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## Is My Water SAFE TO DRINK?

By: Diana Van Vlymen,  
with contributions from Peter Healy  
and Julie Vaillancourt

Once again this summer, the TLA ran a drinking water testing program using Near North Laboratories, the public health lab in North Bay. The program was sponsored by the Temiskaming Health Unit, allowing the TLA to provide the water testing service free of charge to members. In contrast to previous years, members were encouraged to pick up small collection bottles for potable water testing from the TLA headquarters building and to bring back a sample taken from their tap the next collection day. These days were every other Wednesday throughout the summer. Accurate results were ensured by distributing instructions adapted for cottagers (from Near North’s household instructions) with the sample collection bottles. This process also involved chain of custody forms, filled out with the summer staff’s help. While some days involved a bit of a scramble to get the samples out by 11 AM, all the samples made it to the labs on time.

It is important that samples reach the public health labs within 48 hours of testing to ensure bacteria in the water are within the exponential growth phase of their lifecycle. This phase is the period where bacteria multiply most rapidly, and standards exist to determine how many bacteria were present initially. On the other hand, if samples were returned to the lab several days later, it would be unclear how contaminated the water was initially from the number of bacterial colonies present when tested.

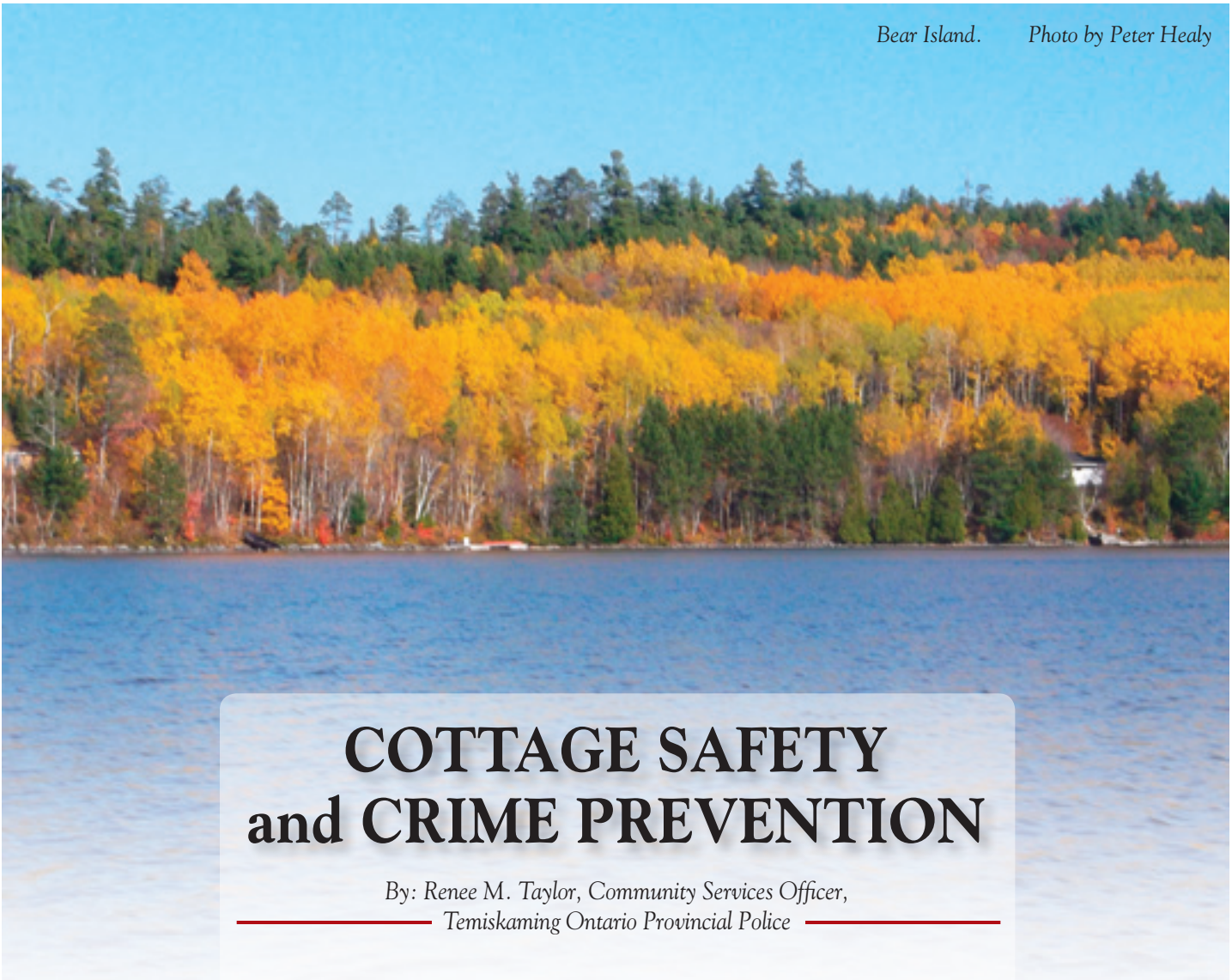
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Bear Island. Photo by Peter Healy

## COTTAGE SAFETY and CRIME PREVENTION

By: Renee M. Taylor, Community Services Officer,  
Temiskaming Ontario Provincial Police

One of the biggest areas of concern in the Municipality of Temagami is the increased amount of Cottage Break and Enters, thefts, and more that have occurred this year.

On September 9th, Shawn Jones, 31, of Bear Island has been charged for Possession of Property Obtained by Crime – section 354(1)(a) of the Criminal Code in relation to one theft reported in the Temagami area. The accused will appear in Ontario Court of Justice in Haileybury on October 21, 2014.

The Temiskaming and Temagami Detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with the Temagami Lakes Association are working together to implement a Cottage Watch Program. A Cottage Watch Program is an initiative promoting cottage community safety and security.

Cottage break and enters, damage and theft are serious concerns impacting police, cottagers, cottagers’ associations, and insurance companies. The OPP encourages crime prevention at the cottage in support of local cottagers’ associations and Cottage Watch initiatives across Ontario.

Local residents can assist police. These investigations are ongoing. All suspicious matters need to be reported and obtain as much information as a possible. This includes physical descriptions, clothing descriptions, vehicle descriptions (license plate), island numbers and the area where they were last seen. Note the direction that the suspects are heading.

Thieves like to target the easy-to-carry items so that it doesn’t hinder their movement. One easy way to help discourage theft of these items is to etch them with an identifying number such as your vehicle license plate number. This personal Operation Identification number allows police to

easily locate these items at pawn shops and criminals consider them “damaged goods” as they are harder to get rid of. In association with this, it is always a good idea to copy down a list of the serial numbers of all electronic devices, tools, and generators, and to keep this list in a secure area as these numbers can assist in investigations.

These are just a few of the many suggestions in helping preventing crime and keeping your property (seasonal or full time) safe.

Remember to assure your safety at all times. Contact police immediately and do not tamper with the crime scene as valuable evidence can be lost.

For more information please contact your local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or visit [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) for more home security information.

The Crime Stoppers Civilian Board of Directors will pay up to \$2000 for any information leading to an arrest. Callers do not have to give their name and do not have to testify in court. Calls are never traced or taped.

Call the Tri-Town Region Inc. Crime Stoppers  
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### Other ways to help deter thieves from targeting your cottage are:

1. **Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or windows. Use motion lights with low intensity feature as an alternative to bright constant lighting.**
2. **Deadbolts should be installed on all exterior doors and ensure that entry doors and strike plates are secured with at least 2 ½ inch long screws.**
3. **Take steps to reinforce any windows next to doors. This can be improved by adding a polycarbonate panel.**
4. **If you have a sliding door, place screws in the upper track to prevent them from being lifted out and ensure that you have a stick or security bar along the bottom track to prevent the door from sliding. The stick and security bar can also be used for sliding windows.**
5. **Do not leave any valuables in the residence when you are away. Lock these items away in a safety security box.**
6. **Make arrangements with local residents/cottage owners to watch over your property and possibly shovel the walkway/entrance to give the appearance that someone is around.**



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President’s letter

Friends, TLA Members and non-members, I write to introduce myself to the Temagami community as a whole. My name is Gerry Kluwak and I have received the honour of being elected to serve as the president of the TLA (Temagami Lakes Association) for the ensuing term. At the outset, I want to thank our very capable outgoing President, Chip Kittredge, for his tireless dedication in serving the interests of the TLA while always taking into consideration the concerns of the other interest groups in the community.

I was first introduced to the area when I worked as a staff member at the old Camp Temagami (originally Camp Cochrane). A busy law practice and consulting business kept me away from the Lake until 1981 when my wife, Dr. Carla Lennox, and I bought a cottage on island 758 – the site of the original Camp Cochrane/ Temagami. Like the majority of visitors to the lake, I passively and gratefully accepted the life changing experiences that Temagami gave to me and my family year after year.

Although I have always been a member of the TLA, I was unaware of the extent to which the organization got involved in dealing with so many important issues. My previous 4 years as a director has been an educational experience regarding all of these matters. There is no doubt that the TLA has had and continues to have a major and lasting impact on protecting the tangible and intangible benefits of Lake Temagami for future generations.

A prime and current example is our initiative in studying and protecting water quality. Under the guidance of Dr. Murray Richardson, a Professor at Carleton University, the TLA has been conducting valuable scientifically based studies of Lake Temagami water quality and other related issues. There have been and will continue to be reports summarizing the findings. Dr. Richardson’s work will be a valuable resource for Temagami and other areas in Ontario and beyond who no doubt will be concerned with these same issues. He has already attracted a meaningful grant which is being used and managed in conjunction with the Temagami First Nation leaders to study and educate their community on these important environment issues.

In this issue of the Times Dr. Tim Richardson, fellow Board member, will introduce you to TERAS. The TLA has set this up as an independent body to fund major projects that potentially impact our environment.

In speaking with a number of people at the Mine Landing, in town and at a variety of social gatherings, I have come to realize that there is a perceivable disconnect between the TLA Board and TLA members as well as other entities that care about Lake Temagami. I can tell you that the Board is constantly evolving and attracting very talented and capable people who want to make a difference. The current Board

wants to create a working atmosphere that is open, inclusive and transparent. Like you, the Board cares deeply about the issues that affect the future of this special community.

In this context, the process to implement changes and achieve some of these goals has already begun. A few years ago, the board conducted a robust survey of its members. The results were very revealing and are becoming a valuable resource in our decision making. To build on that base, I want to continue to reach out and in doing so I invite all of your comments and questions. Please be open and candid.

One of my goals is to encourage more participation from the youth around the lake and I ask them to become more engaged in all of the issues that concern the future of this

community. After all, it will be their legacy. Also, I want to make sure that we work in concert with the Town, First Nations and others to develop an appropriate working framework when dealing with issues and finding solutions.

I borrow this famous thought from the late President JFK: “Ask not what Temagami can do for you but ask what you can do for Temagami”. We cannot act if we don’t hear from you. Below are the names, numbers and emails of the current Directors. Feel free to contact any of us directly. Of course, Peter Healy, our Executive Secretary, is always available to talk or answer your questions.

Gerry Kluwak,  
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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.

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



**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. Shingwood 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 maintained 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.



# TLA and the Break-and-Enter Issue

By Will Goodman

According to official police statistics, during the winter of 2013-2014 there were 38 break-ins on Lake Temagami. Since these numbers were released, lake residents have wanted to hear the TLA’s response. Over the last several months the TLA has created a new Property & Protection committee, met with Crimestoppers to put in place a significant monetary reward for information leading to an arrest, taken a seat on the Temagami Protection to Persons And Property Advisor Committee, and is working more closely with the Ontario Provincial Police. In addition, the TLA hosted a meeting on August 16th that was organized by municipal board member Dan O’Mara, and attended by two representatives of the O.P.P. and over 40 people concerned about the issue.

In discussions with O.P.P. it has been discovered that many of the items that have been stolen during break-ins are not properly identified and are therefore difficult to trace. The O.P.P. encourages everyone to engrave outboard motors and other valuables with a driver’s license number. It is also important that crimes be reported as soon as possible. The number to contact is **705-495-7000**.

O.P.P. is taking a more active approach than ever before and believes the problem can be dealt with effectively over the next 12-24 months. At the TLA Annual General Meeting, officer Mat Dufresne spoke to members about the increased efforts on the part of the O.P.P. Monitoring the lake during the winter is not an easy task, but greater vigilance on the part of the TLA including the potential installation of surveillance cameras at the lake access points are important steps in

the effort to curtail theft and vandalism. According to O.P.P. the perpetrators have taken to wearing balaclavas which has made identification more difficult.

Overall, the TLA is taking a vigorous approach to property protection. While realizing that this is a police matter, the TLA is working hard to keep them focused on the lake where all of these break-ins have occurred. Additionally, the TLA will be posting relevant information on the website throughout the year.



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# TLA Hosts Community Meeting to Discuss Breaking and Entering

By Chip Kittredge Island 1158

On Saturday, August 16 the TLA hosted a meeting at its headquarters of concerned citizens and local officials to discuss the problem of breaking, entering, and theft. Dan O’Mara, Temagami municipal councilor and member of the municipality’s police board, presided over the meeting. There were approximately 40 people present, including: Don Johnson, Chair of the municipal police board; Dan Dawson, Timiskaming detachment Commander OPP; Officer Matt Defresne OPP; Tom Saville, Bear Island OPP; Arnold Paul, Chief, TFN; John Harding, President LaTemPRA; and Will Goodman (via telephone), TLA board member serving on the protection of persons and property committee.

Will Goodman described TLA actions to address the problem, including promotion of the Crimestoppers campaign, increased signage on the lake, and increased visibility in the Temagami Times, with the overall goal of raising awareness and working together in the community to reduce break-ins. Chief Paul indicated that there are break-in and crime incidents on Bear Island, and that the solutions and approaches that are undertaken to address the issue will benefit Bear Island, as well.

OPP Officer Matt Defresne and Commander Dan Dawson presented statistics on crime in Temagami. They both stressed the importance of reporting crimes. If they go unreported, they can’t be tracked. Reporting crimes enables the OPP to observe patterns and focus efforts in higher crime areas. Frustration was expressed by several people who said they had reported crimes, and never received a response, or that response time was too slow. For example, a contractor reported that he observed a break-in for one of his cottage customers, but he needed to ready the cottage for the summer and couldn’t wait for the OPP to visit the crime scene. The OPP mentioned that it is best to leave crime scenes untouched, so that potential evidence and clues are not disturbed. The OPP said the correct protocol would be for someone to immediately call the OPP dispatcher to report the crime. The dispatcher in turn would call the appropriate officer to investigate. The officer, however, needs to prioritize calls based on need and degree of emergency.

OPP Commander Dawson said that within the hour, if someone calls in a crime, they will receive a confirming phone call from the appropriate officer to discuss the crime and make arrangements for a crime scene visit. Calling the dispatch is also important, as that person will record the crime in their database. If someone merely reports the crime directly to an officer, bypassing the dispatch, there is not a guarantee that the crime will be logged in the database.

Don Johnson clarified the relationship between the municipality and OPP. He explained that the municipality pays the OPP for the equivalent of two full-time officers in terms of hours of service to the municipality. There is no diversion of municipality OPP effort to highway duty. Again, the importance of reporting crime was emphasized, since it enables the 2 officers to prioritize their efforts.

Commander Dawson mentioned that they have currently 29 breaking-and-entering cases open, but only evidence for one, emphasizing the need to report crimes and enable OPP to investigate and collect evidence. He further empha-

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sized the importance of cottage owners recording serial numbers of items like outboard motors, generators, chain saws, and other equipment. Taking pictures of items, or putting a name or island number on items is also helpful (NOT social security numbers). He recommends driver’s license number. Importantly, he re-emphasized the idea of reporting crimes, no matter how small, or how frustrated

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# TLA Champagne Corn Roast BBQ – July 26, 2014


By David McFarlane

Once again TLA members and their friends gathered at Camp Wabun on the afternoon of July 26 to participate in the annual Champagne Corn Roast BBQ. Plenty of Temagami sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, wine, and champagne fueled the silent auction bidding and lively ‘catching up’ with neighbours from around the lake.

More than 250 friends and family were in attendance throughout the late afternoon. With local artisans showing and selling their beautiful work and an extensive silent auction table with great bargains, this fun event has become a social mainstay of the Temagami summer. In addition to bringing together members and friends from all aspects of the Temagami community in a fun social atmosphere, we were also able to contribute over \$5,000 towards the TLA’s water quality monitoring program.

The Champagne BBQ cannot be the success it is without the kindness of the directors of Camp Wabun offering the use of their wonderful facilities, the generosity of the many contributors of cash and unique items for sale at the silent auction tables, and the many individuals who donated their time and energy. Our recognition and thanks to these individuals and companies can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Times. A hearty Thank You to you all!





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Peter Calverley, Peter Healy and I want to thank you for your generous contribution to this years Champagne Corn Roast & B.B.Q. in support of water quality.

In the three years since we initiated this event it has become the ‘must attend’ social event of our summer in Temagami.

It is because of the generous support of people like you that we have managed to raise money to help offset our water quality testing costs and at the same time create a wonderful event to be enjoyed by all people on the lake.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of the 2014 Champagne Corn Roast & B.B.Q.

Yours very truly,



David McFarlane



All Photos provided by Chip Kittredge.





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## Temagami Paddle and Portage Festival

By Bob Olajos

Did you know that 2015 marks the 10,000th anniversary of canoeing in Temagami? (Okay, I just made that up.)

But in celebration of this area's rich culture of paddling, Friends of Temagami is working with the Municipality, the TFN, the Temagami Community Foundation, the Temagami Artistic Collective, and the Temagami Outfitting Company on the first annual "**Temagami Paddle and Portage Festival**." While there are few specifics at this time, the Festival will include music, workshops, demonstrations, films, guided tours and much, much more. The event will be held **July 17-19** on the town waterfront and in various other locations. Stay tuned for more!

*If you are interested in helping out, please contact one of the organizations mentioned above.*

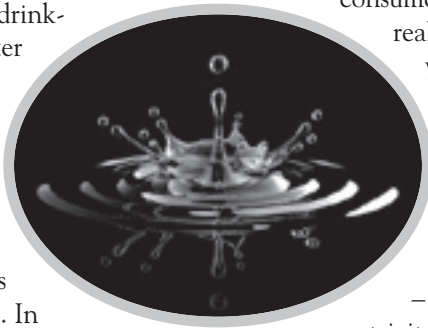


# Is My Water Safe to Drink? *continued from page 1*

UV filters, and a combination of both for maximum protection. Surface water, a category that includes lakewater, is naturally contaminated by coliform bacteria and sometimes E. coli. For this reason, it is very important that any lakewater to be used for drinking is disinfected before use – no matter how clean the lake. All lakes are used by a variety of animals, which contribute to the total coliform (TC) count present in the water, which can be quite high if no treatment system exists.

However, potable water results should never show high E. coli counts. In this situation, it would be probable that a septic treatment system is improperly installed, perhaps too close to a water intake location. Thankfully, no cottagers' results had high E. coli recorded. The third category of bacteria used in results presented to cottagers is that of general background populations (GBP). These colonies are not harmful to humans, but they may indicate that more thorough yearly cleaning and maintenance should occur.

We take this opportunity to remind you that lakewater is NOT potable, and drinking it untreated means DRINKING E. COLI AND OTHER COLIFORM BACTERIA THAT CAN MAKE YOU SICK. Remem-



ber that this applies not only to drinking the water directly, but also washing vegetables and brushing your teeth. Illnesses from contaminated water generally manifest themselves as vomiting and/or diarrhea. This is not to say that every person who consumes untreated water will fall ill, but is it really a gamble you are willing to take for your family? After all, treatment systems cost less than \$1000 to install, and \$150/year for new UV bulbs or \$40/year for a new ceramic filter, both required on a yearly basis (perhaps less often if your cottage sees little use). Plus, there are systems – ceramic filters – that require no electricity whatsoever. Ontario drinking water standards mandate that water be considered potable only when both coliform and E. coli counts are zero, and cottagers using both types of systems have found such results.

It is important to use a treatment system to obtain clean water, and also important to test your water on a yearly basis to ensure continued safety and quality.

The program this year worked even better than last year, and was well-received, as in previous years. If you have a treatment system, you should be testing your water on a yearly basis, and using the TLA program means your samples will arrive on time, with results communicated by email and/or phone a couple days later (Friday emails for Wednesday drop-offs). All you have to do is visit the TLA headquarters twice in the summer. And with all the maps to buy, free extras (like this year's pocket knives) to pick up, and books to borrow, how could you say no?

*If you wish to find more information on water treatment options and links for more information, please take a look at my article from 2012 by visiting the TLA website at [www.tla-temagami.org](http://www.tla-temagami.org) and looking for "Long-Term Water Testing" under the "Initiatives" tab or "Water" under the "Environment" tab.*



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**Subject:** bathing

Hi Peter  
I know you're not the editor of the Temagami Times but I was wondering if you could pass this along for me.  
I was quite surprised to see and hear that some people still bathe in the lake using soap and shampoo. I do not want to mention names, neither do I want my name mentioned in reporting this. These people are well off and there is no excuse for them bathing in the lake. So I was wondering if this would be worth mentioning in the Temagami Times to remind people that this is totally unacceptable behaviour.

Regards,  
A concerned cottager.

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# Drinking Water and Waste Management in the Temagami Lakes Area: The survey

by Tara Johnston and Amanda Mongeon. Timiskaming Health Unit

Last spring, Timiskaming Health Unit worked with the TLA to learn how to best reduce water-borne illness and protect our land and water through safe disposal of human waste in the Temagami Lakes area. We invited all TLA members to complete a questionnaire, one per property. Of the estimated 380 TLA member-owned properties in the Temagami Lakes area, analysis was conducted on 143, a response rate of 37.6%.

### What did we learn?

- Almost 1/3 of those who did not participate in the 2013 water sampling program had not heard about it and 1/5 did not think it was necessary.
- Top sources of drinking water are bottled, filtered and UV-treated lake water, filtered lake water, untreated lake water and boiled lake water.
- Respondents would like to know more about drinking water treatment options, drinking water hazards, safe drinking water sources, new waste management technology, an overview of waste management in area, and system design criteria.
- More than half of respondents use an outhouse, almost half have a class 4 septic system, ¼ have a composting toilet.
- 14% of those with a septic system didn’t know they could request an inspection.
- 4% haven’t had their system inspected because of concern for the cost of repairs.

### Now what? you ask...

- TLA and the health unit have already begun using the findings; we:
- Improved the drinking water sampling program
  - Offer information about drinking water treatment and waste management options that are economical, effective and appropriate.
  - Will continue to advocate for septic system re-inspection within the municipality of Temagami
  - Promote availability of sanitary surveys with information about related costs and how to access the service.

### Now it’s your turn.

Speak with other TLA members or contact us at the health unit to keep the conversation going.

### Drinking water

Ninety per cent of respondents obtain their drinking water from the Lake. Lake water may look, smell and taste clean but any surface water is subject to contamination. Bacteria, viruses and protozoa can cause mild nausea and fever or can develop into more serious illnesses, such as severe diarrhoea, hepatitis or typhoid fever. **Water from lakes, rivers, streams and ponds should always be disinfected before being used for drinking water.**

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Method	Uses	Comment
Boiling Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For occasional, emergency or short-term disinfection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will destroy disease-causing organisms and disinfect the water</li></ul>
Ceramic Candle Filtration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removes parasites and bacteria.</li><li>• Use in conjunction with chlorination to kill viruses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handle smaller amounts of water</li><li>• Useful when water from just one tap is to be treated for drinking and cooking</li></ul>
Distillation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kills all microorganisms</li><li>• Often combined with activated carbon filters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water not consumed immediately after point of use treatment should always be stored in the refrigerator to avoid microbial contamination.</li></ul>
Chlorination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kills bacteria and viruses</li><li>• Use in conjunction with microfiltration</li><li>• Requires short to moderate contact time</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May not provide adequate protection against protozoa. It is recommended that the water be first passed through a filter with at least a 0.1 micrometre to remove these parasites</li></ul>
Ultraviolet Light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kills all microorganisms</li><li>• Use in conjunction with microfiltration</li><li>• Requires a short contact time</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The water must be clear for the UV light to disinfect the water</li><li>• A pre-filter should be used to reduce turbidity</li><li>• Flushing the system is recommended after periods of non-use</li></ul>

**Point-of-use devices** are used to treat the water at a single tap or multiple taps for drinking and cooking only. Point-of-entry devices are installed on the main water supply and treat all the water entering the home. Please visit Health Canada – Water Treatment Devices for Disinfection of Drinking water for more in depth information on the variety of disinfectant methods and which one might be right for you. <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/disinfect-desinfection-eng.php> Find the entire report on the Timiskaming Health Unit website: [www.timiskaminghu.com](http://www.timiskaminghu.com) under “Reports.”

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# Monitoring Temagami’s Mining Legacy

By Andrew Healy

For most of the past century mining was a way of life in Temagami and had driven the local economy along with forestry and recreation. It has been almost twenty five years since the last ounce of iron-ore was mined from Temagami’s Sherman, and the last of Temagami’s great mines was closed. The Sherman Mine was a huge boom to Temagami’s economy in the late sixties, especially given the Copperfields and Kanichee Mines had been on the brink of closure for some time, and did so a short time thereafter. Over the course of twenty-two years in operation, the Sherman Mine produced 22 million tonnes of iron-ore pellets which were shipped by train to Hamilton for use in the Dofasco steel mills.

Surprisingly there is very little left on the Sherman site today, with the exception of course of a series of open pits and trenches filled with bright turquoise blue water, situated dangerously close to Lake Temagami’s Northeastern Arm. I recall the first time taking a scenic flight out of the Temagami Harbour; being struck with horror at the sight of such a blemish on the landscape so close to Lake Temagami. It certainly wasn’t the same view you see from the lake. Who would think that behind those pines and rocky bluffs was a potential source of contamination draining right into Lake Temagami!

This concern was re-ignited this past summer when Dofasco announced they were going to commence water testing of the Sherman Mine pits and outflows as part of an ultimate closure plan for the site. I was immediately concerned with how well this testing would be done and if the appropriate level of oversight would be applied by governing agencies; both acceptable concerns for the TLA’s chair of Natural Resources and Planning committees to have, in my opinion. However, what I have learned since that

time is that my skepticism was largely unfounded. Working alongside the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Northern Development of Mines, Dofasco has been doing a thorough job of monitoring the Sherman site, which to my further surprise is relatively uncontaminated. Having not lived through Temagami’s mining heyday, I was evidently unaware of the level of effort put into environmental monitoring, which dates back to the first study done in 1970 as production was just ramping up.

At their public Open House on July 22, 2014, Dofasco and their consultant, Ecometrix, presented a summary of the remaining work to be done as part of the closure plan. The work consists of additional sampling of surface water, biological communities and rock tailings areas as well as some outstanding safety and aesthetic concerns to be address at the site. The sampling efforts are essentially a follow up of a 2008 monitoring program that showed very positive results.

Perhaps of most concern to Lake Temagami residents would be the outflow from the pits through the Tetepaga River into the Northeast Arm. Since the mine’s closure in 1990, the pH has remained neutral at this location (between 7-8). This is great news as the potential for acidity to be generated from the sulfites in waste rock is one of the main concerns with open pit iron-ore mining. Additionally, all other contaminants such as heavy metals are currently meet-

ing Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO). This is also great news as these provincial guidelines are quite strict.

Dofasco and Ecometrix are planning to have all remaining sampling done by October of 2014, and then will be holding a follow-up open house in 2015 to present the results. The TLA will continue to follow the mine closure studies, which so far are showing that Temagami’s mining history is one to be remembered positively.



Sherman Mine east pit, from the air.  
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TLA Hosts Community Meeting  
to Discuss Breaking and Entering

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one might be. He shared his frustration at not being able to catch people due to a lack of evidence or reporting.

Dan O'Mara proposed to form a subcommittee of the municipality's police board that would meet regularly and exchange news, information, data, and ideas. He proposed to include representation from the TLA, LaTemPRA, and Bear Island. Leanna Farr introduced herself as a newly elected member of the Bear Island TFN council, and reported that they would soon be hiring a new, second police officer. Commander Dawson explained that the OPP has an excellent and cooperative working relationship with Officer Tom Saville on Bear Island. Bear Island police are hired by the TFN, but they are administered by the OPP, and they enjoy a perfect working relationship, and are only different based on the uniform patch on their shoulders.

Dan O'Mara summarized what appears to be missing, in terms of how to address the problem: communication between all parties; keeping track of information and data to identify patterns; understanding what specifically is stolen so it can be identified, used as evidence, and returned to owners; and, reporting of crimes by cottager owners.

Dan O'Mara adjourned the meeting after two hours, and invited all to send him suggestions (danomar@ontera.net).

Privy Inspections 2014



Privy. Photos by Chip Kittredge

While checking campsites this summer, the TLA's summer staff also worked on repairing and replacing box privies (colloquially known as "thunder boxes") that were damaged or in poor shape. Over the last three years, the TLA built about 20 new privies, and 11 of these were installed in various areas of the lake this summer. There are now brand-new privies in the far North arm (the western half past the fork), the NE arm, the South arm, the SW arm, Gibson's Bay, Cross Bay, Kokoko Bay, and Devil's Bay. New privies were also installed in 2012 and 2013 by the TLA in Sharp Rock Inlet, the NE arm, and various parts of the Hub. Gratitude is also due to Camp Wabun, who helped install several new privies around the lake in 2012. Virtually all areas of the lake were visited over the past three years and existing privies added, increasing the current total of 76 box privies spread over 150 campsites.

Repairs were also made to five privies in the SW arm, NW arm, the trail to Devil Mountain, and two locations in the Hub. Privy installation and maintenance are important ways in which the TLA hopes to safeguard the water quality of Lake Temagami. We ensure that privies are well-constructed and located based on Ministry of the Environment (MOE) recommendations for distance from shore, as well as being dug a minimum of about

one metre into the soil. If there is a privy you know of that should be replaced or repaired, please let the TLA know at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) or call the office at 705-237-8927 during the summer, and staff will take care of it! We hope that your camping experience is improved with these new privies, and that you continue to enjoy yourself. If you have a favourite campsite that you would be interested in improving, instructions for both construction and installation of a box privy are available on the TLA website, at [www.tla-temagami.org](http://www.tla-temagami.org)





Loons are so serene and beautiful to watch, it is hard to imagine the risks they face of death, illness, and reduced productivity. This article will discuss the most important of these: lead, mercury, and botulism.

**Lead poisoning:** Loons are exposed to lead in the forms of fishing jigs and other tackle, sometimes from the bottom of the lake after a fishing line breaks, or most likely from eating a fish which has ingested a lead jig and broken the line. The lead gets into the loon's blood stream and rapidly kills the loon. Only a tiny amount of lead is required to kill a loon, no more than a tenth of a gram.

Loons are plentiful in New England, and they are observed carefully by cottagers. Virtually all loons found dead in New England, from whatever cause, are sent to Mark Pokras, an Associate Professor at the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Massachusetts for autopsy. Consistently over the years, about half of these loons have died of lead poisoning, based on x-ray identification of the lead jig and the finding of the jig in the loon's gastrointestinal tract. During the last year New Hampshire banned the sale of lead fishing tackle.

The TLA has made a considerable effort over the last few years to exchange non-lead tackle for angler's lead tackle. Non-lead tackle is widely available from multiple sources. The Loon Preservation Committee in New Hampshire finds most useful tackle from Timmy Tom's Lead Free Jig Company in Arkansas (<http://timmytoms.com/>).

**Mercury Poisoning:** Elemental mercury enters the atmosphere from smoke from coal burning power plants, mostly from the northeastern States. It falls in rain to soil and water bodies, where micro organisms convert it to an organic form, methyl mercury, which can be passed on up the food chain to other fish and animals that eat the micro-organisms. The details have been elucidated in publications from the Biodiversity Research Institute in Maine ( [www.briloon.org](http://www.briloon.org) ) for both upland birds and waterfowl.

Mercury exposure can be, but generally is not fatal for loons and other waterfowl. However, it can cause neurological behavioral abnormalities and negatively affect productivity. Eggs may not hatch, and if they hatch, the chicks may show severe neurological behavioral abnormalities.

In order to ascertain whether Temagami loons might have dangerously high mercury levels, sport fish were

# Threats to Loons on Lake Temagami

By Doug Payne. Island 1213

caught last summer and mercury levels in their tissue were measured in Dr. Murray Richardson's lab at Carleton University in Ottawa. The levels were reported in the Winter 2014 Temagami Times and were considered moderate. However, levels in adult fish are a long



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way from levels in small fish and in adult loons and chicks. I submitted Murray's data to Neil M. Burgess of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Atlantic Region,

Environment Canada. Dr. Burgess has an extensive research background in mercury analysis of fish of various sizes and adult loons and loon chicks. He assured me that, based on the mercury levels in our adult fish, it is very unlikely that Temagami loons have dangerous mercury levels.

**Botulism:** At a recent research meeting at the Loon Preservation Committee in New Hampshire I met David Evers, Director of the Biodiversity Research Institute in ME, which has a long history of research in loons and their diseases. David informed me of the se-

rious loss of loons from Botulism in the Great Lakes, specifically 7000 dead loons found on the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario.

Background from United States Geological Survey, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: "Botulism outbreaks are causing extensive mortality of fish and fish eating birds in the Great Lakes. Botulism results from ingestion of neurotoxins produced by the bacterium Clostridium botulinum, which leads to paralysis and death of intoxicated animals. Periodic outbreaks of type E botulism have occurred in the Great Lakes

since at least the 1960s, but outbreaks have become more common and widespread since 1999, particularly in Lakes Michigan, Erie, and Ontario. Botulism has been responsible for over 80,000 bird deaths on the Great Lakes since 1999.

Spores of the botulinum bacterium are naturally widely distributed in the environment, but toxin production occurs only when suitable environmental conditions allow spore germination and growth. Scientists suspect the conditions needed to promote toxin production are related to local soil and water conditions, and well as presence of invasive species such as zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and round gobies, but these links have not yet been proven."


So the neurotoxin in this organism works its way from micro-organisms in the lake bottom up through zebra mussels and into 2-6" round goby fish, which are consumed by loons. The loons become paralyzed, cannot breath, and die.

## Effect on Temagami Loons?

Is the loon population on Lake Temagami decreasing, and, if so, have Temagami loons migrated across Lakes Erie and Ontario and died from Botulism? This question makes the new TLA loon population survey particularly relevant. Continuing this survey on a yearly basis will be important.

Footnote 1: Avian Botulism in Distressed Great Lakes Environments. [http://cida.usgs.gov/gbri/projects/habitat\\_and\\_wildlife/avian\\_botulism.html](http://cida.usgs.gov/gbri/projects/habitat_and_wildlife/avian_botulism.html)

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# Building Bridges In The Community: TCF Grants Making A Difference

Since its founding more than a decade ago, the Temagami Community Foundation has been building bridges throughout the region, not in the physical sense of spans of concrete or wood, but in small-scale projects that foster relationships or create initiatives to better the community.

In dollars and cents, the two hundred and fifty five thousand granted thus far have enabled more than forty groups and organizations to do what they thought would make a difference.

It might be community arts or cultural programs, upgraded or expanded health center equipment, a boost to eco-tourism marketing or promoting local history. In short, anything that links the varied residents -- permanent, seasonal and TFN members -- of the Temagami neighborhoods.

The grant-making process is user-friendly in that would-be grantees -- groups not individuals, that is -- are asked to detail what they want to do, how much it would cost and how much capital they themselves can raise in the community. In amounts of \$500 to \$2,500, the grants aim to assist organizations to increase their operational capacity toward sustainability.

A quick glance at this year's grants totaling \$8,300 illustrates not only the diversity of the projects, but how relatively modest amounts of money can indeed make a difference:

### Temagami Community Market:

A \$2,100 grant permitted the very successful summer market to acquire sound equipment -- a must for the local performers providing musical entertainment for shoppers -- and a few extra dollars for advertising the event.

### Susan Aglukark:

A noted Inuk singer who has performed throughout Canada and around the world, Ms. Aglukark performed at the Temagami Welcome Center and then held a workshop on Bear Island. TCF's grant of \$ 500 to the Temagami Artistic Collective, plus funding from other agencies, the concert's organizer helped make the two concerts possible.

### Temagami Family Health Team Medical Center:

At this important community facility, an aging electrocardiogram unit originally donated by the father of Dr. Stephen Goddard needed to be replaced at a cost

of approximately \$21,000. TCF joined other organizations with an \$800 grant and a commitment to use its "flow-through" service to process contributions from the public, other groups and organizations. With the new up-to-date, PC-based equipment, stress tests will be completed in Temagami rather than requiring residents to travel to New Liskeard for the important procedure.

### Local History Project:

For some time the Temagami Public Library has been collecting photos, portraits, interviews or life stories and holding group sessions to document the community's past. More interviews with seniors and elders need to be completed as soon as possible. A TCF grant of \$1,500 will enable 60 more interviews while the Library continues to make its research efforts, documentation and photos available to the public.

### TFN Pow-Wow:

The annual TFN pow-wow on Bear Island has traditionally attracted viewers from across the region, so much so that the Band wanted to expand the mid-July event to two days. While the TFN as usual funded most of the costs involved, a TCF grant of \$1,000 helped make the additional day of festivities and performances possible.

### Old Growth Forest Dock:

The Old Growth forest trails on Temagami Island regularly attract hikers, nature-lovers and just about everyone else during the summer months. Easy-access to the island for visitors has been difficult because there was no dock. So the TCF -- with a \$2,400 grant -- joined other community groups and 3 generous private donors to fund the construction of a new, large dock as the first step in a multi-year project to upgrade the Old Growth forest experience.

As in years past, the full impact of the TCF grants can't be measured in what happened this year alone, but in the contribution that they will make to the community in the future. That also holds true, of course, for the grantee groups as they search for new activities to promote with new-found confidence in how to make them possible. In the end, a truly successful grant is not an end, but a beginning.



The Temagami Community Foundation has supported a \$21,000 campaign for new stress test equipment at the Temagami medical centre. Turning over the \$800 donation to physician Stephen Goddard, centre, were the foundation's board members Debbie Nixon and Mike Curran, at right.

Photo by Cathy Dwyer



# Temagami Environmental Research And Stewardship ...A New Not-For-Profit Charitable Organization

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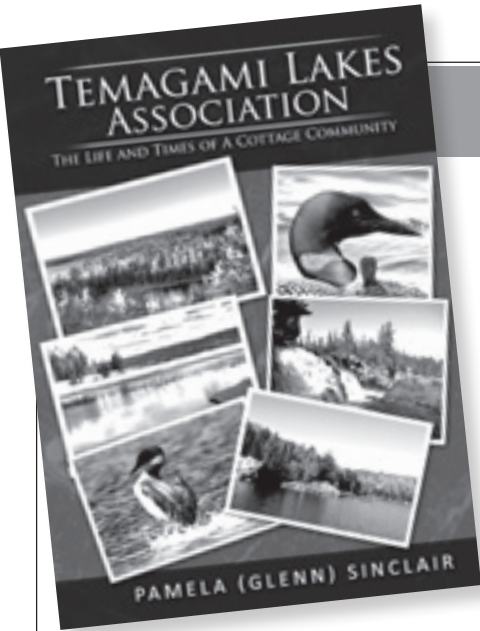
Over the past 5 years and in response to the wishes of our members, the TLA has been spending more time and a higher percentage of our resources on issues pertaining to the quality of our water. As our members know, we have had fundraisers and direct appeals for support of this initiative. The quality and preservation of the Lake Temagami environment has been identified as being at the top of our members' concerns. A water quality committee of the TLA was struck 5 years ago. Our initial efforts have been to evaluate the status of our water using accepted scientific principles, in anticipation that our water, if not protected from invasion, can only get worse. A long term strategy is necessary to recognise and react to the inevitable invasion of environmental contaminants.

In our rapidly evolving world there are innumerable direct and indirect threats to our environment. On Lake Temagami in particular many of these are related to climate warming and an increasing use of the lake for both tourism and commercial purposes. The TLA board has recognized that all parts of our environment, including our lakes and rivers, are at risk and that a proactive approach is both prudent and responsible. This concern was the genesis and thinking behind the creation of Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS), a not-for-profit charitable organization and arm of the TLA.

Our expressed charitable purpose is simply the Preservation of the Environment, and more specifically, to support and sponsor research, provide education about, and promote excellent stewardship of the Temagami environment. We intend to increase understanding of the environment by disseminating information to the public in all ways including social media. Our initial efforts have and continue to be about water quality and we anticipate that these research projects will continue for at least the next few years. However, we fully realise that the results of climate change may have future unforeseen effects on other environmental issues, including perhaps fish, trees, old- growth, or other flora or fauna. These will be of major interest to all, and TERAS will be in a position to address these, thereby uniting and galvanising all the different lake communities. Experts have told us that these projects are often lengthy studies that require long term measurements using rigorous scientifically proven methodology.

This type of work cannot be funded by our usual TLA membership dues without detracting from our long term obligations that we have been providing since inception in 1931. Recently several of our TLA members have asked if we could find a way for them to make larger donations tax deductible. In the fall of 2013 and winter of 2014 we applied for and received our articles patent and have incorporated TERAS as a not-for-profit charitable organization. We have written our bylaws and our founding board members are in position to move the organization forward. As of now it is our understanding that Canadian contributors as well as American citizens with Canadian income can benefit from tax deductible receipts from TERAS. We are attempting to get charitable status from the USA, so that all American members with or without Canadian income can benefit. We will keep you informed about specifically how to make donations to TERAS in the future.

The TLA and TERAS board members are extremely excited about this new initiative and look forward to contributing to the long- term preservation of our treasured and unique Lake Temagami environment. As I was swimming in and drinking the untreated water out of the lake last week, I could not help but marvel that it had not changed since I first swam here more than 60 years ago. Our goal is to keep it that way!



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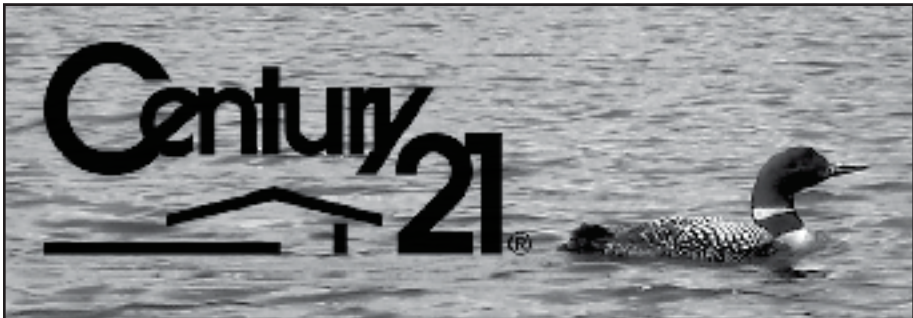


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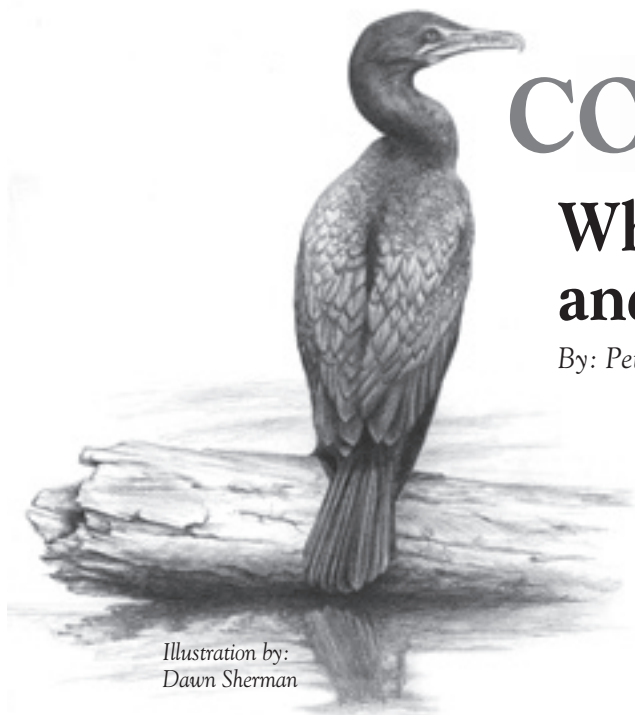


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# CORMORANTS:

## What's Natural and What Isn't?

By: Peter Healy

In Toronto, Tommy Thompson Park created on a man-made spit of land into Lake Ontario has seen large sections

deforested as an estimated 30 000 cormorants nest and breed there. The effect on the lake Ontario sport fishery is as yet unknown. On one island in Point Pelee National Park 41% of the tree canopy is gone.

So while many fishermen demand a cull in Ontario, on the other side cormorants are seen by many as a natural part of our environment and deserve the protection they have under various endangered species legislation. A group called Cormorant Defenders International insists this is a matter of humans trying to manage nature.

Cormorant numbers appear to have increased drastically, along with many other sea bird species, as a result of the elimination of DDT use over the past few generations. Peregrine falcons, osprey, and bald eagles for example, are now seen frequently in the Lake Temagami watershed.

It is estimated that there are 2,000 cormorant nests on Lake Nipissing, a lake with an abundant perch population, a fish that is preferred perhaps because of its size. On Lake Temagami, while studies have not been done as yet, cormorants are thought

to be consuming herring as they are easy to see in the clear waters and abundant. The good news, if this is true, is that our lake is rich in herring as a result of the deep and oxygen rich waters in which herring breed and grow. It not yet clear that cormorants are nesting here.

Are cormorants any more of a threat to the sport fishery than loons? Loons too are voracious fish eaters but no one complains about them. Perhaps the difference is somewhat aesthetic – loons are pretty and sound nice while cormorant are not. The cormorant fails in comparison as well, as a result of the destruction of trees and other vegetation due to its nesting patterns and guano droppings on visible islands. Certainly no cottager wants to see dying trees on a small island nearby as a result of guano droppings.

What's to be done? It is illegal to harm, harass or worry a species. Disturbing nests and/or oiling eggs have been tried, both legally and not, but with little success. Perhaps at the very least maybe the studies and revisions of the Zone 11 fishing plans should include some monitoring of the numbers of fish eating species if only at least to create a historical record that will help determine consequences.

All in all it may come down to a question one MNR biologist pointed out in our discussions: "what's natural and what isn't?".

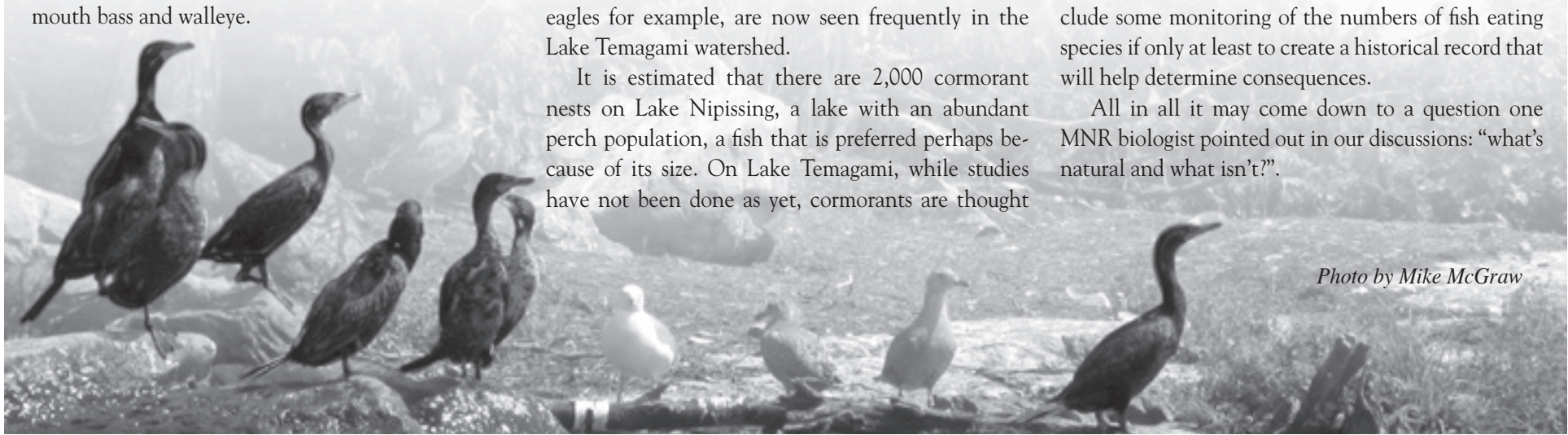


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# MUNICIPAL UPDATE

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## NEW STAFF

The Municipality welcomes Ian MacDougall as our Municipal Planner. Ian is an accomplished planner with nearly 20 years experience including developing planning policy and local planning bylaws.



He holds a graduate degree in Urban and Rural Planning from Dalhousie University and undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of Ottawa. Ian is interested in environmental issues and enjoys the outdoors; he looks forward to the opportunities Temagami provides in these areas.

We are pleased to have Adam Gribbon join our staff, taking on the position of Accounting Clerk. He has an Honours Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Nipissing University, majoring in accounting. He is currently enrolled with CGA/CPA in pursuit of an accounting designation and is eager to apply his skills to this position.

We also welcome Sadie Lapshinoff, as our Community Information / Information Management Intern. Originally from Sturgeon Falls, Sadie has recently graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in political science. She is excited to return to Northern Ontario to apply her skills and to help the municipality with our records management and Community Improvement Plan. This 1-year contract position is largely funded through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation's internship program.



## BEST WISHES FOR RETIREMENT

Ed Riopel is retiring as Manager of the Temagami Ambulance Service effective October 31, 2014. We appreciate his almost 10 years of dedication as both the Temagami Ambulance Service manager and as a paramedic, and wish him all the very best for his future plans. **Happy retirement, Ed!**

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

We encourage all eligible voters to exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice for the next 4-year term of municipal council. You may vote for up to one candidate for the office of Mayor and for up to six candidates for the office of Councillor.

There is no need to vote for the office of School Board Trustee, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of seats for each of the four School Boards. The name(s) of the candidate(s) for your school support option will show on your ballot; however, they will be marked as **ACCLAIMED**.

In order to facilitate voting by as many eligible voters as possible, the municipality is again using the Vote by Mail option. In early October, electors should receive an envelope in the mail containing their Vote by Mail kit. If you do not receive your kit by October 10th, please contact the Municipal Office.

Please follow the directions carefully for completing and mailing your ballot. Please make sure you sign your voter declaration form and put it in the return envelope. Then complete your ballot and place it in the secrecy envelope and seal the envelope. **DO NOT** make any identifying marks or comments on your ballot or secrecy envelope. Insert the sealed secrecy envelope into the return envelope along with your declaration form.

If you want to hand-deliver your ballot return envelope, the mail drop box at the west entrance on the upper floor of the Welcome Centre at 7 Lakeshore Drive can be used any time prior to October 27th. Also, starting on October 6th return envelopes can be deposited in the Ballot Return Station at the Municipal Office from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

If mailing, Canada Post recommends that ballots should be mailed no later than October 18, in order to be delivered by Voting Day, based on standard delivery times. If you miss this mailing date, you could still mail your ballot, although delivery by Voting Day is not ensured. Or you could choose to drop off your return envelope – or have someone drop it off for you – as explained above, or send it by express mail or prepaid courier.

There will also be one Polling Station where electors can vote in-person on Voting Day, October 27, 2014 from 10:00am to 8:00 pm, at the Temagami Public Library at 7 Lakeshore Drive. If you received a Vote by Mail kit, please bring your ballot, secrecy envelope and Voter Declaration Form with you. Otherwise you will be required to complete an Application for Replacement Ballot and provide proof of identity.

It is the responsibility of each Elector to complete the ballot in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the procedures set out in the Vote by Mail Kit, and return it to the Municipal Clerk by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station, or Polling Station, on or before 8:00pm on Voting Day.

Ballots received after 8:00pm on Voting Day will not be counted.

## THANK YOU, COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

As this council term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have served on committees during this term. Seasonal and permanent residents of Temagami have generously donated their time and expertise to serve on one of the six standing advisory committees to council or on one of several ad hoc committees convened for specific projects.

Members of the public are appointed to committees by Council, and their appointments are deemed to expire upon the conclusion of the term of the Council that appointed them and once their successors have been appointed by the new Council. Thank you for serving your community.

## SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One of the first duties of the new Council after taking office is to appoint members to standing advisory committees from those who have submitted applications or written expressions of interest to sit on a particular committee. Most committees meet monthly,

and this is a great way for residents to get involved without the time commitment or responsibility of being on Council. While participation on a committee in person is preferable, attendance by phone can usually be accommodated when necessary.

The Standing Advisory Committees are: Economic Development, General Government and Finance, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Protection to Persons and Property, and Public Works and Water. The purpose of these committees is to support Council in its function as a policy-making body, by providing advice and recommendations to Council on policy matters. Each standing advisory committee is usually chaired by a member of Council and administrative support is provided by the municipality. In the new term, we plan to also have an ad hoc committee for the purpose of drafting a Community Improvement Plan.

We invite all seasonal and permanent residents to consider getting involved in your community in this way. Please submit your application or letter of interest to the Municipal Clerk (P.O. Box 220, Temagami P0H 2H0 or [clerk@temagami.ca](mailto:clerk@temagami.ca)), or contact us for more details.

## 2014 SENIOR OF THE YEAR

The Senior of the Year Award is awarded annually by the Province of Ontario in conjunction with the Municipality. It recognizes one individual who volunteers in their senior



years. This year we were pleased to present the award to Olive Landry, a lady who quietly, but steadfastly, continues to contribute to the community.

## MUNICIPAL AWARDS

2014 was the first year of the new Municipal Awards Program. Council was pleased to receive several nominations for awards.



Council awarded the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award to Ike Laba. To qualify for this award, the nominee must have done something to improve the quality of life for the people of Temagami in that year. Nominators listed several of Ike's accomplishments,



such as his work with the Fish Hatchery; his involvement in the Diabetes Clothesline program; and his efforts in fundraising for the new blood pressure kiosk and stress-testing equipment for the Temagami Medical Centre, among other things.



Council awarded the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award to Wayne Adair. Nominators listed the many ways that Wayne has given of his time and talents to this community over the past 50 years. He has given many, many volunteer hours to minor hockey and other youth sports and programs such as the Boy Scouts. He has also donated a lot of his time working for community organizations such as the Temagami and Area Fish Involvement Program, Lions Club, Fish and Game Conservation Club, and the Temagami Stewardship Council. In addition to his volunteer accomplishments, Wayne has served Temagami in the political realm, first as a Councillor and then as Mayor of Temagami, as well as on many municipal committees.

#### FIRE PUMP SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Municipality of Temagami is currently accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a Fire Pump Subsidy Program.

Earlier this year, Council received a report from the Lake Temagami Fire Protection Committee and selected the pump subsidy option as one way to help lake residents enhance their fire protection. The program is open to residents who own properties anywhere within the municipality where municipal fire suppression service is not available.

A maximum of 50 subsidies of \$400 each per eligible property will be approved in 2014, on a first-come-first-serve basis. The initial deadline for receipt of EOIs is November 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.; however, this deadline may be extended depending on the number of submissions received. There has been a good response so far, and if there is a greater response than subsidies available, the municipality MAY consider running the program again in a future year.

Once approval is received from the municipality, the approved pump system must be purchased by the end of 2015. For more details on the subsidy program and to obtain the required EOI form, please visit the Municipal Office or [www.temagami.ca/blog](http://www.temagami.ca/blog).

#### ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW COMPLETE

In 2013, Council passed an amendment to its Comprehensive Zoning By-law as a result of the mandatory 5-year review, which was part of the Official Plan Review process. Although the Zoning By-law Amendment was passed by Council, its implementation was delayed until an appeal was heard by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). We are pleased to announce that, in July, the appeal was successfully resolved during mediation and the OMB approved the wording of the by-law amendment as revised by the Municipality and agreed to by the appellant. This means that the amended by-law is now in force. For more details, please visit our website or contact the municipal office.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

As winter is approaching, your fire department urges you to make sure your furnaces, fuel-burning appliances and chimneys are in safe working order. Fires often result from a build-up of creosote in the chimney. Blocked chimneys and faulty fuel burning appliances can also cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your home. Your chimney should be professionally cleaned and furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances should be inspected by authorized service personnel before you start to use them for the season to prevent the serious hazards of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

The following is taken from information provided by the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council:

#### What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas, and is often referred to as the 'silent killer'. When inhaled it inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the body. It can poison the body quickly in high concentrations, or slowly over long periods of time.

#### What are symptoms of CO poisoning?

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and even loss of consciousness, in severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to carbon monoxide.

#### How is CO generated in the home?

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion of fuel such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood. This incomplete combustion can occur in any device that depends on burning for energy or heat, such as furnaces, room heaters, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves or grills and any gas powered vehicle or engine. Automobiles left running in attached garages, gas barbecues operated inside the house, grills or kerosene heaters that are not properly vented, or chimneys or vents that are dirty or plugged may create unsafe levels of carbon monoxide.

When properly installed, maintained and vented, any CO produced by these devices will not stay inside the home.

#### How can unsafe levels of CO be detected?

Carbon monoxide detectors monitor airborne concentration levels (parts per million) of carbon monoxide and sound an audible alarm when harmful CO levels are present.

Be sure that your detector has been certified to the Canadian Standards Association CAN/CGA 6.19 standard or the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard.

#### If you suspect CO in your home...

If you or anyone else in your home is experiencing the symptoms of CO poisoning, ensure that everyone leaves the home immediately, leaving the door open. Call your local fire department or 911 from a neighbour's telephone.

If your CO detector sounds do NOT assume it to be a false alarm. Open all doors and windows to ventilate the home. If you cannot find the problem and the alarm continues, contact the fire department. If there is a strong smell of natural gas in your home, evacuate immediately, leaving the door open, and contact your local gas utility.

If no symptoms are experienced, reset the detector and check to see if the alarm activates. If the detector sounds a second time, call the fire department for their assistance.

If the detector does not sound a second time, check for common conditions that may have caused a CO build-up or contact a qualified heating contractor to check your fuel-burning equipment.

#### Where should a Carbon Monoxide detector be located in the home?

Proper placement of a CO detector is important. In general, the human body is most vulnerable to the effects of CO during sleeping hours, so a detector should be located in or as near as possible to the sleeping area of the home.

Where sleeping areas are located in separate parts of the home, a detector should be provided for each area.

Additional CO detectors should be placed on each level of a residence and in other rooms where combustion devices are located, or adjacent to potential sources of CO (such as a room adjacent to an attached garage).

Unlike smoke, which rises to the ceiling, CO mixes with air. Recognizing this, a CO detector should be located at knee-height ... up to chest height. To work properly, a detector should not be blocked by furniture, draperies or other obstructions to normal air flow.

If a combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector is used, it should be located on the ceiling, to ensure it will detect smoke effectively.

Please refer to the manufacturer's instructions for additional information regarding proper use and maintenance.



#### TIMISKAMING DIABETES EXPO 2014

Every two years, the Timiskaming Diabetes Program hosts a diabetes awareness event. With this year being their 20th year of service, they are planning a larger event: the 2014 Diabetes EXPO.

This event is anticipated to draw well over 300 people, and will provide the general public with information on several aspects of healthy living with diabetes, including active living, healthy eating, prevention of complications and much more. They have invited community partners to promote the various options they have for healthy living and Temagami has agreed to participate.

The event will be held on November 4th from 2-7 pm at Riverside Place in Temiskaming Shores. If you are interested in learning more about healthy living with diabetes, we invite you to join us.

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# “Three Days, Two Boys, One Connection”

by Mercede Rogers, Board member, Friends of Temagami

“Canoeing is not really my thing” says 5 year old Matthew from the middle of our canoe forty-five minutes into our first day.  
“Oh no? What is your thing?” I ask.

“Probably just hockey” He replies.

His mom shoots me a quizzical glance from the bow and we share a laugh as Matthew continues paddling along.

Matthew, along with his 8 year old brother Max, and their mom and dad have travelled to Temagami from New York State for a family canoe trip for three days. They were drawn to the area for the fishing, the culture and the remoteness. The trip was organized through Temagami Outfitters and it was an opportunity to spend time together as a family before the hustle and bustle of school crept in. They were hoping for good weather, good food, good guides and great fish – simple!

After expressing his love for hockey, Matthew dug his paddle in and for the next hour or so was totally enthralled in his surroundings. He was an active observer and then questioned in the way only a 5 year old can;

“What’s that bug that floats on the water?”

“How many fish are in this lake?”

“What happens if I stop paddling?”

I learned all about the Buffalo zoo and what time is best to see specific animals. We chatted and conversed in the sun, all the while moving through the water by our own power, at our own speed, towards a destination that was still past the furthest reaches of our vision but not our thoughts.

Travel by canoe may no longer be the most popular way to travel from point to A to point B across the water but it is the favourite method for many that come to the Temagami region. For myself and fellow guide, Mike McIntosh, we revel in the serenity and calm, the unpredictable yet predictable challenges and the power of awareness and connectedness that comes from days out on the land. We are very grateful for our experiences as guides and travelling with this family was an opportunity to witness first hand children connecting with wild spaces in their environment.

In the outdoors where actions have immediate results and consequences can be serious the learning and connections can also be just as serious and immediate.

Over the course of three days Matthew and his older brother Max explored campsites, built fires, saw Bald Eagles, swam and fished, swam and fished some more. From learning how to cast all the way to catching, and helping to clean their first fish and have it for dinner over a fire they themselves helped to build, the boys grew in that small period of time.

“How do you turn the canoe?” Max asks, his eyes staring intently at Mike as he paddles in the stern.

“Can we help you chop wood?”

The observations turned to questions and the questions turned to action.

“I will carry the little barrel on the next portage”

“I will make the fire”

“I want to try and carry the canoe”

The boys didn’t realize that this process of learning is fundamental in the growth and development of youth and arguably adults as well. In three short days in the wilderness they packed enough in for a summer long trip.

To be witness to this development was inspiring, there is nothing like the joy and laughter of a child to remind us what life is about. Before departing each morning we gave thanks to a “special spot” on the campsite that we connected with.

The family got their good weather, good food, good fish, good guides (if I may say so myself) and certainly caught great fish. But they gained much more, they gained an appreciation for the land, developed a connection with their environment and drove home inspired to continue exposing their children to the wild spaces the earth has to offer.

**Friends of Temagami is a Northern Ontario-based, all-volunteer conservation organization. Our mission is to conserve wilderness and promote ecotourism across the Temagami region. [friendsoftemagami.org](http://friendsoftemagami.org)**

## Hiking Trails Get Boost

By Bob Olajos

The Old Growth Trail Partnership was hard at work this summer on Temagami Island. Most noticeably, a new dock was installed in the northeast bay. Thanks to TLA for \$5000 in funding, Temagami Community Foundation for \$2500, and private donors who covered the rest. Volunteers did a huge amount of trail maintenance after years of neglect. More work remains, including fundraising for a kiosk, new map and brochure, and improved trail

signage. Now that we’ve had a good start on Temagami Island, the Partnership is developing a similar work plan for the Whitebear Forest.

Partnership members include the TFN, TLA, Municipality, Temagami Community Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Nastawgan Trails and Friends of Temagami. We are a hard working group, committed to the long-term maintenance and promotion of the Temagami Island and Whitebear Forest trails. Stay tuned for information on how you can help, but in the meantime, go for a hike! (Or a snowshoe, depending on when you’re reading this.)



Photo by Cathy Dwyer.



## EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Editor, Temagami Times

The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) was founded in 1931 by a group of concerned cottage owners interested in environmental quality and the future of the Lake. Today, the TLA has more than 600 members, most of whom are cottage owners, as well as numerous commercial members and non property owners who support the mission of the organization.

The objectives of the Association are: to advance and protect the common interests of seasonal and other residents and owners of lands on or near Lake Temagami; to promote the preservation and restoration of natural and scenic beauty, fish, wildlife and the water quality of the area; and to advance conditions of health, sanitation, safety and general welfare in the Temagami area.

The Temagami Times is a tabloid newspaper published three times a year. It is placed in all Temagami, Marten River and Bear Island mailboxes and mailed to over 1,100 property owners in the Municipality.

**The TLA board of directors seeks a  
new Editor for the Temagami Times.**

### RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Seek and acquire suitable and diverse content for the Temagami Times.

- Coordinate potential incoming articles and desired articles with the TLA Board of Directors;
- Contact regular and potential contributors to invite articles;
- As needed, conduct interviews and/or prepare articles and/or prepare questions for a question & answer style article.

**Coordinate with TLA Executive Secretary, layout professionals, and printer.**

Edit submitted content for spelling, grammar, readability, clarification, length, captions, photo credits, headlines, and other details.

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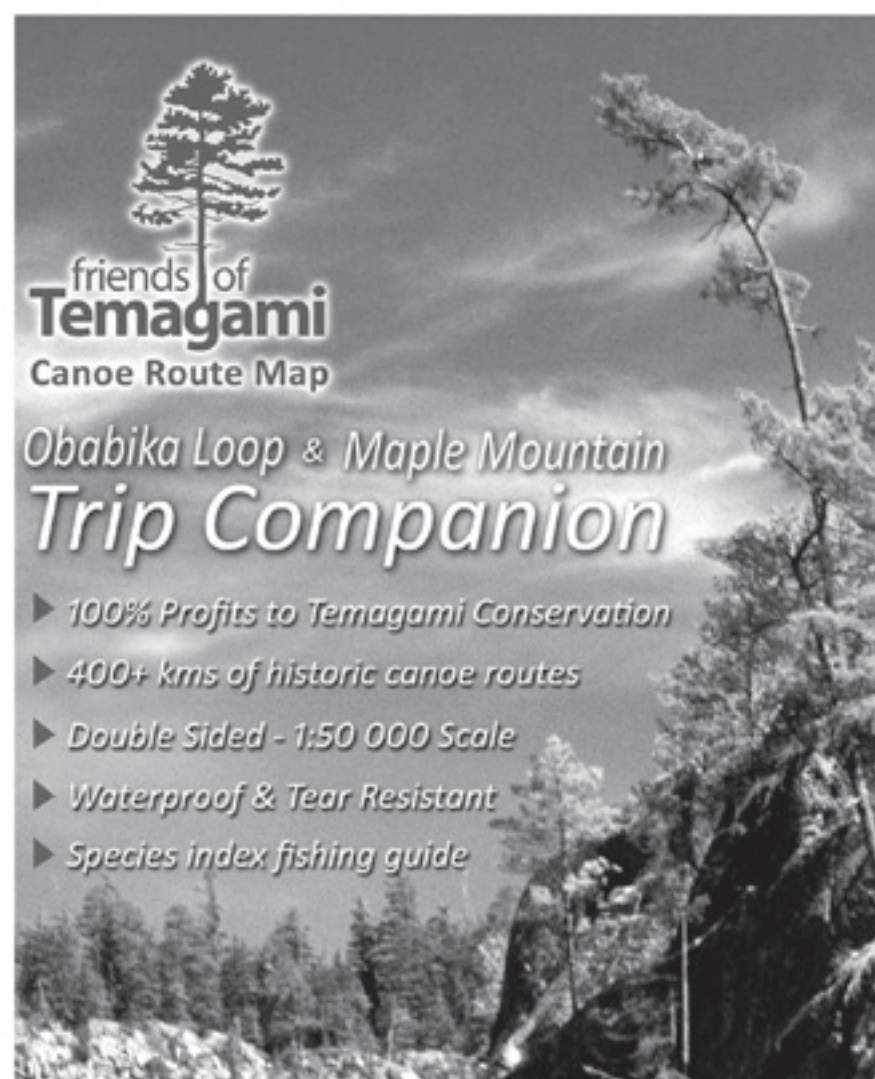
Excellent written, verbal, and electronic communication skills; attention to detail; experience with writing and publication; impressive organizational talents; creativity. The successful candidate would be supportive of the objectives of the Temagami Lakes Association, as mentioned above.

The Editor of the Temagami Times will be compensated at the rate of \$ 1,500 per edition.

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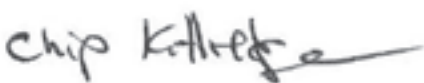
Dear Elaine,

The *Temagami Times* has thrived under your leadership as Editor for seven years, and it saddened me to receive your email recently with notification of your desire to step down. I know the same traits that made you such a successful Editor will be relevant for your duties organizing the Municipal election this fall, as well as ongoing service to Temagami as Municipal Clerk, and continuing your professional development completing requirements to obtain a Diploma in Municipal Administration. Your attention to detail, organizational skills, and a creative intuition for relevant content contributed to the quality of the *Temagami Times*. In addition, your ability to assemble content from a variety of sources while collaborating with Peter Healy and the layout and design professionals resulted in timely production of a quality product. Our 2011 survey of TLA members indicated that nearly 90% of those responding read every issue of the *Temagami Times*. Hundreds of members from across Canada and the US, as well as farther abroad depend on the *Times* for their link to Temagami and the lake. The *Temagami Times* is also circulated to all ratepayers in the Municipality as a way of elevating awareness of lake issues of common concern. In several important ways, the *Temagami Times* is one of the most visible benefits of membership and representative symbols of the TLA. Thank you very much for your important service to the TLA.

Thank you for offering to assist with our transition to a new Editor. Having filled this position, you have an excellent idea of what we will be looking for in a new person. I would appreciate it if you would give this some thought, and based on your knowledge of Temagami, think of some likely candidates. I believe we would benefit by a local perspective similar to the role that you played.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Temagami Lakes Association, please accept my thanks for seven years of very important service, ensuring that the TLA has an effective newspaper presence connecting members and others to Temagami and our organization.

Sincerely,



Chip Kittredge  
President  
Temagami Lakes Association  
dbkitt@gmail.com



### The TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members for 2014.

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, including those with respect to lake water quality, on behalf of all residents do make a difference. The TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

NAME	ISLAND
Reg Miron	265
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Lindsay Jones	312
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## Temagami Fish Hatchery (TAFIP)

By Ike Laba



The Temagami Fish Hatchery Program has recently lost Lance White, a resident of Lake Temagami, who was a very dedicated active long term member of the Walleye Stocking Program. Lance contributed to the stocking program in many ways such as: raising funds for the hatchery program (especially the Ling Fling event), the collection of walleye eggs in the spring from Lake Temagami, and the restocking of fry and fingerlings in various areas of Lake Temagami. Also, a special thanks to the Lance White family for their donation towards the Temagami Fish Hatchery program in memory of Lance White.


The hatchery program was successful this year (2014) in collecting over 1 million eggs between Lake Temagami and Cassells Lake. The hatching of eggs collected was successful this year and many of the fry were immediately deposited in the following lakes: Lake Temagami, Cassells, Rabbit, and Net Lakes. The remaining fry at the hatchery were deposited in 4 rearing pond located on the Roosevelt Road (2), Red Squirrel, and at the Sherman ponds. The fingerlings from these ponds (2" to 4") are being stocked into the above mentioned lakes. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this year's walleye program.

Funding was provided by various means for the Hatchery Program such as:

- a) Private donations from residents as well as community groups
- b) Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters: \$2,000 in 2013 for Operating and Pond Improvement.
- C) Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters: \$1,738 in 2014 for Operating and Hatchery building improvements.
- d) Fund raising was also done through the Ling Fling on Lake Temagami as well as 2 TAFIP BBQs held in Temagami

A request was submitted early in 2014 for funding to improve 5 walley spawning beds on various lakes within the Temagami area. Hopefully, funding will be approved soon so that improvements can be made on the walley spawning beds this year.

Early in 2014 CALA received approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources to upgrade a walley spawning bed on Rabbit Lake. On August 26th, members from CALA along with members from the Temagami Hatchery worked together to successfully upgrade the walley spawning bed on Rabbit Lake under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Hatchery program would like to continue improving various lakes within the Temagami area. If anyone is aware of creeks or shoal spawning areas for walleye that require any work due to debris or creek blockage please contact Wayne Adair, President of the Temagami Hatchery Program, at 705 569 3319.











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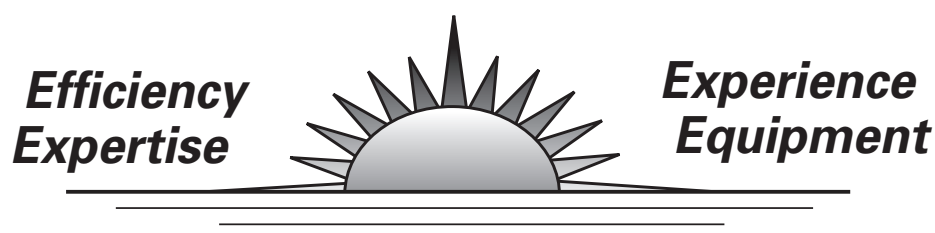
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# Lions Club - Temagami Food Bank

Please be aware that the Temagami Food Bank room is located on the lower ground floor down the hallway from the Library entrance (Municipal Welcome Centre). We have no regular hours of operation, being a small food bank, but access to the food bank is easily arranged through a telephone call to our Food Bank Coordinator – Lion Paul Middleton (569-2586). With at least a day’s notice, a visit is quickly set.

Donations of non-perishable foods are always welcome – **\*PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND WHEN CLEANING OUT YOUR COTTAGE CUPBOARDS AT SEASON’S END\***. If you prefer, money donations can be sent by mail directly to: Temagami Lions Cub (Attn. Food Bank), P.O. Box 39, Temagami, ON. P0H 2H0.



## SOME “FOOD” FOR THOUGHT:

The TFB, as all other food banks in NE Ontario (and elsewhere?), has experienced significant increases in need for this community service ... although we are a small one-room food bank, we presently support up to 55 persons (single persons, and families and children); Although not all food bank clients visit every month, most do, and the need is throughout the year, although most certainly the winter unemployment drives up the need;

We only have several food drives throughout the year (sponsored drives by such dedicated and generous groups as the Temiskaming MNR staff, the Temiskaming Speaker newspaper, Marten River Sisters-by-Choice, etc.), usually in the late Spring and Christmas time. During the remainder of the year we look forward to drop-offs at our donation bins at the town Library and the Our Daily Bread Grocery Store;

The TFB can make referrals to other area food banks and we often “share” our resources and assist one another throughout the North East (e.g. Englehart FB). We can also offer contact information for job search assistance and other social service support agencies when a client requests such help;

While a food bank is not a health food store and it is not expected that a food bank can provide all the food requirements for a client/family, we hope we can blunt the hunger in our community and help our neighbours in need get through to the next day and beyond.



# Ticket On A Whim = Kayak In The Water

The story begins with TCF board member Bob Farr pitching raffle tickets -- at the bargain rate of 6 for \$100 -- and then striking up with Barbara DeAngelis, a visit on the Lake from Vermont. “He talked about support for the old growth forests on Temagami Island, as well as the local community benefits accruing from the donations,” fellow TCF board member, Debbie Nixon recalls being told. And so the lady from Vermont purchased a couple tickets. Ms. DeAngelis’ whim resulted in her having the winning raffle ticket -- and a New Liskeard-built fibreglass kayak. In his travels this summer around the Lake and in town, Bob never was without a pocket full of tickets. And as in the past, he was the most successful raffle salesman. The TCF also was a winner, as total proceeds were \$12,280 -- funds that will be put to good use to further promote the organization’s activities in 2015. The lesson for us all? **Give in to your whimsical side and buy a ticket from Bob in the next TCF raffle!**



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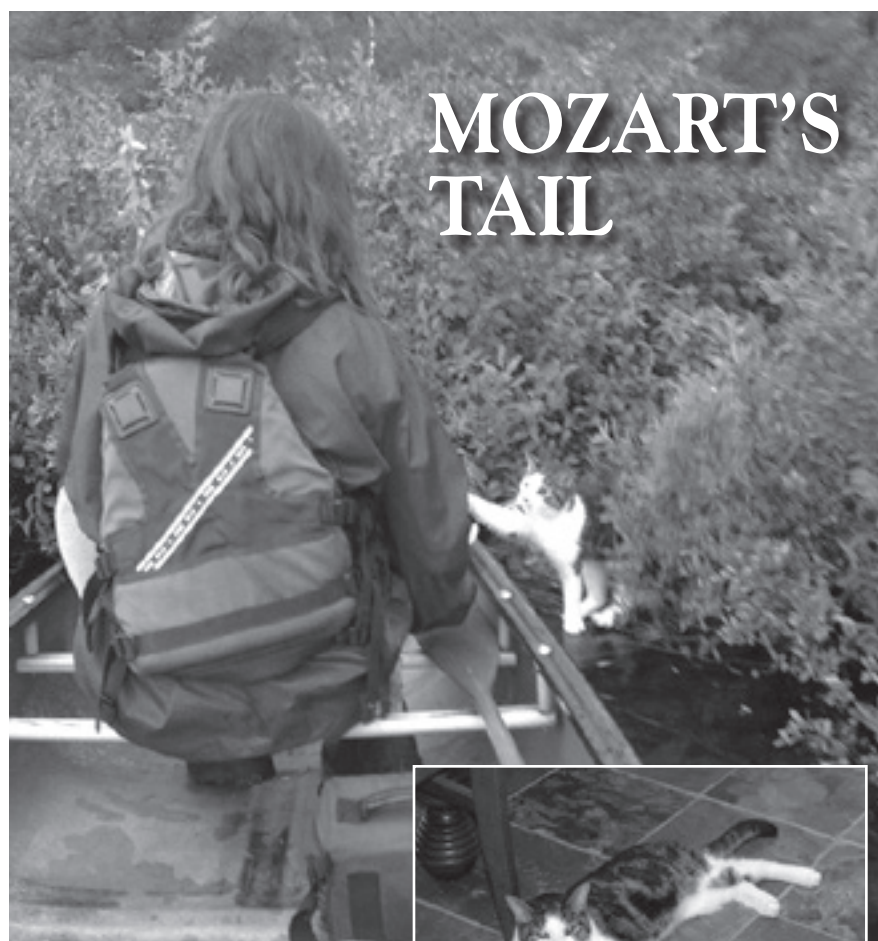
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## MOZART'S TAIL

We have a cottage in Sharp Rock Inlet where we spend our summers with our cat Mozart and various family members and friends. This summer we decided to leave the island and do some boat camping in Obabika Inlet, one of the places that we used to go before we purchased the cottage.

Since we didn't want to leave Mozart alone for 5 days, because he tends not to eat that much when we are away, we took him with us. He always stayed very close to us, so we thought it would be O.K.. Also, it appeared that his health was failing and he did not have much time left. He has always been a very affectionate cat, knew his name and ALWAYS came when called. He was a very good hunter (no mice on our island). When he was outside he was hyper alert and would disappear at the slightest hint of danger.

We found a mostly unused campsite up in a little cove in Obabika inlet on the south shore, and as soon as we touched shore Mozart jumped off the boat and headed into the bush, returning later when we called him. That night the weather turned bad (windy and cold) so we decided to move to a more protected site on the opposite shore. Again, when we touched shore Mozart headed for the bush, only this time he did not come to our call. We called and called, but no response. Several things crossed our mind. Did an animal or a hawk or eagle get him? Did he think that he was about to die and went away to do just that, as animals will sometimes do? Or did he just go too far away to hear our call and simply lost his way. We stayed three more days, calling and bushwhacking to no avail. We resigned ourselves to the fact that he was indeed gone for good. We reluctantly came home.

This happened on July 22nd. On August 23rd we were stocking up to go back to the cottage at the grocery store, when Susan noticed a poster on the bulletin board. Pictured was a cat that was without a doubt our Mozart. The contact number turned out to be the public works yard. It was Saturday so no answer there. We called the after hours number and left a message to call back. We came back to the house to wait. While waiting we got the idea that maybe someone may have reported it to the T.L.A. Sure enough someone had, and the T.L.A. gave them our number.

The Hendrickson family in Obabika Inlet had found him on the shore, constantly meowing to get their attention. He had made his way back to about 500 yards from our original campsite. Now to get onto that shore he would have had to swim across a channel that was approximately 150 yards wide and make his way about 2 miles along that shore. He was quite willing to get into their canoe. Now we all know that cats do NOT like to swim, but we cannot think of another way he could have gotten there. You sometimes hear these stories of long lost animals who return after being away for a long time. Mozart proves that it is possible.

He was quite thin, but otherwise in pretty good shape considering he had been in the bush for a month. He was very well cared for by the Hendricksons, especially Julia, who we could tell had been smitten by Mozart, and we think she was as sad, as we were glad, that we had been reunited.

We are very grateful to the Hendricksons, the T.L.A. and all of the people who helped get Mozart back. We thank you all.

Mozart has settled back into his routine quite well and is gaining back some of the lost weight. He will NOT be going on our next camping trip unless we camp on an Island.

*In gratitude to all who helped  
Susan & Dave Phillips, Temagami.*



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

André Lamothe

1956-2014

There are many, many André memories. And the outpouring of affection from his friends and associates tell of a man who was warm and always with a kind word. Sincere and honest, there was never a task too menial that André didn't dedicate one-hundred percent of his efforts.

But it was André's vision and foresight that catapulted him ahead of the pack. André didn't just think big – he acted on BIG.

Retired from the logging industry, André embraced the recreational marine industry with the same gusto and zeal he did everything else. In fact, André was always thought outside the box.

Running a marina in the middle of a recession in Northern Ontario had its challenges from providing sustainable work to cash flow. Relocating Naden Boats to the Temagami Marine property was one of his wonderful visions where the solution is so simple it's brilliant.

A long standing Canadian boat brand, Naden was facing bankruptcy. André set out to not only save the brand but re-launch the business in Temagami in order to provide year round long-term, highly skilled, sustainable jobs for Northerners.

It didn't seem to bother André that he knew nothing about boat building, he simply set about re-locating and re-tooling this new business. In the short time that he was CEO, he developed an eco-based etching and painting process unique to Canada while developing a nation-wide dealership that had sold several hundred boats. To his credit, André was recognized by Northern businesses and government agencies as well as his peers in the Ontario boating industry for his leadership and successes.



André was a community leader and the first to roll up his sleeves for any task. He loved his family and was deeply involved with his children. As a parent in North Bay he was involved in his children's schools and their activities. From hockey games, to card games, from fundraisers to the Santa Claus parade, André was more than just a participant he was the driving force.

He was the same leader that established The PINK Boat Tour, a charity in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. André painted a 14' Naden Fisherman pink, packaged it with a 15hp Tohatsu engine and a Yacht Club trailer, and along with his Naden Boat Dealers and other sponsors sold tickets in a raffle for the boat. In 2013, the first tour, the charity surpassed its goal of \$5,000 to raise \$20,000, a lot by André personally.

The PINK Boat Tour not only was a marketing opportunity for Naden Boats but for CBCF as part of their many 'get involved' campaigns. In April André was awarded CBCF's corporate spirit award. It's sad to think that André will not complete the 2014 tour.

André was tenacious and relentless. Adversity didn't seem to bother André. He always seemed to take it in stride. His work ethic and enthusiasm was infectious.

It was like being swept up in a hurricane.

Equally comfortable in the board room, pumping gas or operating a forklift, André had a warm handshake and a twinkle in his eye when he greeted you. It was like he was interested in you personally from the first meeting to the 100th meeting.

André loved Northern Ontario and was one of its most ardent defenders. He valued the people, how hard they worked, their generosity and worried constantly on how the people of the North would sustain themselves.

The outpouring of affection from friends and associates speak of a man of great courage, kindness, tenacity, vision and gentleness. He was most aptly described as a Gentleman and a gentle man. His gentle affability and personal touch will be missed.

Heather worked with André on The PINK Boat Campaign. She is also a great friend of Naden Boats and Temagami Marine. The PINK Boat Campaign can accept donations until October 5th in honour of André.



The PINK Boat Tour, a charity in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Lance White

1943 – 2014

Lance White was born in Welland, Ontario on December 25, 1943. He always said that because he was born on Christmas, he could walk on water. He later found out this was not true when his snow machine went through the ice.

He married on November 14, 1964 to the late Lucille White with whom he had two sons: Todd (Michelle) White of Welland, and Trent (Lynn) of Bear Island. Lance retired to Camp Adanac twenty some years ago. Prior to that, Lance worked at the Welland Fire Department until his retirement and volunteered with the Welland minor hockey association.

At Camp Adanac, Lance not only ran the camp but volunteered with the Temagami Fish Hatchery and was an active member of the Temagami Canadian Legion Branch 408.

Lance enjoyed fishing and putting on fish fries for camp guests. Lance extended his fish fry expertise to the entire town of Temagami by helping with the Legion Fish fries, and the entire lake community as co-organizer of the annual Ling Fling that is held on the lake near camp Wabikon every winter. Lance was also was known for his mean spaghetti sauce. He loved to tell stories of years past



in his “hot store lounge”. He knew much of the history of the lake, especially the boats of long ago and the many camps that were operated on the lake.

Lance was known to have many rules for the camp and always tried to come up with more like: NO RUNNING ON THE PATHS, NO THROWING ROCKS, NO PLAYING WITH THE MINNOWS, AND NO CATCHING HIS PET BASS, just to name a few.

He was also fond of the ducks that he fed for many years. Lance was also very picky at cleaning fish until Lynn came up with one for him: “You catch them, you clean them”.

Lance has left a large hole in Lake Temagami and will truly be missed by family and friends.

Being with his family was paramount to the summer vacation, but so were the moments he spent savoring a cold beverage or two with dear friends. They loved John for his friendly greetings, warm smile, eager assistance and bbq skills.

John lived every moment fully. Many lives will never be the same without him – but we know his presence will be felt and never forgotten.

George Ralph Hendrickson

January 2014

George Ralph Hendrickson, passed away peacefully in January 2014 at the age of 85.

George and his wife Barbara came to Temagami in 1958 and started Northland Traders, which George ran for 40 years, as well as The Post in North Bay for over a decade.

Temagami always held a special place in George’s heart. He was very involved in the community and organizations that promoted the town, the lake and the people. Everywhere he went, he always seemed to know someone, and was always happy to stop and have a chat.



George, his wife Barbara and their family have fond memories of their many summers spent both at their apartment above the store and at their cottage in Obabika Inlet in the Northwest Arm of Lake Temagami where George was always thrilled to have friends and family join them.

George had the wonderful gift of bringing laughter and fun to the lives he touched. His kind and gentle nature and his smile and laughter will be remembered by all and missed dearly.



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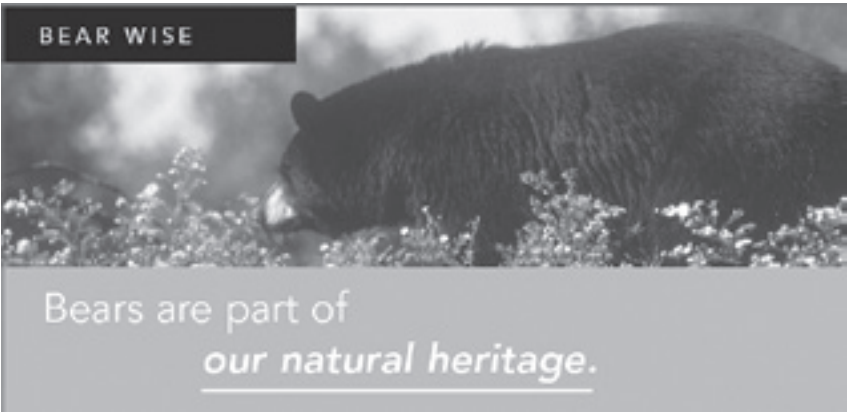
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# Bears Are Part of Our Natural Heritage, and They Travel Far for Food

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Black bears live primarily in forested areas and throughout most of Ontario. They are large, powerful animals. Adult males can weigh between 120-270 kilograms (250-600 pounds). Adult females can weigh between 45-180 kilograms (100-400 pounds). Female bears have their first cubs when they are between five and seven years old. Mother bears do not produce cubs every year. They stay with their cubs throughout their year of birth and until the following spring. Black bears hibernate for about six months. In this time, they do not eat or drink. Most black bears in northern Ontario move into their winter dens by mid-October. In central Ontario, bears usually enter their dens by early November. In most years black bears in northern Ontario emerge from their dens between mid-April and early May. Bears in central Ontario leave their dens from mid to late April.

Bears feed from mid-April to late fall. From the time bears come out of hibernation until berry crops are available, bears live off their stored fat and the limited energy provided by fresh spring greens. Black bears eat a variety of foods. They get most of their food energy by feeding on summer berry crops such as blueberries, strawberries and raspberries, as well as hazel nuts, mountain ash, acorns and beech nuts in the fall. In late summer and early fall some bears actively feed for 20 hours a day, ingesting as much as 20,000 calories. Black bears are selective feeders and prefer foods that are

accessible, high in energy, and easy to digest. They eat both plants and animals, but the bulk of their diet is plant material. Bears need to fatten up so they can survive winter hibernation and in the case of females, produce and feed young. Bears are instinctively driven to feed. Bears typically double their body weight during the summer and fall. If natural foods are not readily available, bears will look for other food sources, primarily your garbage.

**Some things to remember about Ontario’s black bears:**

- When food crops fail, the potential for human-bear conflicts increases as bears search for alternate food sources.
- Bears lose their natural fear of humans through repeated exposure to people in areas where food is intentionally or unintentionally provided. In such cases, conflict with humans is inevitable. Bears may even become destructive or dangerous.
- Such bears are often destroyed because they have become “nuisances” or are perceived as a threat to human safety. They also have a greater risk of getting injured or killed in collisions with vehicles. That is why you should never intentionally feed bears or place food to attract other wildlife (including birds) to your yard for viewing.
- Bears quickly learn to associate human residences and campsites with a readily available food source. In fact, most bear problems occur as the result of improperly stored household garbage.
- Bears are also attracted to pet food that is left outdoors, bird feeders, grease and food residue left on barbecue grills, composters, fruit trees, sweet corn and grain fields.
- Garbage dumps provide a concentration of readily available food that often attracts bears. Bears that feed on garbage in landfills risk physical injury. They also become conditioned to eating garbage at landfills.

Bears are highly intelligent. They easily learn where food sources can be found and use their keen sense of smell to seek them out. Bears will travel more than 100 kilometres to a known food source like a berry patch or a stand of beech trees and they will return to these same locations year after year. Bears are always looking for new food sources, including your garbage or the contents of your cooler. Once they determine that food can be found at your house or campsite, they will revisit again and again.

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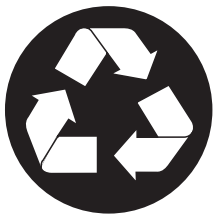
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