brush, while the rest of us picked up their clippings and did other detail work. We continued on in this manner for several kilometres and developed a great rhythm. When we reached the end of the trail, we had the chance to look around and appreciate the young birch forest.

It was a joy to experience all of Temagami's trails, and an even greater joy to contribute to their care. The only negative aspect to this was that we worked on the trails in mid-June – known to anyone who has been in the area at that time of year as (inescapable) mosquito season. I look forward to seeing all of you out on the trails again next year.

## Installing the "OLD GROWTH TRAILS" Information Kiosk On Temagami Island

On August 13, 2015, the information kiosk was installed at the entrance to the "Old Growth Trails" on Temagami Island. The kiosk will contain a large aerial photograph of the trails, and eventually personal maps and interpretive booklets will be available in 2016.

The kiosk was constructed by Ed Macpherson and Cathy Dwyer, with funds provided by the "Old Growth Trails Partnership" – which includes the TLA. The installation crew included Cathy Dwyer (TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION), Aidan Calverley, Anthony Van Vlymen (TLA), and Ed MacPherson (FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI).



## 2015 Season Activity Report

By Ike Laba

The 2015 "Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program" (TAFIP) season began with some erratic weather patterns, which made collection of Walleye eggs difficult. Although we collected fewer eggs this year than in 2014, it was still a success.

Approximately 90,000 Walleye fry were returned to the Cassells Lake and Rabbit Lake spawning areas. In addition, 1,000 fingerlings were added to Net, Cassells, Rabbit, and Snake Lakes. Lake Temagami also received 300,000 fry, and 1,000 fingerlings were added to various areas.

A major concern for the TAFIP at this time is the heavy workload which is divided among only a small number of people. Although there are over 20 members, few are committed to the full program. There is a strong possibility that the TAFIP may fold if there isn't more help in the near future.

One option is to divide the program into segments and assign a working group to each specific task (e.g., gathering and fertilizing eggs; monitoring hatchery operations; maintaining ponds, feeding fish, and ensuring optimal water levels; depositing fry into lakes and ponds; maintaining areas around ponds through brush control; completing paperwork – such as applications for licences, final reports).

Assistance is, however, required in many aspects of the program, as follows:

### Prior to the Start of Hatchery Operations:

- completing applications for various hatchery licences and funding sources
- repairing equipment (e.g., nets)
- ensuring supplies are available and in place

### Egg Collection:

- setting nets to capture spawning Walleye
- fertilizing eggs
- ensuring high quality of the egg collection

### Hatchery:

- cleaning and sterilizing hatchery facilities prior to use
- connecting the water system within the hatchery
- regularly maintaining the hatchery facilities and monitoring water quality, temperature, etc.
- monitoring Walleye eggs for disease and mortality on an ongoing basis
- monitoring the hatching of eggs for mortality
- depositing some fry into four ponds operated by the TAFIP

### Ponds:

- draining and cleaning of ponds (including weed control and the maintenance of water levels)
- securing the outflow areas of ponds
- working on existing water-holding areas
- monitoring insect and animal control within the ponds
- feeding of ponds at regular intervals
- transferring the fry to their original spawning lakes
- ensuring all maintenance is done and that ponds are ready for the next year

### Final Requirements:

- Submit all mandatory reports to the Ministry of NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY after completion.

If anyone is interested in working with the TEMAGAMI FISH HATCHERY on developing various working groups, please contact President Wayne Adair at: 705-569-3319. Also, if you wish to support the hatchery financially, please send your contribution to:

Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program  
P.O. Box 88, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0



Walleye Fry on Their Way to the Lake Temagami Hub (photo by Ike Laba)



Kokoko Bear  
(photo by Krista Lariviere – July 2015)

## "Nuisance" Bears

By Peter Healy

I know this short piece should be called "nuisance" people; however, the fact is that bears and people really don't get along very well – especially when bears are hungry and foraging for food. This was very true this summer as numerous calls were received for advice on what to do regarding human-bear conflicts.

Unless the situation is life-threatening, the O.P.P. advises people to call the "Bear Wise Reporting Line" at 1-866-514-2327 (April 1 to November 30) for help. We will include this number on the

first page of next year's "TLA Membership Directory".

Further information on how to prevent – or report – an encounter with a black bear can be found on the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY "Bear Wise" website link at: [www.ontario.ca/page/report-bear-problem-bear-wise](http://www.ontario.ca/page/report-bear-problem-bear-wise).

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# Temagami Lions Club Summer 2015 Activity Update

By Lion Paul Middleton, Communications

## INCOMING LIONS CLUB EXECUTIVE (2015-2016):

At our last meeting in May, the following Lions were elected/re-elected, as the 2015-2016 Executive:

- President – Ike Laba;
- Secretary – Bill Howell;
- Treasurer – Brian Koski;
- 1st Vice-President – Sally Middleton;
- 2nd Vice-President – Jane Dougall;
- 3rd Vice-President – Ann Farquhar.



Communication can be made through any of these Lions. President Ike Laba is, however, the primary contact person and can be reached at: 705-569-3252.

## FLEA MARKET SUCCESS:

The annual LIONS CLUB “Flea Market” was held once again this year on Saturday July 4 and Sunday July 5 under the Pavilion patio at the lakefront. (Another “thank you” is extended to Dean Pearson.) Although this was a departure from the Canada Day celebrations on Wednesday July 1st, it did work out well with the other activities that took place in Town at the COMMUNITY MARKET and the ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH BAZAAR on this same week-end.

The flea market event is becoming one of our best fundraising projects during the year, and is anticipated by many folks in the community ... in fact, some people have been known to buy back things they donated in previous years – “recycling in action”, for sure! Thanks to all who donated items to the market over this last year.

## GRANTS HOME HARDWARE – SIDEWALK SALE AND BBQ:

We were pleased to once again hold a BBQ lunch-time service at the downtown, sidewalk, sale event (on July 24 and 25). The raffle draw for the outdoor fireplace was won by Tom Evans of Temagami. This item was donated by the HOME HARDWARE folks and was much appreciated. (Thanks Al!) Although we were “rained out” on the second day, many people enjoyed our offerings of hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, and sausages on buns with all the fixings.

## FOOD BANK SUPPORT IS ALWAYS WELCOMED:

When people on the Lake are shutting down their cottages, please remember the local food bank. Donations of leftover, non-perishable items are appreciated (and are sometimes exotic and fun to receive).

If you know of anyone requiring assistance from the food bank, please contact the Coordinator – Lion Paul Middleton – at 705-569-2586. It should also be noted that we coordinate our activities with the BEAR ISLAND FOOD BANK.

## STUDENT BURSARIES:

We were again pleased to distribute several \$500.00 bursaries to graduating high-school students from Temagami who attended TIMISKAMING DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL (in New Liskeard) and ST. JOSEPH-SCOLLARD HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL (in North Bay). All of these students are moving on to higher education at universities or community colleges – in fields of study as diverse as nursing and engineering. We wish them all the best in their studies and are sure that their dedicated, community volunteerism back in Temagami will help them succeed in life.

## NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME:

The TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB is the mainstay service club in Temagami, and we work tirelessly to support and improve the community in many ways. In fact, the INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB motto for this next year is: “We Serve – Bringing Dignity to Others Through Humanitarian Service”. Our numbers are dwindling,

If you are reading this edition of the *Temagami Times* and both enjoy it and find it a valuable community resource, please consider supporting its continued publication through a membership in the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION.



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**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### SUPPLEMENTARY OPTIONS AND SERVICES

#### Contribution to the “Tenets for Temagami” Defense Fund

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**VHF Marine Radio Service Contribution** (minimum \$45 for radio service users) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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however, and new members – men or women – are always welcome. Regular meetings, with a hot dinner, are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (except in June, July, and August). If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact President Ike Laba.

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## UPCOMING LIONS CLUB EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- **Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner:** Sunday November 29, 2015 – upstairs hall of the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY CENTRE (If you know anyone who is 60 years-of-age or older, contact Lion Sally Middleton at 705-569-2586.)
- **Annual Men’s Hockey Tournament:** January 29-31, 2016 – at the COMMUNITY CENTRE ARENA

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## TLA Board of Directors Update

Allan Eustis was recently acclaimed to the TLA Board of Directors and began serving his first three-year term on September 1, 2015. Allan is the part owner of Island 1076 and, for a number of years, has been providing the TLA with spring break-up satellite images through his work with the N.O.A.A. (NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION) in Washington, D.C.

At the conclusion of the nomination period that ended on May 1, 2015, TLA Directors Will Goodman (Island 352) and Tim Richardson (Island 795) were also nominated and acclaimed to the Board of Directors. They will each serve a second, three-year term on the Board.

Andrew Healy (Island 981) concluded his second, three-year term as a Board member in August 2015. During his two terms, he made significant contributions to the Board and its activities – including serving as President. Andrew is thanked for generously volunteering his time and energy to serve the Lake community in this capacity.

## Welcoming New TLA Members in 2015

Lake residents (and others) are responding to the efforts of the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION in contributing to, and preserving, the quality of the Temagami experience through membership renewals and new member applications.

These are positive signs that our many initiatives on behalf of all residents – including those with respect to lake-water quality – do make a difference.

### The TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members for 2015.

NAME	ISLAND #
Krista Lariviere	1044
Chloe Zyp	1044
Marco Zyp	1044
Henry Scott White	1066
Samantha White	1066
Jeff Hendrickson	1082
Caroline Martz	718
Catherine Martz	718
Howard Barneby	supporting member
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## Highlights of the 2015 TLA “Annual General Meeting”

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analyzed. Results were usually unsatisfactory if the source was untreated surface water. Another cause of contamination is old plumbing pipes. UV-light purifiers can remove many of these contaminants.

### TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS):

Gerry Kluwak stated that TERAS is hoping to be in a position to issue tax receipts for donations from Canadians in the near future, and is looking forward to raising funds to embark on new initiatives.

### Questions and Answers:

Topics of discussion included:

- spiny water fleas (an invasive species)
- how far north Lyme-disease-carrying ticks have reached
- whether or not there should be fees for non-tax-payers who leave vehicles at the public landings
- the TLA's stance on the “Energy East” pipeline proposal (including an online survey of members, where respondents indicated by a 2-1 margin that they believed the Board should publicly oppose the project)

### Other Business:

- ✓ Peter Healy announced that the newest TLA Director is Allan Eustis of Island 1076.
- ✓ Phyllis Drake thanked the Board for its hard work.
- ✓ Peter expressed gratitude to Dick Lewis and CAMP WABUN for hosting the AGM. He also recognized Gerry Kluwak for assuming the TLA presidency and presented him with the traditional gavel plaque.
- ✓ Everyone was invited to partake in a barbecue and corn roast prepared by WABUN's Head Chef, Rick Moore, and his loyal staff.

## TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Charts Busy Summer to Further Programs

*By Vince Hovenac*

While Temagami summers invariably bring many pleasant experiences, memories, and even challenges to everyone in the area, they are especially active and important for the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (TCF) as of way of reaching out to the community at large.

Starting in early July, the always-popular “Art Camp” welcomed more than 50 kids and 15 volunteers from the Town, Bear Island, and the Lake. TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION (TFN) provided twice-daily snacks and regular trips across the Lake, as well as use of the recreation centre and elders' building (as the school wasn't available due to repairs). As Director Patsy Turner summarized, “There was a nice group of kids, some beautiful and creative art projects, and an overall great week.”

At our annual community gathering at DEEPWATER LODGE in August, we were proud to welcome Victoria Grant, co-founder of the TCF and recently-appointed Chair of the Board of COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA (CFC). This organization supports the community-foundation model all across Canada and helps its member organizations through grants from an asset base of \$3.5 billion. Vicki spoke about: her own roots in Temagami; how the TCF was the first community foundation to create a partnership between aboriginal, permanent, and seasonal residents; and, how her experience motivated her to take a leadership role at the national level. She then introduced Ian Bird, President and CEO of CFC, who reminded us of the importance of staying connected, listening, and sharing goals and aspirations – as this is what fosters long-term, healthy communities.

The event was well-attended, and guests enjoyed homemade appetizers and desserts, and a silent auction with donations of hand-crafted jewelry, homemade jams and jellies, fresh lake trout, and a number of lovely works by local artists.

Near the end of August, the winning ticket for the TCF's annual raffle – two paddle boards valued at \$3,500.00 – was held by Jeff Smith of Listowel, Ontario (and whose family cottage is on Caribou Lake). As his wife Dawn exclaimed, “I was so happy to be donating to the foundation as my daughters have all attended “Art Camp”, and I wanted to give back.”

The raffle raised \$12,000.00, with proceeds being used to help the TCF manage its community projects. This year, for example, TCF grants have included \$500.00 for the TFN “Pow Wow”, \$350.00 for “National Aboriginal Day”, and \$1,586.00 for the music and canoe festivals in Temagami.

At the same time, the “Old-Growth Trails Project”, which the TCF has spearheaded with several other local groups, produced 7,000 full-colour guides for Temagami Island and the “White Bear Forest”, cleared trails at both locations, added new hiking signs, and installed information kiosks. Later this fall, all-weather, laminated “Where You Are” signs will be available at all trail junctions.

After the summer of 2015, the TCF looks forward to another busy year of community activities. As always, community support – whether it is through ideas, time, or financial assistance – is essential and appreciated.





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## Temagami Honours OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

By Elaine Gunnell

The MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI recently honoured two of its deserving citizens for their contributions to Temagami's quality of life. Bettina Schuller was the recipient of the "2015 Lifetime Achievement Award", and Tim Gooderham (who passed away in March 2015) was recognized with the "2015 Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award". Mayor Hunter presented the awards on behalf of Council at the August 27th Council meeting and cited the reasons that these individuals were nominated for these honours.

Bettina Schuller, a seasonal resident on Lake Temagami, was a co-founder of Temagami's "Art Camp" for children and was the Camp Director for the first 10 years, until 2012. Her living legacy endures as the week-long, day camp (now in its 13th year) continues to provide an enjoyable learning experience for about 50 children between the ages of 6 and 12.

The camp is sponsored by the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION and run by volunteers who are full-time and seasonal residents from the communities of Temagami and Bear Island. Camp activities include painting, crafts, dancing, storytelling, theatre, and music – through which the children learn about their neighbours, their history, and about living together and sharing this special area known as Temagami.

Bettina is deserving of this award because she has contributed to wonderful, lifetime memories for hundreds of children. Due to other commitments, Bettina's time in Temagami was limited this year, and she was unable to be here to accept the award in person. Vicki Blake accepted the award on her behalf and told Council how thrilled Bettina had been when she was informed of it.

Tim Gooderham spent his childhood summers at his family's island on Lake Temagami and started his career with the RCAF doing search-and-rescue work in Canada's Far North. He then settled into family life in North Bay as a high-school teacher. He reconnected with his Temagami roots and was elected a TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION Director in 1977, serving as President until 1979. He was then appointed as the TLA's first Executive Secretary – a position he held until 2003.

Tim was a superb communicator and

spent not hundreds, but thousands, of hours attending meetings. Some of his work with groups, boards, and committees included being a member of the former TEMAGAMI PLANNING BOARD and the TEMAGAMI AREA WORKING GROUP (struck in 1987 to find compromises on controversial, wilderness issues). He was a founding member of the FRIENDS OF TEMAGAMI, as well. Tim was also elected as the inaugural president of the TEMAGAMI CO-OPERATIVE grocery store. He co-spearheaded a successful TEMAGAMI AREA FISH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (TAFIP) membership drive in 1997. Following amalgamation in 1998, he attended the "committee of the whole" and Council meetings.

Through a succession of boats he lived aboard during the summer, Tim tended to medical emergencies and stranded boaters, ferried government dignitaries, and assisted with fire suppression. Tim also launched a recycling program on the Lake in 1991, and after amalgamation was a dedicated Lake salesman of the new "Official Plan" – which was being prepared to fit the enlarged municipality. Tim's daughter, Meg Gooderham, was honoured to accept the award on behalf of her father.

These honours are part of Temagami's "Municipal Awards Program", which began in 2014. Council instituted them as a formal means of recognizing those who truly make a difference, or have made a difference, for the benefit of this community. The awards recognize those who have made a profound impact for good on the quality of life in Temagami – through volunteer service and/or by going above and beyond that which is normally required in the course of their vocations, careers, businesses, or public offices.

There are three categories in which these awards may be given: "Citizen of the Year", "Lifetime Achievement", and "Posthumous Lifetime Achievement". Council's decision is based upon consideration of the nominations received. In 2014, for example, Council recognized Ike Laba as "Citizen of the Year" and awarded the "Lifetime Achievement" award to Wayne Adair.

We encourage people to submit nominations for 2016. For more details about the program, please visit:

[www.temagami.ca/awards](http://www.temagami.ca/awards).



Left to right: Paul (grandson of "2015 Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award" recipient, Tim Gooderham), Meg Gooderham (Tim Gooderham's daughter), Mayor Lorie Hunter, and Vicki Blake (accepting for "2015 Lifetime Achievement Award" recipient, Bettina Schuller)



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## Cottage Safety and Crime Prevention

One of the biggest issues of concern in the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI is the number of cottage break-and-enters and thefts that occur each year. The Temiskaming Detachment of the ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (O.P.P.) would like to remind the public that these are serious concerns impacting the police, cottagers, cottagers' associations, and insurance companies.

The Temiskaming and Temagami Detachments of the O.P.P. are working actively with the TLA in the context of the "Cottage Watch Program" – an initiative promoting cottage community safety and security. Accordingly, all suspicious matters should be reported to police and include as much information as possible (e.g., physical descriptions of the persons involved; vehicle descriptions; licence plate numbers; island numbers; and, any other pertinent details). In addition, in each instance it is helpful to note the area where a suspect was last seen and the direction in which s/he was heading.

### Operation Identification:

Thieves prefer to target easy-to-carry items so that it doesn't hinder their movements. Safeguard your property by making your mark! The O.P.P.'s "Operation Identification" urges you to mark or etch your valuables with an identifying number in a highly-visible spot. Property that is engraved is considered "damaged goods"

to criminals. Also, record the serial numbers of all your electronic devices, tools, generators, etc., and keep this information in a secure area as the numbers can assist in investigations. Effective lighting, quality doors/locks, and other security measures should be utilized, as well.

Remember to assure your safety at all times. Contact police immediately upon discovering a break-in, damage, or theft, and do not tamper with the crime scene as valuable evidence may be lost.

### Focused Patrol:

The Temiskaming Detachment has begun a proactive and innovative service delivery called "Focused Patrol", where we maximize our resources by having police officers in locations where the need is the greatest. Thus, there is an increased police presence offered in areas with high crime rates or where a larger volume of calls for service is experienced.

The O.P.P. is on patrol utilizing all modes of travel including bicycles, motor vehicles, snow vehicles, off-road vehicles, and foot patrols – depending on what is required. Our goal is to ensure that the right resources are in the right places (at the right times) to prevent crime and increase police efficiency. Over time, this will, ideally, reduce calls for service and victimization.

### Distracted Driving:

"Distracted driving" refers to all forms of inattentive driving (e.g., adjusting a vehicle's stereo system or GPS unit; eating and drinking; using a hand-held cell phone;

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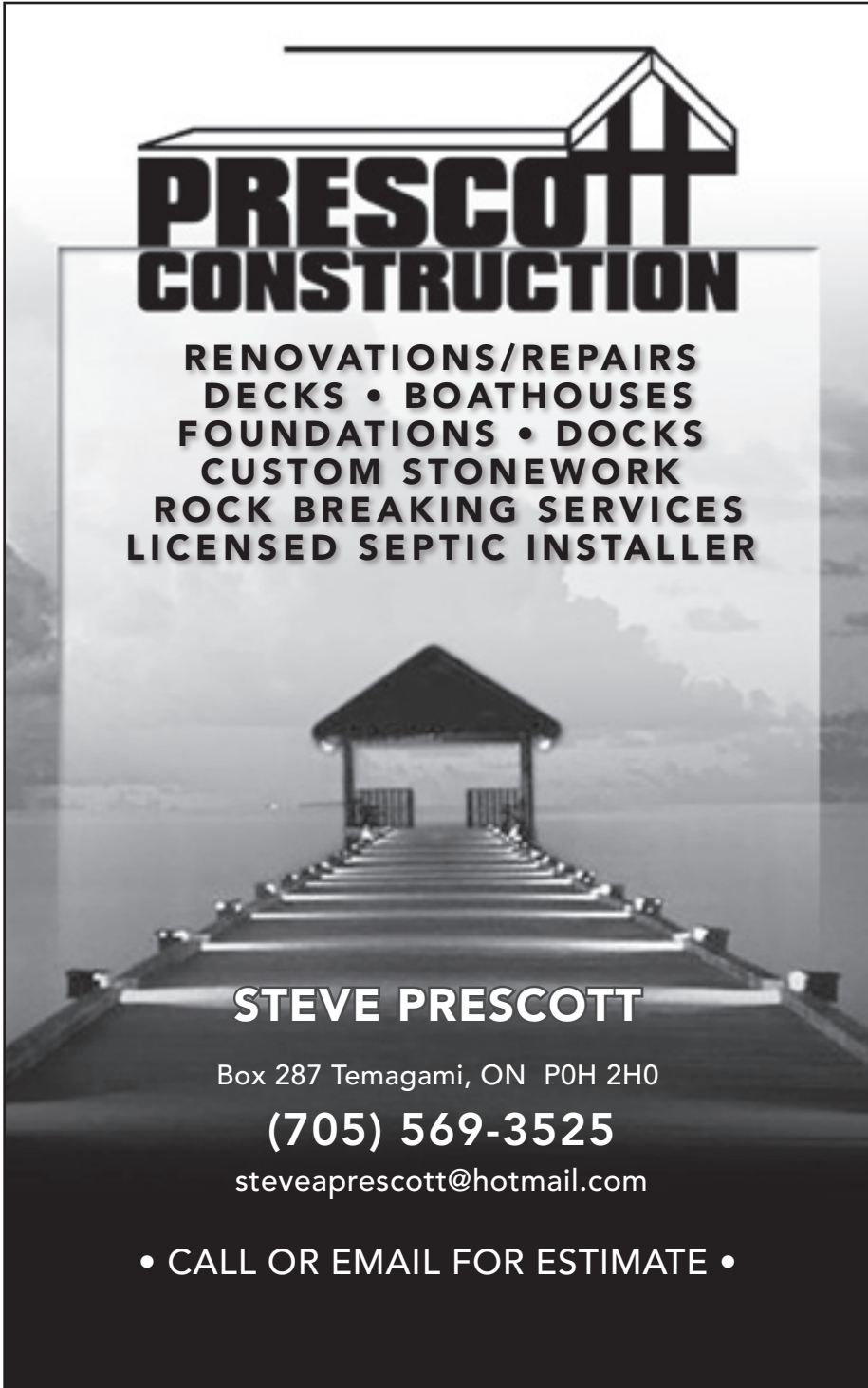
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self-grooming; tending to the children in the back seat, etc.). The true danger to public safety lies in the distracted action, not in the presence of a device itself.

While police are committed to raising awareness about the dangers of driving while distracted, they are also enforcing new legislation that carries tough new penalties. As of September 1, 2015, the new set fine for distracted driving is \$490.00 (and 3 demerit points). If contested, drivers can be fined up to \$1000.00 upon conviction for inattentive driving. Police are serious about this deadly driving practice, and the O.P.P. is hopeful that higher fines will help reduce the number of distracted, driving-related deaths and collisions on Ontario roads.

#### Seatbelts Save Lives:

All Ontario drivers and passengers

must wear seatbelts in a suitably-adjusted and securely-fastened manner. Making sure your children are also secure in a properly-installed child restraint is equally important. Wearing a seatbelt correctly can dramatically increase your chance of surviving a motor-vehicle collision.

If one person decides not to wear a seatbelt, you, and others in the vehicle, are also at risk of serious injury. During a collision, it is likely that the person not wearing a seatbelt could be tossed around the car and collide with the other passengers. Remember, it takes mere seconds to fasten your seatbelt, and it takes mere seconds to lose your life because you didn't.

For further information on any policing issue, please contact Constable Renée Taylor, Community Services Officer – TEMISKAMING O.P.P., by phone at 705-647-8400. You may also visit the O.P.P. website ([www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)) or access regional Twitter feeds at: @OPP\_NER or @PPO\_Nordest.

### Temagami Country Christmas 2015

By Ike Laba

This year's event will take place on December 4 and 5, 2015. It will be expanded – with more lighting, longer walking trails, and greater business participation – compared to last year. If you want to get involved as a volunteer or business, please contact Peter or Colleen at PEACOCK WOODCRAFT (705-569-2580), Wayne Adair (705-569-3319), or Ike Laba (705-569-3252).

There is no charge for attending – except for a donation toward the TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK or the LEGION "Christmas Basket Campaign". If you wish to support this event, there will also be a donation box available.

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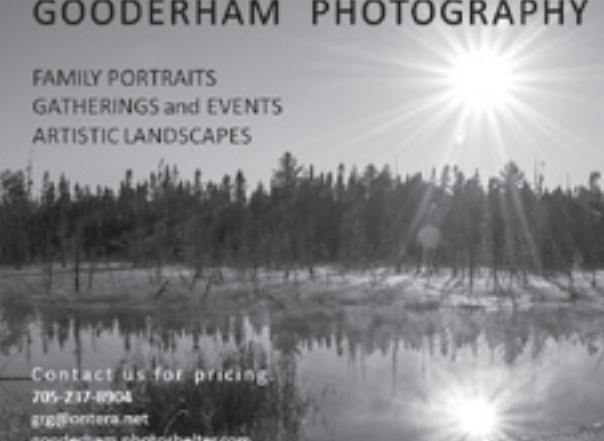
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