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A River Threads Through It
(photo by Gerry Gooderham)

By Allan Eustis

For several years, we have posted NASA satellite imagery on the TLA website so that members could follow ice build-up and decline on Lake Temagami. What follows is a short history of the low-Earth-orbit, environmental, monitoring satellites that collect the imagery data, as well as a brief description of how the on-board sensors aid in fire detection, viewing ice build-up, and revealing numerous elements of climate change (including volcanic eruptions).

In 1999 and 2002, NASA launched the first two “Earth Observing System” (EOS) satellites into orbits that circled the Earth’s poles at an altitude of 700 km. Each is about the size of a small school bus. These Earth-observational satellites are equipped with heat-sensing instruments that can detect environmental features (e.g., wildfires) that are as small as a football field. Today, long past their six-year operational lifespans, the MODIS Terra and MODIS Aqua satellites continue to remotely monitor forest fires in the wilderness, cloud cover, the seasonal change of tree foliage, and ice coverage on lakes and oceans. Terra loops over the equator in the morning, while Aqua

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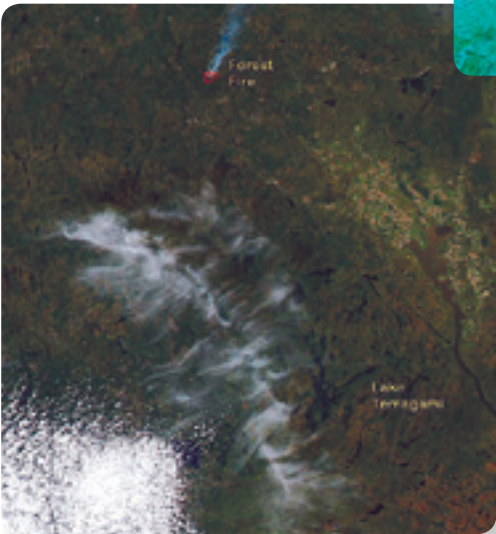
moves in the opposite direction and passes south to north over the equator in the afternoon. That radiant energy is focused on detectors that are sensitive to selected regions of the electromagnetic energy spectrum, ranging from visible light to invisible heat. The information produced by the detectors is then transmitted down to Earth and processed by computers into images that are available to the public on the internet. Terra’s and Aqua’s instruments monitor Earth’s radiation balance, includ-

onboard, environmental monitors – the “Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometers”. The radiometers on Terra and Aqua do not actively scan the surface like laser beams or microwave radar pulses might. Rather, they work like a camera lens that detects heat and cold, as well as visible light. Sunlight reflected, and heat emitted, by

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▲ A “false-colour” MODIS Terra image of Lakes Temagami, Wanapitei, and Nipissing on December 18, 2016. The satellite infrared sensor displays unfrozen water in deep blue. The shallow Lake Nipissing shows up as completely iced over.
◀ A “true-colour” MODIS image of Lake Temagami from October 10, 2016. The small red box at the top of the picture is the heat signature of a fire. Smoke is also visible. The orange hues indicate the fall change in foliage colour.



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President’s Letter

Dear TLA Members,

It’s the middle of winter, and I find myself thinking about the several times I visited Temagami as a kid at this time of year. They were memorable experiences, and each time I was made keenly aware of the fine line between safety and hazards. We were reminded of that just a few weeks ago, when Gerry Gooderham had very scary incident with his snowmobile on thin ice. Thankfully, Gerry is very experienced on the Lake and is fine; but, I think we should all be reminded that while beautiful, Lake Temagami is not something to be taken for granted.

Thin ice can be a metaphor for how we sometimes experience our emotions when it comes to Lake Temagami. Most cottagers I know have a fierce sense of pride in the beauty and special qualities of the Lake. I think that is why we are so vigilant about water quality and all environmental issues. At the same time, there are permanent residents in Temagami who feel just as strongly about preserving the Town as an economically-viable hamlet over the long term.

In my mind, the two perspectives have never been mutually exclusive; and yet tensions persist between cottagers and those who live here year-round. There are many things we all have in common, including valuing the protection

of our properties. With the recent rash of break-ins on the Lake, we are reminded that we rely on law enforcement to protect us – especially during the winter months. We are fortunate to have the full commitment the O.P.P., who have re-doubled their efforts to improve property protection over the last few years.

It concerns me that many feel as though there is an “icy” relationship between Town and Lake residents. I believe that we have much more in common than we realize, and that the place to start is with better communication. Accordingly, I plan to meet with members of the Town Council this summer to go over those issues that are important to all of us – including economic development and environmental well-being.

The TLA has consistently supported intelligently-planned growth in the Temagami region. Although we provide a significant portion of the tax base, we should also support the businesses in Town. I see no reason why we can’t all come together and work towards the common good. There is an “Official Plan” in place that provides the framework for constructive progress. I urge anyone who has opinions on this topic to reach out to me (and any other members of the Board) to give us your thoughts.

Will Goodman



Freeze Up (photo by Gerry Gooderham)

The TEMAGAMI TIMES welcomes signed letters or e-mails on any subject.

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TLA Supports the “Temagami Community Market”

The Board of Directors of the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION is pleased to announce that its 2017 budget includes financial support for the “Temagami Community Market”. Market manager, Dianne Laronde, requested support to purchase a large marquis tent to accommodate an expanding list of vendors in 2017. This new shelter will allow the event to continue to grow and attract shoppers to the Town on a weekly basis throughout the summer months. It is anticipated that the new structure will be available to other community groups when not needed by the weekly market.

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. Shiningwood Bay, Cross Lake, Austin Bay, Blue Bay and any other illegal access points are to be closed using scarification methods. Existing gates are to be main-

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

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

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

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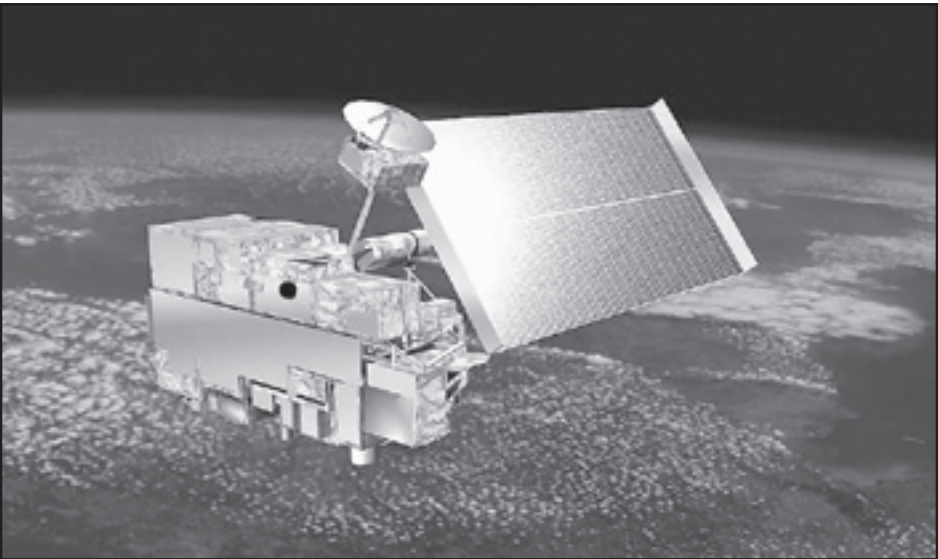
ing the effect of heavier cloud cover on the amounts of solar radiation absorbed by the planet. They also measure: changes in land-cover usage (including those attributable to human activity); ice-sheet volume; the chemistry of the mid- to upper-atmosphere; and, the effects of volcanic activity on the atmosphere.

Initial operational users of the daily MODIS imagery included the US FOREST SERVICE and NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA. With two daytime and two nighttime passes over North America, the Terra and Aqua satellites detect early heat signatures from new wilderness forest fires as small as 100 m in diameter. The geo-referenced data can be monitored daily in almost real time to determine fire growth and abatement in remote locations and over large areas.

While “true-colour” imagery forms the basis for fire detection, “false-colour” imagery – using the satellites’ infrared sensing capabilities – allows us to see ice and snow build-up on Lake Temagami during December. Many stunning examples of additional environmental images collected globally from MODIS Terra and Aqua over a decade and a half are posted on the internet at <https://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery>.

Interactive access to North American MODIS imagery is accessible at <http://ge.ssec.wisc.edu/modis-today>. Designed by the University of Wisconsin, this MODIS

image viewer displays the current day’s first pass over eastern North America at about 11:00 a.m. EST. The image data is also downloadable into Google Earth. Further technical information on the MODIS satellites is also available online at <https://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/about>.



NASA’s MODIS Terra satellite was launched in 1999. MODIS Aqua followed in 2002. The total EOS satellite constellation consists of six satellites. This image shows the satellite as it would appear if one were parallel to it in Earth’s orbit.

Ontario Municipal Board Decision (December 30, 2016)

By Will Goodman, TLA President

Last Fall, the TLA hired legal counsel to appeal a minor variance that had been granted by the MUNICIPAL OF TEMAGAMI’s “Committee of Adjustment” during the Spring of 2016. The TLA Board of Directors, at the recommendation of its land-use planner, believed that the variance did not meet the standards set out in the “Official Plan” for Lake Temagami. In a ruling dated December 30, 2016, the ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD (OMB) denied the variance request because it did not maintain the general intent of the municipal “Official Plan” and “Zoning By-law”. Here are a couple of key points from the OMB’s ruling:

1. The “Official Plan” was adopted by the Municipal-

ity in 2011, and modified and approved by the MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING in 2013. It helps to ensure that “built form” (i.e., what a structure looks like, how tall it is, how much of the lot it utilizes, etc.) has minimal impact on Lake Temagami, and prioritizes protection of the natural environment. It does so by ensuring that the mainland remains undeveloped and by limiting development on islands (including the “subject property” of this hearing), to preserve a semi-wilderness state. The OMB agreed that the balance between preservation and development in this situation differed from that taking place in many other cottage areas of the province.

2. The OMB also found that the policies of the “Official Plan” and the standards of the “Zoning By-law” clearly intend that development be minimized or limited to preserve the semi-wilderness character of the island areas – regardless of the size of an island property. The TLA Board, and the majority of TLA members that we have heard from, are obviously pleased with the decision made by the OMB. It is the TLA Board’s opinion that this was an issue that had to be addressed, and it was

deemed to be a necessary and appropriate use of the “Tennets for Temagami Defense Fund”.

It is, however, important to note that the TLA is not opposed to development in general. In fact, when the original “Official Plan” for Temagami was created, one of its key elements was that there would be development at the rate of five new cottages annually. The TLA supported that plan, and together with the Municipality defended the “Official Plan”. It also spent significant amounts in legal and professional fees in that defense.

This is the first time that the TLA has appealed a planning decision made by the Municipality. Over the last 30 months, there have been 11 “minor variance” requests that the TLA planning committee reviewed and that went before the municipal “Committee of Adjustment”. This was the only one that was so outside the intent of the “Official Plan” that it was deemed necessary to file an appeal.

If you wish to have more information, please refer to the TLA website (www.tla-temagami.org) for the full details of this ruling.

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- Enter your e-mail address in the box, and click the “subscribe” button below it.

N.B., The TLA issues about 15 to 20 blog posts per year. In addition, your e-mail will not be shared with other parties.

New Mailing Address for the TLA

The TLA now has a new mailing address. All items that would previously have been sent to our post-office box should now be addressed to:

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TERAS Donations

We would like to remind you of TERAS (TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP) – the recently-formed, Canadian, charitable organization that operates in the Temagami region. It is dedicated to identifying, researching, and educating people about current environmental challenges pertaining to Lake Temagami. In addition to an agreement with the AMERICAN FRIENDS OF NATURE CONSERVANCY CANADA (AFNCC), registration with the CANADA REVENUE AGENCY in the Spring of 2016 allows this new group to be funded by tax-deductible donations from both Canadian and American supporters.

TERAS was envisioned as a response to increasing awareness and concern about climate change and, more specifically, its effect on Lake Temagami. To this end, it was created by the efforts of informed cottagers, scientists, and researchers on our Lake who understand the importance of collecting accurate environmental data over years and decades.

Donations and estate bequests to TERAS from both Canadian and American residents now qualify for charitable tax receipts. Canadian residents may write cheques to TERAS or make donations online at: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/temagami-environmental-research-and-stewardship.

U.S. residents may send their contributions by standard mail to AFNCC and should write “Temagami” on the memo line. They may also make online donations using a credit card at: <https://friendsofncc.org>. Once this website is accessed, please click the “Donate” button. Then, under the “Program” heading, select “Other” from the drop-down menu, and write “Temagami” where it prompts you for a program name.

The TLA recently received donations from family and friends in memory of two deceased members. We acknowledge these donations here and thank all contributors for their generosity. We would also like to extend our gratitude to others who have provided financial assistance to TERAS in this way.

Lake Temagami Water-Quality Monitoring 2016

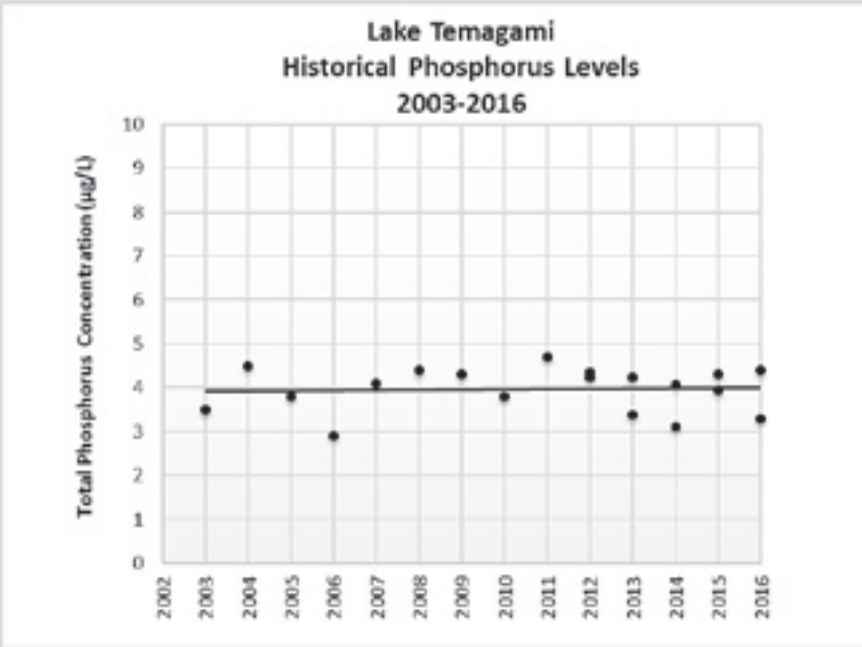
By Murray Richardson

This year, water-quality sampling for Lake Temagami was conducted by the father and son team of Tim and Murray Richardson. Samples were collected at about 15 locations throughout the Lake in the Spring and Fall. These were analyzed for total phosphorus concentrations by staff at the ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE in Dorset. Once again, phosphorus concentrations were well within the

typical, low range of values observed for Lake Temagami since 2003. These values are indicative of the “oligotrophic” (low-nutrient status) conditions that give the Lake its beautiful water clarity.

The annual sampling protocol previously conducted by TLA summers students is being streamlined for cost- and time-effectiveness to help ensure that we can continue this process for years to come. These data, along with other parameters that are being collected (e.g., temperature, pH, clarity, and chlorophyll *a* concentrations) are now catalogued by the tant long-term record of water-datasets such as these are critically-gradual changes in due to development pressures or

In a related effort, samples of shoreline rocks were analyzed by biologist from the UNIVERSITY collected because of concerns mats observed by many individuals identified these as filamentous species (*Oscillatoria* and *Mou-* to proliferate in some lakes as a water-level fluctuations, nutrient inputs, or food-web changes such as declines in crayfish populations. It is difficult to know the specific cause of these algal mats, but it is something that we may wish to continue monitoring since some long-term residents have identified them as an historical abnormality for the Lake. More detailed scientific investigation of these algal colonies are a good example of the types of projects that we hope to fund through TERAS – the TLA’s new charitable organization dedicated to environmental research, monitoring, and stewardship around Lake Temagami.



Murray Richardson at work with a \$14,000.00 piece of water-testing equipment. (photo by Tim Richardson)

TLA and will provide an important quality conditions. Monitoring is important for deciphering Lake ecology and water quality climate change.

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REMEMBERING

Robert Buckles

1923 - 2016

By Daniel Buckles

Temagami is a multi-generational experience for many families. Remembering the lives of those that came before us is part of that experience.

Robert Buckles, my father, died on July 19, 2016 at the age of 93. He first visited Temagami in 1952 with Bill Capel and Al Nicholls – whose families are still in the South Arm of the Lake. He was an Oakville-based teacher at the time, and purchased a \$100 permit to build on Island 902 in Outlet Bay (leading into Cross Lake). In 1942, the islands of Temagami were removed from the reserve that had limited their occupation only through leases. Even in 1952, there were still many vacant islands that could be purchased, subject to the construction of a building worth at least \$500.

On an annual teacher's salary of \$2,400, and a 30-year-old's enthusiasm, Robert built a cabin and dock in the summer of 1953. He, my mother, and my older brother Stephen (aged one) would make a weekly trip to CAMP ACOUCHICHING (later CAMP TEMAGAMI) on Islands 938 and 939 for mail and sundries. Bear Island folk were a big part of the camp, as were the "Aubrey Cousins" who offered ice cream. Daily launch service to town was available for \$6.00, and blocks of winter ice were sold at CAMP CHIMO. My mother's brother, who was part of the Ryan family from Englehart (north of New Liskeard), was the freight manager at the ONTARIO NORTHLAND station in Temagami. This was a time when a Presbyterian (my father) and a Roman Catholic (my mother) were not to marry – a dilemma they solved by eloping and living in the social wilderness for a time.



Doug Gibson skips along the logs (1955).

In May 1955, following a party up the Lake, my father and a friend came across a log boom near the "S" narrows. Dad ran out across the logs and back into the boat without spilling his beer. His friend decided to duplicate the feat, but hadn't noticed the care that went into choosing the logs for the run. He was soon taking herculean steps to stay on top, before disappearing and popping up at another location. It was time to go home!

Robert's father, Jack Buckles, bought Island 899 in the same bay a year later. He was a skilled bricklayer and stonemason with his own small construction company in southern Ontario. He and my uncle, Bruce Buckles, built the cabin that stands there today – located just before the "old dam" marking the entrance to Cross Lake. Two Dutch carpenters lived with them for the summer, and built a stone fireplace and bracket chimney for the cook stove that were masonry "classics". My grandfather built at least one other fireplace on the Lake (on "Pipher's" Island), with assistance from my brother Steve, and from Sylvester – the only name

I recall for a First Nations man who worked with him. (If you know of Sylvester, or of a fireplace built by Jack Buckles, please let me know.).



Jack and Olive Buckles finish the infamous barbeque (1956).

He also built a number of stone barbeques around the Lake, including one at his son's place on Island 902. This proved to be disastrous. Campers who were using the barbeque when our family was away didn't put out the coals, and a fire destroyed the cottage completely. Some of the largest pines were burned to the top. Only a curled-up, cross-cut saw and some blobs of melted glass remained of the cabin.

My father sold Island 902 in 1958 for \$500, and it sat empty until 1982. The Buchanans and my parents had been travelling regularly to the Lake from Ottawa using Al Buchanan's Cessna 185 floatplane. When the "For Sale" sign went up on the island, Al flew out, closed the deal, and built a Pan-Abode cabin there the next year.

My family, and my Uncle Bruce's family, regularly co-habited for decades on Island 899 with our grandparents, Jack and Olive. In 1965, my 13-year-old brother spent part of the summer travelling around the South Arm at remarkable speeds in a home-built "Sea Flea". This was a great worry for the grandparents. In 1971, CAMP TEMAGAMI closed, and a few years later my father floated a sleeping cabin ("Rinkey Dinks") down the Lake to Island 899. I also spent a high-school graduation outing on the island with three male friends. By some miracle, after a few days, a pair of canoes with four young women came by on their way into Cross Lake, prompting us to become instant guides of the wilderness. My son had the same outing when he graduated from high school, but it was a co-ed affair from the beginning, so less miraculous in my books.

Being situated at the entrance to Cross Lake made the island a waystation for many (including the Anishinabeg people of times past). Boats would regularly limp in to seek assistance, and sadly one year, a young man from Sundridge came to us for help after he lost a friend to drowning in Cross Lake. There were also fire brigades along the shore from time to time, and helicopters with supplies would arrive from CANADORE COLLEGE in North Bay where my two brothers (and one of my sons) launched their helicopter careers. They were following in the footsteps of Robert Buckles, who was a Spitfire pilot and POW in Europe during World War II, and an Air Force pilot for much of his working life.

Dad continued to spend weeks at the cottage late in life with his second wife, Elinor. His last visit was in 2012. He and Elinor left in a hurry when he suffered an acute heart incident. With the phone line down due to a lightning strike, they relied on a passerby to help them out. Good deeds on the Lake have a way of back coming around, and creating important memories and feelings of gratitude.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The past year or so has marked the passing of too many loyal TLA members and friends of Lake Temagami, including:

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| • LOLA BUCKLES | • BERT DRENTH | • JOHN PETTERSEN |
| • ROBERT BUCKLES | • JULIA HARRIS | • JOHN RUSSELL |
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The TLA is pleased to be making a donation to TERAS (TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP) in their memories.

The “Energy East Pipeline Project”

By Susan H. Shane

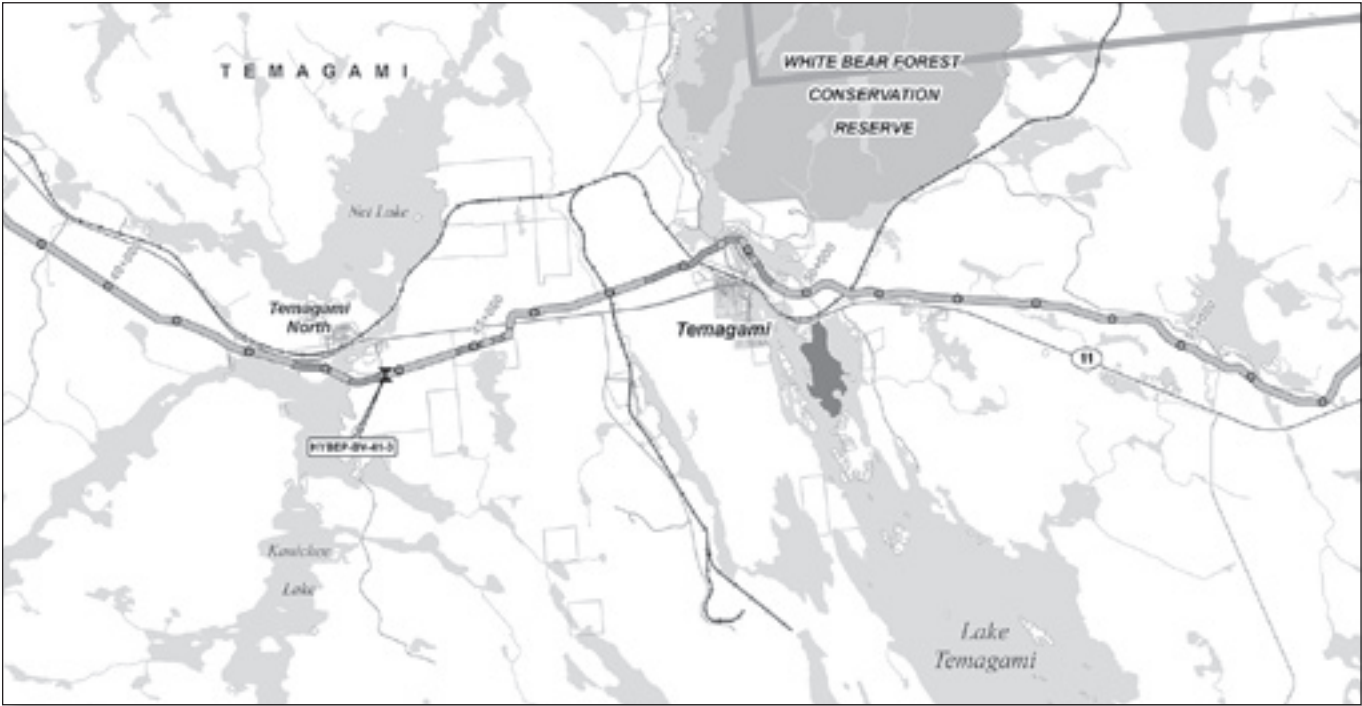
If you drove between Temagami and North Bay last summer, perhaps you noticed the huge billboard declaring opposition to “Energy East”. I did, and wondered, “What is ‘Energy East’?”

The “Energy East Pipeline Project” is a proposal by TRANSCANADA CORPORATION, which is best known for its “Keystone XL Pipeline Project”. In 2015, President Barack Obama and the U.S. State Department decided to oppose approval of this latter pipeline, which would have carried Canadian crude oil across the United States to the Gulf of Mexico

The “Energy East” project involves a 4,500-km-long pipeline running from Alberta to New Brunswick. It turns out that most of this pipeline already exists and is now carrying natural gas from Saskatchewan to Cornwall, Ontario. The new “Energy East” plan will, however, involve: converting the pipeline into one that can carry crude oil from tar-sands deposits; adding pipeline in six provinces; and, building numerous oil-related facilities. The pipeline would carry 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day across Canada. The existing structure already lies within metres of Lake Temagami (see map).

The most controversial aspect of “Energy East” is that the pipeline that is situated near the edge of our Lake would be carrying not (relatively) environmentally-friendly, natural gas, but much more environmentally-destructive Alberta bitumen-based oil. While the oil industry calls the source of bitumen “oil sands”, the environmental community calls it “tar sands”. According to *National Geographic* (2009), mining bitumen requires stripping 100’ of soil from a site, and using tons of water and chemicals to pull the 10-15% of bitumen out of the sand and converting it to a synthetic crude oil. Not only is the extraction and production of oil from bitumen disastrous for the environment, the oil produced is uniquely damaging to pipelines.

A 2013 *Scientific American* story (“Does Tar Sand Oil Increase the Risk of Pipeline Spills?”) reports that the higher temperatures and pressures required to send this type of oil through pipelines increases corrosion and ruptures and, in the upper Midwestern



“Energy East” Pipeline Route Through the Temagami Area [Source: TransCanada Corporation Energy East Pipeline Ltd., Consolidated Application, Volume 13: Maps (13-64), May 2016]

United States, resulted in a 3.6 times greater risk of a spill than the average pipeline.

TRANSCANADA filed its application for “Energy East” with the NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD OF CANADA in October 2014. Environmental groups, local communities, and Indigenous communities have submitted comments and prompted numerous changes to the pipeline plan. In addition, one of the biggest events in the review process occurred in September 2016 when the three-person panel assigned to examine the project stepped down because of suspected bias. New panel members are being sought, and the review process remains on track to come to a final decision about the pipeline in March 2018.

Locally, neither the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION (TFN) nor the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA) have taken official positions on “Energy East”. Yet Chief Paul stated that the TFN has “identified several concerns” about the project. In June 2015, the Temagami Municipal Council passed a resolution conditionally supporting the “Energy East” project – if water sources are reasonably protected. Mayor Lorie Hunter says that the Council favours the pipeline because of potential jobs and tax revenues. The MP for the North Bay area, however, has stated his opposition to the pipeline if it passes within the Trout Lake watershed.

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Do You Know What Lurks beneath the Surface?

By Amelia Brooker

I've been lucky enough to enjoy Lake Temagami since I was a little girl. My parents bought a property on the Lake when I was six years-old, and I have had the pleasure of coming up every year since. I am a water girl, and I love swimming. In fact, I spent the majority of my youth as a competitive synchronized swimmer. So, you can imagine what a treat Lake Temagami has been to me. Not only do I enjoy swimming, but I also enjoy all the other water activities that are available to me, such as boating, kayaking, canoeing, and water skiing. Never once did I imagine, however, that my lake (and all of my fun!) could be in jeopardy.

I became aware of invasive species a few years ago. I lived in the

town of Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, when I first noticed a boat-washing station. I asked the people in charge of the station what it was all about. They told me that because of invasive species such as the Asian carp and the zebra mussel, it was necessary to implement a program that would help protect Lake Massawippi from further contamination. I thought it was a good idea. For a nominal fee, they wash boats and other vessels before they enter the lake. By doing this, they are decreasing the possibility of introducing invasive species that may have been carried from other bodies of water. Then I wondered, what is being done to protect Lake Temagami from the same threat?

Lake Temagami may not experience the same level of boating traffic as other lakes do, but the Lake is still susceptible to invasive species nonetheless. With road and highway improvements, the trek up to Lake Temagami is not as difficult or as long as it used to be. Every year, we have a great many canoeists, daily recreational boaters, and other vessels such as float planes that enter our waters at free (and

unattended) access points. We should ensure that these invasive species do not threaten the quality of the water and the ecosystems in the Lake.

It is my hope that all residents and visitors will become aware of invasive species and the serious threats they pose to the Lake. The concept of vessel washing to prevent the proliferation of invasive species should be taken seriously. It is only through our vigilance that the Lake Temagami we appreciate will be here for many generations to come. On a personal note, I would like to continue swimming without the worry of what lurks below.

If you are interested in learning more about invasive species and their effects, please check out some of the following links: www.cbc.ca/news/technology/10-invasive-species-threatening-canadian-habitats-1.950951 (10 Invasive Species Threatening Canadian Habitats); www.ontario.ca/page/invasive-species-ontario (Invasive Species in Ontario); www.invadingspecies.com (Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program).

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For Further Information: Contact Peter Healy at tla@onlink.net to discuss either the process or the commitment.

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- able to travel to the TLA Headquarters Building, and be available for at least 3 days-a-week, from the July 1st week-end to the Labour Day week-end.

For further information, or to send a letter of interest (with resumé), please contact Peter Healy, Executive Secretary, at: tla@onlink.net.

It Takes a Community

By Angus Scully (Island 1087)

I suspect that most of us have planned for a medical emergency – after all, we spend time every summer in a beautiful, but remote, place. Last July we had to take emergency action when my wife, Jill, suffered a heart attack on our island just after dinner. She was conscious, but in great distress. I called 911 on our cell-phone booster system and got an immediate response and promise that paramedics were on the way. I will describe what happened as a way of thanking those who responded, and to give some idea of what was done.

A decade ago we installed a car cell-phone, signal-booster system in the cottage that allows us to have phone service and access to the 911 emergency system. The Wilson signal booster attaches to our cell phone and to a Yagi directional antenna mounted in the attic. Power is supplied by a 12-volt, solar-powered electrical system that Gerry Gooderham created for us. This system supplements (but does not replace) our VHF radio.

When the incident occurred, I gave Jill low-dose aspirin and started to think about what else could be done. I knew that the paramedics would have to come down the Mine Road and then arrive by boat. Not a quick trip. I had our VHF radio in my hand ready to make a “may-day” broadcast, when I remembered that CAMP WABUN, just a kilometre away, might have some medical staff. I looked up their number, made the call, and they responded immediately by sending over Debbie (their nurse), a defibrillator, and two other staff members. The automated defibrillator said (It talks!) that no shock was needed, but Debbie kept her on the machine until the paramedics arrived.

The first paramedics arrived 40 minutes after the 911 call – about as fast as possible by road and boat from Temagami. They came in the BOATLINE BAY MARINE taxi with Carol Reeder at the helm. At the same time, an ORNGE air-ambulance helicopter arrived from Sudbury. Peter Healy and several other neighbours

had also arrived. By this time, the aspirin had worked and Jill’s pain was gone.

The ORNGE paramedics jumped from the helicopter onto the rocks at the north end of our island. Jill was loaded into the water taxi, and we went by boat to the helipad at Bear Island. Jill was then placed into the helicopter and evacuated to the cardiac centre at HEALTH SCIENCES NORTH hospital in Sudbury. There, a stent was installed into a 99%-blocked coronary artery.

After five days in hospital, we returned to the island – again, with help from friends and neighbours. Kim Kitts of TEMAGAMI MARINE drove us slowly and carefully down the Mine Road. With all the water taxis booked, Peter Healy found a volunteer, Bob Shanks, who ferried us to Island 1087. Shortly afterward, we flew back to our winter home on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Jill has made a complete recovery.

It was a community response to a life-threatening emergency. Our love and thanks are extended to all who helped. Looking back, the following seem to be the essential things that helped in this situation: a phone system and 911 service; a VHF radio; low-dose aspirin; nearby medical help; a defibrillator; response from paramedics; superb air-ambulance service; excellent cardiac care at the hospital; the TLA building services; and, above all, our neighbours and community response.

One last sobering item ... Because we are not Ontario residents, we received a bill for the ORNGE air ambulance of \$5,400.00. Our private insurance covered it, though. Still, this was cheap when one considers the alternatives.

Thanks to all who responded to our emergency!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In late December 2016, the ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD (OMB) brought down its decision re: the TLA’s appeal of a MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI “Committee of Adjustment” decision. The committee granted a minor variance to an island property owner who wanted to replace two boathouses with one that extended 37 m from shore (although the “Zoning By-law” limits the size of such structures to a distance of only 3 m from shore).

The decision is indeed a victory for Lake Temagami, its property owners, and its thousands of annual visitors. It validates the countless hours of work that went into writing the “Official Plan” and implementing the “Zoning By-law” by area residents – both permanent and seasonal – and past Municipal Councils. The “Official Plan” was the sole benefit that Lake residents received from amalgamation in return for their tax dollars (greater than 60% of local property-tax revenue), which have been used for municipal services that, for the most part, are not available to island owners or needed on their properties. Lake Temagami taxpayers had assurances that through this plan, cottage buyers, retirees, youth camps, and seasonal vacationers (whether canoeists or anglers) would forever be able to enjoy what is known as the “Temagami Experience”.

Does the OMB decision negatively impact the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI? Based on the comments of at least one member of Council, you would think so. On a local Facebook page, the following post appeared: “TLA’s mandate is to continuously destroy Temagami.” At the recent Municipal Council meeting, it was also stated that the OMB decision was not in the best interests of residents of the Municipality.

The facts, however, speak otherwise. Since the adoption of the “Official Plan” almost 15 years ago, the TLA has appealed only one application for an amendment or variance approved by the Municipality. This is despite the fact that in the past 30 months there have been 11 applications for minor variances. Each was approved by

the Municipality, and just one was appealed by the TLA. This one. The variance request in question was certainly not “minor” in nature and should never have been supported by the municipal planner or approved by the “Committee of Adjustment”.

Most minor variances are approved (and are not appealed), as they allow flexibility that can take into account specific site characteristics which cannot be anticipated when writing far-reaching documents such as an “Official Plan”. It would appear, therefore, that property owners in the Municipality – and particularly on the Lakes within it – can accept the constraints that this “Official Plan” imposes on individuals, and benefit collectively.

Certainly, the current lack of local, resource-based industry has had horrendous effects on the economy of the Municipality. Does the “Official Plan”, however, really limit economic development on area lakes – particularly Lake Temagami? Building contractors working on these lakes are very busy. In fact, a major source of frustration is a shortage of this type of labour. There are not enough workers available for the demands of the marketplace. In the past year, I know of at least three new contracting companies now doing work on Lake Temagami. There may be more for all I know. The local building and renovation industries are healthy, if not booming, and many cottagers wait years for work to be completed on their properties.

Certainly, the project in question was not a “minor” variance. It was an initiative that, in the long run, may have provided a problematic precedent regarding the approval of similar proposals, which could forever change the vistas on Lake Temagami that exist nowhere else in Ontario. As for jobs being lost in the local economy ... the proposed boathouse structure is being built elsewhere in Ontario and will simply be assembled here in Temagami.

It saddens me that the community that I have enjoyed being a part of for over 30 years – through playing hockey and softball, umpiring, sitting on Municipal Council, and just plain shopping and socializing – has changed so drastically.

By Peter Healy



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Building Permits: Who Needs Them?

By Karen Beauchamp, MCIP, RPP, CMO



Artist: Hugh McKenzie, Temagami

If you are planning a cottage construction project this summer, you may need a building permit. Obtaining a building permit ensures that the construction meets “Ontario Building Code” standards, which protects your investment and your family. Below is a general guide to building permits.

When is a building permit required?

A building permit IS required for:

- ✓ construction of a structure that is greater than 10 metres² (107 feet²) in area, and consists of a wall, roof, and floor (or a structural system that functions as a wall, roof, and floor, such as a pole barn);
- ✓ pre-fabricated and relocated buildings;
- ✓ construction of an addition, adding or removing walls, moving windows and doors, or replacing windows and doors with larger ones;
- ✓ construction of a porch or sunroom;
- ✓ construction of a deck or stairs with landings higher than 600 mm (24 inches) above ground;
- ✓ construction of a “bunkie”;
- ✓ installation of a septic system and/or plumbing in your cottage;
- ✓ installing of a chimney.

When is a building permit NOT required?

A building permit is NOT required for:

- construction of a structure (e.g., a shed, gazebo, generator shed, wood shed) measuring no more than 10 metres² (107 feet²) in area (for example, a shed that is 10’ x 10’ or less doesn’t require a building permit);
- minor exterior renovations, such as replacing windows that are the same size and location, re-shingling your roof, installing siding, installing eavestrough and downpipes, or replacing rotted deck boards or railings;
- minor interior renovations, such as painting, decorating, installing new flooring, replacing kitchen cabinets or bathroom vanities, or replacing bathroom fixtures;
- landscaping (e.g., boardwalks, gardens, interlocking stone patios);
- construction of a crib dock, installation of a floating dock, or repairs to existing docks.

Is a permit required to demolish a building?

Yes. If you are demolishing a building, you must obtain a demolition permit from the municipality. MPAC receives copies of all building and demolition permits and will consider this information when calculating your assessment. Obtaining a demolition permit will ensure that you are not paying taxes for a building that is no longer on your property.

What other approvals may be required?

Whether or not a building permit is required, other approvals may be compulsory. For example, a structure with an area that is not more than 10 m² does not require a building permit, but must meet the requirements of the “Zoning By-law”. In addition, a building permit for a new building, or an addition to an existing build-

ing, will require a “Site Plan Control Application”.

The construction of a crib dock or placement of a floating dock may require a permit from the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY, installation of a new septic system (or upgrading your existing septic system) will require approval from the TIMISKAMING HEALTH UNIT, and electrical upgrades may require a permit from the ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY. This list is not exhaustive, so the municipality’s Chief Building Official is the best source of information about other “applicable law” related to your construction project.

Who is responsible to obtain a building permit?

The homeowner is responsible to ensure that a building permit is obtained when required. You may authorize your contractor or designer to apply on your behalf, but you should confirm that a permit is in place prior to starting construction. A copy of the building permit must be posted on site. Failure to obtain a permit could result in: a monetary penalty for constructing without a permit; a “stop-work” order (which may delay your project); extra cost and time to re-do the work if it is not constructed to “Ontario Building Code” standards; and, in some cases, charges under the “Building Code Act”.

When should you apply for a building permit?

Consult with the municipality before starting your construction project, as soon as you know the necessary details. If a planning approval such as a “Minor Variance” or “Zoning By-law Amendment” is required, followed by a “Site Plan Control Agreement”, it could take two to three months (or longer) before you can obtain a building permit. The building permit will generally be issued within 10 days of the application being “deemed complete”. This is the date used by the Chief Building Official to confirm that s/he has received all of the information that is required to issue the permit.

What is the cost for a building permit?

The municipality sets the fees in the building by-law, which is available on its website at www.temagami.ca. Some building permit application fees are based on the value of the construction project or gross floor area, whereas others are set fees. In addition to the application fee, the municipality charges a fee for inspections on remote properties, which is calculated as follows: » *number of inspections required x additional time required x hourly rate for water-based properties (\$70/hour calculated to the nearest ¼ hour).*

When you apply for your building permit, the Chief Building Official will calculate the fees and let you know what is owed. Payment is required prior to obtaining your permit.

Do you have more questions?

If you have questions about the information above, you may contact the Chief Building Official at the municipal office by phone at 705-569-3421 or by e-mail at building@temagami.ca. Obtaining a permit when one is required will ensure that your construction meets “Ontario Building Code” standards, and that your building is safe for you, your family, and your friends. You may also e-mail me at karen@clearwaterplanning.ca, or contact me by phone at 705-569-3830 (office) or 705-358-9941 (cell).

Karen Beauchamp is a “Registered Professional Planner” who owns CLEARWATER PLANNING – a planning consulting business in Temagami. Karen has over 25 years of experience in planning and building construction in the Temagami area, as well as 10 years of experience in municipal planning with the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI and CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES.

Sources of Information:

“Building Code Act”, S.O. 1992, c.23

MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI “Building By-law” 08-782

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The Municipality of Temagami is currently looking for
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(CIP) Ad-Hoc Committee**

The Committee currently has positions open for Municipal rate-payers, who are at least 18 years-of-age and are from Marten River, Lake Temagami, Matabitchuan, and Backcountry Neighbourhoods.

Candidates should have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Municipal
- Planning
- Engineering
- Architecture
- Marketing
- Industrial
- Commercial and residential

What is a Community Improvement Plan?

- Community Improvement Plans are tools provided for in the *Planning Act* that allow municipalities to utilize incentives to revitalize areas targeted for economic development.

CIP is an Optional Tool that can:

- Engage the public, land owners, and or businesses in renewal projects within the CIP area; Create cooperative and innovative private and public partnerships
- Provide grants and incentives for: redeveloping, rehabilitation, developing, construction, environmental site assessment, environmental remediation, energy efficient uses and infrastructure.
- Promote and attract new business investment, visitors and more residents.

The Committee shall be dissolved once Council has received the finalized Community Improvement Plan by resolution.

The Committee application form is posted on the municipal website at <http://www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/156> or available at the municipal office during regular business hours of 8:00 – 4:30.

Applicants are invited to complete and submit the prescribed Committee application form to:

Elaine Gunnell, Municipal Clerk
7 Lakeshore Drive,
P.O. Box 220, Temagami, Ontario, P0H 2H0
Email: clerk@temagami.ca

For more details please contact Sabrina Pandolfo at projects@temagami.ca or Tammy Lepage at planning@temagami.ca .

Are You Properly? Storing Your Fuel?

By Amelia Brooker

We are all concerned with protecting our Lake. One way to help is to properly store any fuel that you may have at your cottage property. Improper fuel storage can have devastating effects on the Lake and our cottages – both environmentally and financially.



Commercial businesses are required to follow specific regulations for fuel handling under the TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND SAFETY AUTHORITY's (TSSA's) *Liquid Fuels Handling Code*, 2007. These regulations include how, and where, fuel should be stored.

Section 6.1.7.1 of the Code:

Dispensing shall not take place within:

- (a) a building;
- (b) 30 m of a stream, river, lake, canal, or natural watercourse;
- (c) 3 m of a property line;
- (d) 4.5 m of any opening in a building; or,
- (e) 3 m from any source of ignition.

Section 6.1.7.2 of the Code:

The requirements of 6.1.7.1 items (b) to (e) may be modified where the mobile re-fueller has an approved procedure to prevent a loss or escape of product from:

- (a) creating a hazard to public health or safety;
- (b) contaminating any freshwater source or waterway;
- (c) interfering with the rights of any person; or,
- (d) entering into a sewer system or underground stream or drainage system.

As cottagers, we should adopt the same measures – not only to protect our Lake, but to protect ourselves from any financial repercussions that our insurance companies cannot (or will not) cover.

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PROGRAM

The “Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program” (TAFIP) had significant challenges in 2016 (e.g., severe water shortages in the Red Squirrel and Sherman rearing/holding ponds). The Roosevelt Ponds did not have water-shortage issues, but there were other concerns (e.g., water quality). We had a great group of 30+ volunteers who worked diligently in all aspects of the hatchery program – so, despite these challenges, we were still able to stock: 260,000 fry into Lake Temagami; 475,000 fry and 30,000 fingerlings into Cassells Lake; and, 240,000 fry and 30,000 fingerlings into Net Lake. The MNRF would not allow us to stock Walleye into Rabbit or Snake Lakes in 2016, but we were told that this would change in 2017.

- a very hot summer with water shortages
- two ponds that could not be completely drained, making it difficult to extract fingerlings
- residual Walleye remaining in all rearing ponds
- predation by other animals
- algae concentrations in two ponds that negatively affected oxygen levels
- an overabundance of weeds in ponds
- lack of equipment readiness

- ✓ Controlling reserve water and pumping from alternate sources (where available) will help with potential water shortages.
- ✓ Relining the Red Squirrel and Sherman ponds will save time when removing fingerlings, allow for their complete extraction, and require fewer volunteers. Work will be done in the Fall of 2017.
- ✓ Residual Walleye will not be a problem in 2017 due to their complete removal in 2016.

- ✓ Algae in two ponds can be controlled by using barley straw in 2017.
- ✓ Harvesting weeds with cutters will reduce the oxygen depletion that occurs when they decompose.
- ✓ Most equipment is now ready to go, and the rest will be ready by the Spring of 2017.

The Roosevelt Ponds had some significant issues in 2016, and the MNRF has concerns about their future use. Presently we are considering a new location for a pond, which can be expensive. This should, however, be less costly to construct than installing a bridge and refurbishing the existing ponds. A new, viable location could also provide better access to a rearing pond. A potential location for this will be researched in the Spring of 2017.


Due to the difficult, long-term workloads for volunteers, we are considering sub-dividing the program as follows: (a) licencing and funding requests; (b) spawn/egg gathering; (c) hatchery operations; (d) pond maintenance and feeding; (e) fingerling extraction/stocking; (f) repair of equipment and hatchery clean-up; and, (g) final reports and funding acquisition.

Although, we had a great response from volunteers this year, we can always use more help. One issue in this regard is that many of our current volunteers are 60+ years-old. Thus, the work was difficult for them at times – especially during the fingerling extraction (as the weather was very hot).

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Fall 2016 Property Patrol Report

By Peter Healy

I began property checks for TLA members in late October. These were continued through mid-November by Dan O'Mara. As I am sure you have heard, we had great weather throughout the Fall season. While water levels were low (although normal for this time of year), and the days were short, we managed to access all (135) properties but one. This was a result of the low water levels, which prevented access to a bay

While a few minor issues were found (e.g., an open window, small trees which had fallen), all was well. At one boathouse, the beginnings of a beaver lodge were in progress. We contacted both the owner and the property caretaker to make sure that this was dealt with before it was too late. No break-ins were found during our round of checking cottages this Fall.

Unless you have heard from me already, all was well in your part of paradise. The next property check is scheduled for January 2017, when it is safe to travel. If you have not already requested Winter checks and wish us to visit your island during this time, please contact me as soon as possible.

January 19, 2017 Update:

As of January 17, 2017, up to 11 boat-house and cottage break-ins have been reported to the O.P.P. In addition, due to unsafe travel conditions for our patrol staff (who often travel alone), the TLA Winter property patrols have not yet begun Lake-wide. Check the TLA website frequently for updates on this issue. Subscribers to our patrol service will be notified immediately if any issues are observed at their respective properties.



Break-in at Boathouse (photo by Peter Healy)



MUNICIPAL UPDATE

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LANDFILL ORDERS REVOKED

In the fall edition of the Temagami Times, we explained about the measures that the Municipality had been working on to address orders that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) had issued for the Briggs and Strathy landfill sites and the Lake Temagami Access Point transfer station. At that time, the Municipality had prepared a draft action plan submission to the MOECC. The draft plan contained some measures that had already been put in place, such as more frequent covering at the landfills, as well as some potential measures that may be required in the future if the initial measures do not reduce the nuisance bear issues.

We are pleased to announce that the MOECC reviewed the draft action plan and was sufficiently satisfied with the submission that they decided to revoke the orders.

The draft plan was not previously made public, because the matter was before an environmental tribunal. Since that is no longer the case, Council has now approved the plan to be made public with a covering letter of explanation. For more details and to see the document, please go to our municipal website, or contact the municipal office.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to introduce Roxanne St. Germain as our new Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. She was hired to fill the vacancy that occurred when Sabrina Pandolfo was promoted to the position of Special Projects Coordinator.



Roxanne grew up in Temagami, then moved to southern Ontario where she gained significant career experience in administration and customer service. She has recently moved back to Temagami and is eager to work in the community.

The Municipality is currently in the process of filling the vacant Public Works Foreman position and the Facility Manager/Recreation Coordinator vacancy.

CIP COMMITTEE RESUMED

In late 2013, the Council of Temagami created an Ad Hoc Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee. CIPs are a tool provided for in the *Planning Act* that allow municipalities to utilize incentives to revitalize areas targeted for economic development.

The committee started work to research and create a framework for a plan and recommendations to present to Council. In the summer of 2015, however, the Committee faced challenges due to members' summer schedules and then the three CIP support staff leaving their positions with the Municipality.

In September of 2016, Council considered a report concerning the committee and amended the Terms of Reference to reflect new staff positions and appointed a new member of Council, Debby Burrows. The Committee has now resumed meetings and is eager to progress in its purpose to assist in creating a CIP.

The committee does not currently have a full complement of members, so if you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Tammy Lepage [planning@temagami.ca] or Sabrina Pandolfo [projects@temagami.ca] for more details.

NEW TPSB APPOINTEE

The Temagami Police Services Board welcomed a new member in January. Penny St. Germain was appointed and sworn in as the Provincial appointee on the Board.

The previous provincial appointee, Gary Reynolds, was recognized for his 13 years of service in the position. Appointees usually serve for six years, so we particularly thank Gary for his many years of service; his retirement from the board is well deserved.

A police services board generally oversees how policing is provided to the municipal area and provides the Ontario Provincial Police detachment commander with advice with respect to police services to their community.



LAKE WATCH UPDATE

Temagami's Lake Watch program is a police supported (not run) initiative that is delivered by local volunteers. It was reported to the Temagami Police Services Board that Lake Watch Coordinators have been hampered this season due to the poor ice conditions off the regular trails. This has made it easier for unauthorized individuals to enter onto properties.

The OPP have investigated at least 16 reported apparent break-ins so far in 2017 and have contacted or are in the process of contacting the owners. The OPP are very aware of the Lake Watch members' concerns!

The Lake Watch encourages everyone to be on the look-out for further activity. They advise cottage owners who have arranged for someone to check on their cottage for them, to make sure they are aware of this. The Lake Watch cautions everyone to keep things locked up and out of sight and requests that anyone that comes across any signs of unauthorized entry to contact the OPP with the details.

More information about the Lake Watch program is on the municipal website at www.temagami.ca/lakewatch. You can also contact Dan O'Mara by email at: danomar@ontera.net.

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Municipality engaged the services of an independent Integrity Commissioner to investigate allegations that the Mayor had violated Temagami's Code of Conduct for Members of Council. The Integrity Commissioner reported to Council that his investigation into the allegations found that the Mayor did not breach the Council's Code of Conduct. The report was received and accepted by Council at the January 12, 2017 council meeting and Council directed that it be made public. The full report is available for public viewing on our website at www.temagami.ca/blog.

SHIVERFEST

Temagami's Shiverfest is a family fun, municipal, winter event. The date has been changed for this year's event from the Family Day weekend to the 2nd to 5th of March. There will be outdoor events including a bonfire, fireworks, dog-sled rides, and more. Indoor events will include the ever-popular "human ice bowling" at the arena, children's crafts, and (new this year) children's curling, to name a few.

This year's theme is a birthday party theme in keeping with the 10th anniversary of Shiverfest and Canada's 150th.

Of course there will also be a variety of tasty food available, from the spaghetti dinner on Thursday night, to the culminating barbecue by the Municipal Council at Sunday lunchtime. Please visit the Municipal website at www.temagami.ca for details, or pick up a flyer from the municipal office or a local merchant. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Advisory and Service Committee, chaired by Councillor Ron Prefasi, and other Shiverfest volunteers for their time and effort to plan and help run this event.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

We extend a special thank you to the Parks and Recreation Advisory and Service Committee, Temagami Fire Department, and other volunteers for their assistance with the Christmas activities. This Christmas we faced a challenge with not having a Facility Manager/Recreation Coordinator on staff to organize and coordinate these events. Our volunteers are always a great asset and contribute greatly to making our events a success, but this Christmas, it was the volunteers that made them possible. Thank you.

MARTEN RIVER WINTERFEST

The Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association's 2017 Winterfest will be held on March 18th at the Marten River Fire Hall. The theme is "We are Canadian" and the cost for a hot breakfast and entry to all events is \$5.00. More information on this event is available at www.martenriver.ca/winterfest.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

The Affordable Housing for Seniors Ad Hoc Committee, was formed in 2015 to research and make recommendations on the possibilities for affordable housing for seniors in Temagami. As reported in the

fall 2016 Municipal Update, a proposal was submitted to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board for funding for an affordable housing for seniors project in Temagami. Temagami's proposal was not the one selected for this funding opportunity.

Normally an ad hoc committee is dissolved once the task it was created for has been completed. In this case, Council anticipates that there will continue to be opportunities to obtain funding to support affordable housing projects. When Council was advised that the proposal was unsuccessful, they passed a resolution to not only continue the ad hoc committee, but to expand its mandate to assist the Municipality in preparing for future funding opportunities for affordable housing.

Council is also seeking to fill two vacant positions on the committee by appointing two members of the public who are seniors. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Municipal Office.

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Once again we encourage nominations for our annual Municipal Awards program. Three awards are available annually: Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Awards. The recipients are chosen by Council each year based on nominations received from the people of Temagami.

All Temagami residents, seasonal and year-round, may make nominations and be nominated. Nominees can be individuals or more than one person, such as a couple, a family, or a group of persons (for example the founding members of an organization that is sustained and recognized in the community).

Details about the program, including how and when to submit nominations, are available on our website at www.temagami.ca/awards or from the Municipal Office. The awards will be presented at a council meeting in the summer.

BURNING PERMITS

It may still look like winter outside, but the start of fire season is just around the corner. Don't forget, as of April 1st burning permits are required for anything more than a campfire. For more details check with the Municipal Office, or visit www.temagami.ca/burningpermits.

TRAIN STATION UPDATE

An extension has been granted by FedNor for the funding on the Temagami Train Station renovations. Originally anticipated to be completed before the end of 2016, the project still has some final tasks to be finished. The majority of the work has been completed to date, including installation of the energy-efficient windows and doors that maintain the historic appearance, major upgrades to the electrical, plumbing, sprinkler and heating systems, upgraded insulation, new roofing, washroom renovations to meet current accessibility standards, new hardwood flooring in the north end of the building, and interior finishes.

Additional work to be completed includes the installation of an air-conditioning unit, improvements to the interior lighting in the north end of the building, exterior lighting, and some exterior finishes. Although it has taken longer than originally anticipated, we expect that it will be ready for use by early summer and well worth the wait.

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Fire Facts:

- ♦ Smoke is the No. 1 cause of fire-related deaths.
- ♦ Most fatal fires occur in residential structures, at night when people are asleep.
- ♦ In 2016, 102 people were killed in fires in Ontario alone.

Increase your odds:

- ♦ Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives - test your alarms monthly.
- ♦ Plan your escape - your life depends on it.
- ♦ Change Your Clock - Change Your Batteries.
- ♦ Close your bedroom doors at night.
- ♦ NEVER THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU.

In 2008, UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) began research on fire service horizontal ventilation and analyzed the effect of doors and windows on a fire's spread. Bedrooms on the first and second floor of a home were tested during the scenario.

IMPORTANT FINDINGS

One of the most important findings is that closed-door rooms on both floors during the fire's spread had average temperatures of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit versus 1000+ degrees in the open-door rooms. "Close Your Door" focuses on straightforward actions and simple behavioral changes which can provide critical help in delaying the spread of fire.

"This doesn't require major effort or going out and buying anything," says FSRI director and program lead Stephen Kerber. "It's very easy to implement once you have the knowledge."

A closed door can slow the spread, reduce toxic smoke levels, improve oxygen levels and decrease temperatures dramatically. In the modern fire environment, that could make a life-saving difference.

Visit www.closeyourdoor.com today: click on "our mission" to see research videos, then take the pledge.

GENERATOR SAFETY

When heavy snowfalls, summer storms or other causes lead to power outages, many people turn to portable generators for a temporary solution without knowing the risks. Safe use of a generator includes the following:

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside, away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot. Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.
- When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with all applicable electrical codes.





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Rejuvenated TCF Plans New Programs and Fundraising Initiatives

By Vince Hovanec



July 28, 2002 was marked by high winds and rain, and forced the Lieutenant Governor to cancel his visit. The crowd that had gathered on Bear Island was, nonetheless, highly enthusiastic. And why not? The fledgling TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (TCF) was ready to: “Cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami – the water, the land, and its inhabitants – for today and the future.”

Over the past 15 plus years, the TCF has done just that – and, indeed, it can be safely said, much more. Scores of local groups and organizations have been helped with grants totalling almost \$300,000. These have made a critical difference to people and projects throughout the region.

In just the past year, the TCF (among other activities) completed its “Old-Growth Trails” project, supported the “Temagami Canoe Festival”, and sponsored (what Board Chair, Clay G. Stephens, called) a “profoundly-moving” public forum on reconciliation. It also ran the largest-ever “Art Camp” for 60 youngsters. About this latter initiative, *Cottage Life* magazine wrote, “Its real purpose is to get ...

kids from different worlds to interact and understand each other.”

Yet there’s more to be done to make the greater Temagami area a better place in which to live and raise a family. The TCF wants to continue to support: the “cornerstones of our efforts”; new initiatives (e.g., assisting a heritage, birch-bark canoe project and documentary film); and, a partnership with the youth camps to give teenagers from Temagami, the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION, and the Lake an opportunity “to learn about the land and each other on an extended canoe trip.”

Through the years, TCF co-founder Victoria Grant (current chair of COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA / CFC), has often said that a community foundation “takes time to grow and to flower.” Equally as important, it must have people who “believe in the idea and the dream, and are willing to make an investment.”

From the earliest days onward, the TCF has enjoyed the support of donors who share this belief and recognize that the organization plays an important role in the future of Temagami. As one of the only such foundations to include the Aboriginal community, the TCF has also garnered the attention and support of donors in the global community.

The backbone of the TCF is the “Council of 100” – a group of dedicated supporters who each donate \$5,000 to a special endowment fund. The proceeds of this fund provide a consistent level of operating funds for the foundation and assure its long-term well-being. To that end, and as a special 2017 effort, Board member Bill Kitts (an early supporter), has set a personal goal of re-invigorating the Council’s current membership of 44 persons. “After a rough couple of years, the economy has rebounded, and thus I think you’ll see more folks with discretionary income who are interested in what we’re doing,” he said. “I’m going to get the right people ... friends support friends, after all.”

Another special 2017 effort involves Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation, when CFC will partner with local foundations (including the TCF) by matching funds for “local priorities linked to the country’s sesquicentennial” and which are designed to “foster a greater sense of belonging and reconciliation” in our communities. The TCF’s fundraising goal is \$20,000, which, if successful, would yield \$40,000 in available grant funding after a matching contribution from CFC.

Call for Writers

The *Temagami Times* is, as it says on the masthead of this issue, “The Voice of the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION”. As such, it is also the voice of its members. We all want to hear those voices in these pages.

Do you have an opinion on something you read in this paper? Did your corner of the Lake host a unique event this past year? Is there a special Lake “character” who you would like to recognize? Are you new to the Lake and would like to share your reasons for coming here? Is there something really special about Temagami that you want to protect?

The possibilities are almost endless, as is the “talent pool” within our membership. Please send your articles to: tla@onlink.net.

The editor can help with the formatting and editing details. Also, remember that photos – high resolution and original in size – really add to a story.



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Temagami Lions Club



Winter 2017 Update

By Ike Laba

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

The Temagami Food Bank, sponsored by the TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB (TLC), works very closely with other area food banks in NE Ontario, including those in New Liskeard, Haileybury-Cobalt, Latchford, and Englehart. These five communities often share foodstuffs that are contributed during food drives by such groups as the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY staff, and the New Liskeard and Temiskaming Speaker campaign, in addition to contributions that are dropped off at donation boxes in each of our communities (e.g., from the “Sisters by Choice” group in Marten River, the Municipality of Temagami, etc.).

Additionally, monetary donations made by various donor groups (e.g., the FROG’s BREATH FOUNDATION of New Liskeard, the Tri-Town KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, the NORTH BAY REAL ESTATE BOARD, and individual citizens in each of our communities who often wish to remain anonymous) are much appreciated and help all food banks to operate throughout the year by giving us the ability to purchase food products to keep our shelves stocked.

Here in Temagami, thanks go out to Lions Paul and Sally Middleton for their continued volunteer work at the food bank, which is located in the Welcome Centre. The food bank is an essential service for our community, and helps to ensure that no one goes hungry! Paul has also helped to establish and maintain a supportive relationship with the Bear Island Food Bank by sharing items that are collected.

It is worth noting that Canada-wide, there has been an increase (close to 30% in some areas) in food-bank usage. Specifically, in just the past few months in Temagami, several new clients have enrolled at the food bank. No one is ever turned away.

“DIABETES CLOTHESLINE PROGRAM”:

It has been four years since the TLC brought the “Diabetes Clothesline Program” to the Temagami area. Since 2013, the program has gathered 2295 garbage bags of clothing and other acceptable items. These are stored by the Lions and are then picked up by the Sudbury diabetes program. These items are sorted in Sudbury and sold at the Value Village store to raise funds for diabetes research.

This program also benefits the Temagami area as the TLC is re-reimbursed for gathering the usable clothing and related items. The dollars raised by the Lions Club go back into the community for the benefit of local residents – especially for diabetic-related issues, such as foot care. By supporting the “Diabetes Clothesline Program”, you are assisting various community projects within the Temagami area.

TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Although the TLC is a small club, the members are very active in many projects that benefit the Temagami community, such as:

- support for the “Family Health Team” medical clinic, where donations have been used for diabetes foot care and a blood pressure kiosk;
- yearly bursaries for graduating, Temagami, high-school students who are proceeding to post-secondary education programs;
- diabetes support initiatives from funds raised through the “Clothesline Project”;

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



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TOTAL \$ _____

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Contribution to the “Tenets for Temagami” Defense Fund

A separate fund for legal costs protecting the tenets _____ \$ _____

Contribution to the Water Quality Monitoring Fund (min. \$25 per property requested)

A separate fund dedicated entirely to ongoing water quality monitoring and research on Lake Temagami \$ _____

Property Patrol Service (choose either A, B or C for each Island with buildings)

Service A (spring and fall) — \$50 _____ \$ _____

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Service C (combination A and B) — \$95 _____ \$ _____

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

Navigation Maps — Maps are two sided and water resistant.

For the boat — \$20 CD Rom — \$20 _____ \$ _____



Full Colour Wall Maps — \$25 _____ \$ _____

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- support to the Temagami Fire Department for the “jaws of life”;
- the funding of a rescue sled, and the funding and construction of a storage shed, for the Temagami ambulance base;
- financial assistance for home-fire disaster victims;
- collection of eyeglasses for people in developing countries;
- sponsorship of the Temagami Food Bank;
- the raising of \$50,000.00 in five years and distributing it evenly between the NORTH BAY REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE and the TEMISKAMING HOSPITAL in New Liskeard (N.B., The final payment was made to the New Liskeard hospital just before Christmas, thereby completing our commitment.)
- providing assistance to residents with special needs, as required.

MEMBERSHIP ... WE NEED YOUR HELP:

The TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB is very small, but active. Our Club does, however, need more community-minded members that would like to help people in this area. If you are considering becoming involved with the Club (but not sure if you want to join), you may contact any Lions member and make arrangements to attend a couple of meetings to see what we are all about. For further information about joining the TLC, please contact Ike Laba (President) at 705-569-3252 or any member that you may already know. We would appreciate your help!

“Temagami Country Christmas” 2016

By Ike Laba

Thanks to Peter and Colleen of Peacock Woodcraft for initiating the “Temagami Country Christmas” in 2014, in conjunction with the TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB (TLC). Each year, they have put their business on hold for a minimum of one month prior to the event, to promote it and the Temagami area. Since its origin, substantial improvements have been made to this unique Christmas occasion, despite the shoestring budget.

The MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI has been very supportive of this project by providing parking areas and road sanding. The ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, TEMAGAMI AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, and TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY have also been active in this project. Along with the service clubs, many local businesses (as well as out-of-town ones) have offered some excellent displays. There has been no charge for these businesses to put up displays along the trails if they are not selling their products. New businesses are more than welcome.

The event is held annually on the first Friday and Saturday of December. Over the past three years, this event has grown. People have come from Sudbury, North Bay, Orillia, Quebec, the Tri-Town areas, Elk Lake, and other communities. It is great to see folks of all ages – from newborn to elderly – in attendance. We estimate that approximately 1,000 people attended the two-day event in 2016. In the future, Peter and Colleen hope to make the forest trails more accessible to seniors and persons with disabilities.

Thanks are extended to all dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly for several months to make this event a success. It would not have been possible without their assistance.



Santa and the Kids

To date, the event has offered:

- Christmas lighting on various forest trails, with unique displays by businesses and others;
- an appearance by Santa for pictures with the kids;
- various crafts that were available for kids to complete indoors;
- a wagon ride for all ages to the old sawmill site and back (with a great display at the mill site provided by Longshot Diamond Drilling Ltd.);
- a fishing game for kids, where they were guaranteed prizes;
- Christmas items for sale by Peacock Woodcraft;
- a bonfire where hotdogs were roasted, and refreshments and desserts provided.

There has been no charge to attend this event, except for the donation of a non-perishable item for the Legion’s “Christmas Food Basket”. A donation box has been on site for those who wished to make a monetary contribution to assist the event, as it presently runs on only a very small budget – with the help of many volunteers.

In 2017, Peter and Colleen are planning on making the event even bigger and better. Hopefully, we will see you at the next “Temagami Country Christmas” celebration.

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Water Taxi Service on Lake Temagami Limited to Loon Lodge in 2017

By Debra Huron

A decision by the owners of BOATLINE BAY MARINE to stop providing water taxi service to the public means that Loon Lodge will be the only provider of this service in 2017.

Boatline Bay has discontinued its service because, according to owner Carol Reeder, it was not profitable. The marina will still act as the ambulance service for Lake Temagami using the same boat, and will provide transportation for professionals, such as real estate agents, who need access to properties on the Lake.

Jenny Moskwa and her husband, John, have owned Loon Lodge since 1991, and said, “It’s a bit scary that Loon Lodge will be the only water taxi operating from the Lake Temagami Access Road.”

“John is crazy busy already,” said Jenny. “He’ll continue to do it as long as he can, but it was good to have other options. When their (Boatline Bay’s) boat was down, they’d call us to refer people, and we’d call them if our boat was down.”

Ms. Moskwa welcomes the possibility that another business could begin to run a water taxi. “Maybe somebody else would come in and learn the Lake, and run it as a business,” she said. “We all know things can happen with boats needing servicing or repairs, and it would be nice for people to have other options.”

Loon Lodge will start its water taxi business in May 2017, with five or 10 trips a week. During the peak season of mid-July to August, Moskwa says they will likely be completing 10 or 12 trips a day. The cost for this service is \$18 per mile.

“A lot of people book ahead. Some people will even e-mail to say when they want the taxi. Early in the season, we are taking people to islands where they’ve left their boats over winter. And in the Fall, we’ll pick them up after they have closed down for the season.”

Canoeists who don’t want to paddle on big water, or whose trips begin far from the access road, will hire the water taxi to drop them off. A week later, John will pick them up again. Each year, the TIMISKAMING PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT also hires the water taxi for about three days. “The boat will be booked for the whole day, with John taking the health unit staff to check kitchens, and to collect water samples at lodges and camps that provide food services.”

Loon Lodge has gone through “a few boats” during the 25 years it has offered the water taxi service. Its current water taxi is a 20-foot Wilker with a 200-horsepower motor.

The demand for water taxis on the Lake, however, points to a need for “other options” to ease the strain on a single company.



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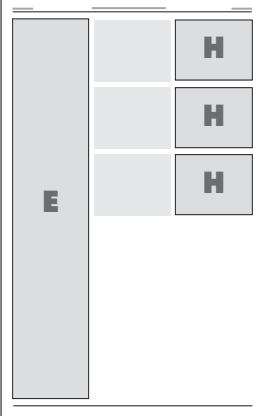
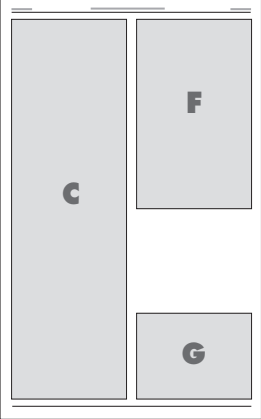
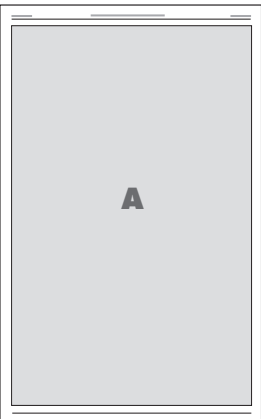
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The Aubrey Cosens – Approaching Camp Wabun (photo credit: Owen Funnell)

The Aubrey Cosens. For a generation the name defined an important part of the Temagami experience. For cottagers and campers, beginning a vacation with a boat trip on the Aubrey added a touch of the exotic to Temagami. For the Town, it represented jobs with a boat line and restaurant. For the people of Northern Ontario, the Aubrey represented the commemoration of a war hero who was said to have had exhibited the values of the people in this area.

There is not enough space here to go into a full description of how Aubrey Cosens became a hero, but the basics will help to explain how, and why, his has become a familiar name in the North. He was probably born in 1921 in Cayuga, Ontario. His father, Charlie, was a World War I veteran, and his mother, Yvonne, was an English war bride. When Aubrey was a year old, Charlie got a job with the TEMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY COMMISSION (TNORC) and the family moved to Porquis Junction, near Iroquois Falls. Aubrey's mother died there when he was four. Young Aubrey grew up in Latchford and Timmins. While working for the railway in 1940, he enlisted in the army.

At four o'clock in the morning on February 26, 1945, "The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada" attacked the hamlet of Mooshof in Germany as part of a major offensive by the First Canadian and Ninth U.S. Armies to defeat the Germans west of the Rhine River. The fighting was vicious. Casualties mount-

ed, and Sergeant Aubrey Cosens found himself in command of a platoon and four other survivors. Aubrey was considered a natural leader, and he was physically commanding. Determined to capture Mooshof, he climbed onto a nearby tank



Sgt. Aubrey Cosens ("The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada" Regimental Museum and Archives)



The Aubrey Cosens – Profile View (photo credit: Owen Funnell)

and directed it to ram into a building defended by German paratroopers. With covering fire from the tank and his four men, he then single-handedly, entered three buildings, killed twenty German soldiers, and took twenty prisoners. He then left to report to his company commander, but was killed instantly by a sniper. For his outstanding bravery, he was awarded the Victoria Cross (VC). So rarely was this honour awarded, that of a million Canadians who served in uniform in the war, only 16 were granted the VC. When Charlie was interviewed about Aubrey winning the VC, he said, "I still think of him as a kid. He was eighteen when he left home."

Back issues of the North Bay Nugget and the archives of the Registry of Ships have made it possible to put together a history of the boat and how it came to be named after Aubrey. In 1944, Colonel C. E. Reynolds of Sault Ste. Marie was

appointed the Chairman of the TNORC, which was renamed the ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION in 1946. Colonel Reynolds had served in World War I and had been active in the CANADIAN CORPS ASSOCIATION – a vet-


erans' group. He set out to modernize the railway and prepare for post-war expansion. One of his first acts was to have the railway buy both the TEMAGAMI NAVIGATION COMPANY and THE NIPISSING NAVIGATION COMPANY. In early 1945, the Nugget reported that a new boat had been purchased for Lake Temagami operations and was named the Sea Duck.

The Registry of Ships keeps vital information about a vessel and all changes in its ownership or name. The Canadian records do not list the original or subsequent American owners, but they do show that the Sea Duck (158628) was built as a motor yacht in 1910 in South Boston, Massachusetts by Lawley and Son. She was officially listed as having a 77' wooden hull, with a breadth of 14'. Her gross weight in 1935 was 57.62 tons. She had two gasoline engines built by Murray Tregurth Co., also of South

Boston, that could drive the boat at a speed of nine knots. In 1935, the vessel was purchased by G. G. Anderson and C. C. Breakey of Quebec City. In 1945, the TNORC (through its subsidiary, the TEMAGAMI NAVIGATION COMPANY), started a reconstruction of the Sea Duck. A new 200-horsepower Cummins diesel engine was installed, which could now propel the boat at over eleven knots. Work on the interior and deck continued through the Summer and Winter of 1945.

In the meantime, the announcement on May 21, 1945 that Aubrey Cosens had won the Victoria Cross created a sensation across Northern Ontario. The Nugget reported that both Aubrey and his father worked for the TNORC. The newspaper also attributed to Aubrey, the "Spirit of the North" – "a spirit that enables men to perform noble deeds spontaneously and without regard for their personal safety. It has been said that 'the North does something to a man' – something fine, and generous, and loyal – and this has been proven time and again during the present war." Colonel Reynolds was dedicated to veterans, and his response was almost immediate. He requested that a name change had to be made with the Registry of Ships, so that the new name of the boat would be the "Aubrey Cosens, VC".

Work on the Aubrey was completed late in the summer of 1946, and the Nugget reported that its first voyage was to transport campers. My wife's cousin, Owen Funnell of Island 981, remembers his first sighting of the Aubrey in August 1946, as it rounded the point going toward CAMP WABUN. "It looked like the Queen Mary," he says. With Captain Ted Guppy at the helm, it was the Aubrey (not the Sea Duck) that sailed the Lake for twenty years and achieved legendary status.



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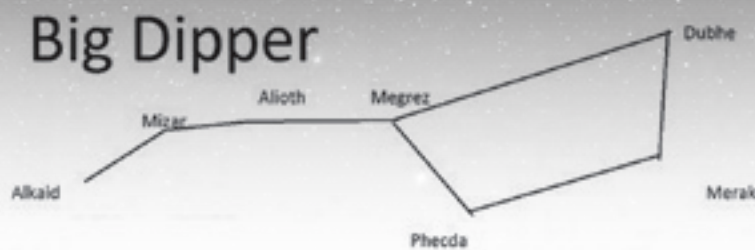
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Seeing Double

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158



Source: <http://hubpages.com/education/The-Big-Dipper-Reference-to-Locate-Stars-in-the-Night-Sky>

Viewing the night sky from Temagami can be an amazing experience. Northern lights, shooting stars, and meteor showers can be spectacular and cause “oohs” and “aahs” from the dock. Watching the moon rise from behind Devil's Mountain is a treasured pastime of mine, too. I also enjoy some of the more subtle aspects of the clear night sky, though.

Contemplating the heavens and all of their timeless complexity is a special, personal feature of my trips to the cottage. Star gazing is wonderful in Temagami on a clear night and can be inspiring due to the lack of competing light from nearby cities and towns. You don't need a high-powered telescope, a degree in astronomy, or one of those complicated books or star charts to pick out some neat features in a clear sky.

Start by locating the Big Dipper overhead. It is probably the most easily-recognized constellation and is composed of seven stars. You can imagine how someone would see it as the shape of a dipper or ladle, but the same shape has been known in other cultures to resemble a plow (Britain), and others refer to it as Ursa Major – the “Great Bear”.

At the bend in the handle (the second star from the far end of the handle) is located one of my favorite stars – Mizar. Look carefully at Mizar, though, because it is not just a star. It is a double star. Dimly visible to even the naked eye, there is another faint star right next to Mizar called Alcor. This can be viewed by looking carefully during a clear, night sky. The ability to distinguish both Mizar and Alcor has been cited as a test of eyesight as far back as the 13th century, by Arabian astronomers. The Latin proverb, “Vidit Alcor, at non lunam plenam,” (“He saw Alcor, but not the full moon.”) refers to people who can see small, trivial details but not the bigger picture. The same adage, I suppose, is not being able to see the forest for the trees. I confess I find it easiest to appreciate Mizar and Alcor with a simple pair of binoculars!

In traditional (East) Indian mythology, Mizar and Alcor are a couple

and symbolize marriage. Similarly, in some Hindu communities, the visual double-star of Mizar and Alcor represents the closeness that marriage brings to a couple. Nearer to home, in the Mi'kmaq myth of the great bear and the seven hunters, Mizar is called Chickadee and Alcor is his cooking pot.

One fascinating feature of Mizar and its faint friend Alcor is that although they are visually a double star, they are not truly related to one another. A binary star is a star system consisting of two stars that are gravitationally related and revolve around each other. Mizar and Alcor are, however, a double star by mere coincidence.

Mizar is 86 light years away from the Earth, and Alcor is 82 light years away. That might seem pretty close, until you stop and think about the units. A light year is the distance that light travels in one year. One light year is about 9.5 trillion km. The Moon is about 1.3 light seconds from Earth. Our Sun is roughly 8.3 light minutes from us. The closest star to Earth (besides our sun) is Alpha Centauri and is 4.4 light years away. To our eyes on Earth (and in myths and legends), Mizar and Alcor might seem nearby; but in space, they are anything but close! Stop and think about the light you see from Mizar. It left 86 years ago. For most of us, that light left before we were born. The light that can be seen from Mizar tonight left its source in 1931 – when the Belle cruised the waters of Temagami, and the TLA was first created.

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Winter “Lake Watch Program” Gears Up for Busy Year

By Dan O’Mara

Criminal activity statistics for this past Fall were down, but things did change in the new year. Based on checks done by the O.P.P. and “Lake Watch Program” members, at least 15 boathouses were entered by unauthorized individuals. Police are not yet sure what was taken from these buildings, but a list of items is being compiled as they contact the affected owners.

The O.P.P. have attended all locations and are investigating each occurrence. The locations of the earlier break-ins were in the Hub and Phillips Bay areas; however, some of the more recent incidents have occurred around Bear Island and in areas to the north. Ice conditions off the main routes have not been good and have prevented “Lake Watch Program” coordinators from completing property inspections in all areas. The O.P.P. are very aware of our concerns!

We also encourage everyone on the Lake to be on the look-out for further suspicious goings-on, as the individuals involved are not just out joy-riding on snowmobiles. We encourage everyone to keep things locked up and out of sight. If you have someone checking your property, make sure that the person is aware of these concerns and ask her/him to provide the O.P.P. with details about any unusual issues that may be encountered. Keep us updated on any incidents, and we will try to do the same. As was done this past Fall, program coordinators and volunteers, together with the O.P.P., will continue to conduct greater numbers of cottage checks and be on

the alert for unusual activities. In addition, the O.P.P. will be providing further aerial surveillance to assist with their Lake-monitoring efforts and to facilitate improved co-ordination for their ground forces.

Current thin ice conditions caused by the increased amount of snow we received before the ice had time to form has made travel on the Lake difficult and, in some places, unsafe. Everyone is being encouraged to check out ice conditions before traveling on any water body and to be extra cautious.

This year, the TEMAGAMI POLICE SERVICES BOARD has provided finances for a large sign (see image with this article) to be placed along the Lake Temagami Access Road.

Additional signage will be provided at other Lake access points when funding is available. We want advertising for the “Lake Watch Program” to be visible. Also, if you have not already obtained signage / window stickers for your property and trace pens for your personal belongings, we strongly encourage you to do so. Materials can be obtained from Dan O’Mara at 705-237-8460 or danomar@ontera.net. You may also request them by standard mail at: T203-116, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0. It goes without saying that any donations to the program would also be very much appreciated.

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By Peter Healy

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January 25, 2017 (City of Temiskaming Shores, ON):

One of the biggest issues of concern in the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI is the number of cottage break-and-enters and thefts that occur each year. During the last month, the Temiskaming Detachment of the ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (O.P.P.), in conjunction with the BEAR ISLAND POLICE SERVICE, has investigated 18 such occurrences involving cottages and boathouses located on Lake Temagami. The O.P.P. would like to remind the public that cottage break-and-enters, damage, and theft are serious concerns that impact the police, cottagers, cottagers’ associations, and insurance companies.

The Temiskaming and Temagami Detachments of the O.P.P., along with the TLA, have been, and continue to, work diligently with the “Cottage Watch Program” – an initiative promoting cottage community safety and security. Investigations are ongoing, and police are requesting assistance from the public. Accordingly, all suspicious matters should be reported to the police and include as much information as possible (e.g., physical descriptions of the persons involved; clothing descriptions; vehicle descriptions; licence plate numbers; island numbers; and, any other pertinent details). Also, in each instance it is helpful to note the area where suspects were last seen and the direction in which they were heading.

Thieves prefer to target easy-to-carry items that don’t hinder their movements. One simple way to help discourage theft of these items is to etch them with an identifier, such as your vehicle licence plate number, in a highly-visible spot. This personal “Operation Identification” number allows police to more easily locate stolen items at pawn shops. Property that is engraved is considered “damaged

goods” to criminals as it is more difficult to dispose of. In addition, it is a good idea to record 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. Additional security measures should be utilized, as well.

Remember to assure your safety at all times. Contact police immediately upon discovering break-ins, damage, or thefts, and do not tamper with the crime scene as valuable evidence may be lost. Other ways to help deter thieves from targeting your cottage include the following:

- Install outdoor lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or windows. Use motion-detector lights with a low-intensity feature as an alternative to continuous, bright lighting. Set up security/trail cameras in, and on, your property – especially during the off season or while you are away.
- Deadbolts should be installed on all exterior doors. Also, ensure that entry doors and strike plates are secured with at least 2 ½-inch-long screws.
- Take steps to reinforce any windows next to exterior doors by adding polycarbonate panels.
- If you have a sliding door, place screws in the upper track to prevent the door from being lifted out of its frame, and ensure that you have a stick or security bar along the bottom track to prevent the door from sliding open. Sticks or security bars can also be used for sliding windows.
- Do not leave any valuables in the cottage or boathouse when you are away. Lock these items in a safety security box.
- Boathouses are also accessible on the lake side. By simply adding metal fencing between the lake and the entryway, it may deter culprits from gaining access.
- 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.

These are just a few of the many suggestions that can help in preventing crime and keep your property (seasonal or year-round) safer.

For further information on any policing issue, please contact Constable Renée Taylor, Community Safety Officer – TEMISKAMING O.P.P., by phone at 705-647-8400. You may also visit the O.P.P. website (www.OPP.ca) or access regional Twitter feeds at: @O.P.P._NER or @PPO_Nordest. In addition, you may call your local detachment of the O.P.P. at 1-888-310-1122.

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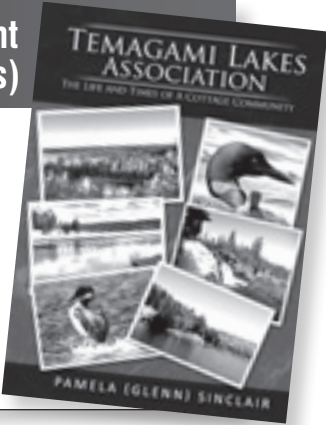


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Stinking Island (photo by Trish Healy)

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