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THE VOICE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA)

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION NEWS & ISSUES

ON TLA WEBSITE

The Temagami Municipal election this year will be held on October 25, a date that makes it necessary for the Times to change the focus of its planned election coverage because the deadline for candidates will be after the newspaper's publication date.

So, readers won't see any candidate endorsements in the newspaper or on the TLA website (www.tla-temgami.org).

What we will do, however, is articulate where the TLA stands on the important issues facing the Temagami community. This will give Canadian voters – and any Canadian who is a Temagami

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HOW LOW IS THE LAKE? AND WHY? *Cottagers concerned about water levels*

By Ted Tichinoff

Breakup in 2009 saw lake water levels substantially above normal. Combined with ice and wind this led

to much damage for some lake residents. At breakup this year the lake was at record lows. One might think that Lake Temagami, being regulated

by a dam (operated by Ontario Power Generation -- OPG -- under licence), would be less subject to the vicissitudes of weather and would have more stable water levels than lakes without a control dam.

However, that does not appear to be the case and it is becoming a heavily debated question in Northern Ontario as to whether OPG dams are a positive or a negative fact when it comes to fluctuating water levels.



Before the outboard or the inboard, there was – and is – the canoe without which a Temagami summer would perhaps take on an entirely different character.

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LETTER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

TLA Objects to Draft Municipality Budget with Possible Special Impact on All Lake Properties

The following is the text of a letter from TLA President Rob Corcoran to Mayor Ike Laba and Councillors concerning the TLA's serious concerns with aspects of the draft 2010 Municipal Budget:

After reviewing the draft 2010 budget provided by the Municipality, and having reviewed the history of our tax breakdown, the TLA must object strongly to what appears to have taken place.

Several years ago, the Municipality ran into an "emergency" situation, where upgrades to the water treatment facility were required. In what was widely interpreted as a one-time undertaking, we, the lake residents, did not object to contributing to the costs of this upgrade. (As agreed upon at amalgamation, lake residents are excluded from billing for water and sewer services which they do not have, and receive reduced billing for fire services.)

By our estimates, it would appear that roughly 90 percent of residential assessment comes from waterfront properties, and that potentially 50 percent of the overall tax base comes from Lake Temagami properties. As noted in an earlier communication, the TLA still awaits the Municipality's response based upon detailed MPAC data received last fall with a breakdown of assessments and taxes between the urban and various waterfront areas of the community.

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A bit of background may be useful.

Lake Temagami is at the top of three river watersheds: the Montreal, the Matabichuan and the Sturgeon. In its natural state the lake drained into all three watersheds.

An outlet close to the present village drained into Cassells Lake and from there eventually flowed into the Matabichuan and Ottawa River. A second outlet at the North Arm flowed into Diamond Lake then into Lady Evelyn Lake, down the Montreal River to the Ottawa. Both of these outlets have been blocked off. The Diamond Lake outlet was filled in so as to accommodate forest operations.

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President's letter

Summer is again just around the corner. Why does it seem that with each and every year, we have yet another set of concerns. Mother Nature has done her part over the past years, with winds decimating the pine trees on many of the islands, with winds and ice damaging or destroying so many docks and boathouses last spring. This year, the structures should be OK, but water levels may make it worthwhile to keep a spare prop (or two) on hand.

Temagami seems to have fared better than many of the Province's lakes, and only the waters managed by the MNR and our beaver population seems to be anywhere near to "normal" levels. At the present time, it looks like we should in fact be back to within a foot of peak levels by the time July arrives.

On the municipal front, a reduction in business at the Co-op has imposed significant fiscal challenges. While we don't have much control over nature, the ability to sustain a grocery store in Temagami is based solely upon the support which it receives from its customers. Truly, those of us on the lake can't do much to address the off-season shopping, but I believe we can make a huge difference if we adjust our shopping habits this summer.

The Co-op staff have made a very strong effort to adapt their store to meet changing customer interests. I think we are very fortunate to have such a motivated team at the Co-op. When I was last in Temagami (March), I dropped by the Co-op to buy a few items I needed, and was impressed with how competitive their pricing was.

No doubt the challenge in the offseason is permanent residents who choose to buy their groceries while traveling to New Liskeard or North Bay. I stress that all of us need to support the Co-op if we are to continue to have it. The loss of key businesses in Marten River and Tilden Lake has been a sad occurrence over the past decades.

Temagami has been able to hold onto some key assets over this period, but the same challenges which other communities have faced are not that far away here. Support your local community stores and they will be able to continue to serve you, and indeed, they will continue to provide jobs in Temagami.

The Co-op is facing a cash shortage as it moves into 2010. We all pitched in when the Co-op was created. This year, the TLA and a number of community and lake residents have stepped in and made donations to assist the Co-op, with the TLA having donated \$6,000.

For those of us on the lake, the Co-op is making efforts to get last summer's trial delivery approach into gear in a more complete manner for this summer. Have a look at the Coop articles and information in this issue of the Times. Take some time to set up an account with the Co-op, and consider the convenience and time saved with grocery delivery to the TLA building.

As we all need to kick start our summer with the purchase of key staple items, I suggest that purchasing these from the Co-op could go a long way to kick starting their revenue for the summer. We can order these ahead of time, giving the Co-op time (and revenue) to procure them, and enabling them to get them to the lake for us, freeing up space in the car for other items on that first (or second) trip to the cottage...

As this will be my last President's letter, I would like to thank our members, the many TLA volunteers, TLA staff, and the TLA Board of Directors for your support over the past two years. I believe we're overdue for some exceptionally good weather, and I wish all of you a very enjoyable summer!!

Rob Corcoran, President

The TEMAGAMI TIMES welcomes signed letters or emails on any subject.

The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity and relevance. Letters containing libelous remarks, personal attacks or inaccurate information will not be published nor will open letters or copies of letters sent to public officials or governments. The opinions expressed are the letter writers' own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Temagami Lakes Association.

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 maintained and new

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

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

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

The View from the Co-op

Great Big Thanks are due to the many residents of Lake Temagami, both seasonal and permanent, who have contributed to the stocking of our Temagami Co-op **freshmart** for the summer.

Don Johnson began the campaign, recognizing that the cost of stocking the store would be more than our cash flow would allow, and that we would not be able to borrow because of the extent of our debt.

So he, Lorie Hunter and Mark Johnson sent a letter to friends and customers on the Lake, asking for their support, and setting an example by writing

cheques of their own. The Board of the Temagami Lakes Association joined in, authorizing a \$6,000 contribution from the Association's own funds, and sending a letter to their entire membership.

As of mid-May, donations totaled \$20,085. The Board and management of the Co-op are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported the store in this way. We would like to recognize in particular TLA President Rob Corcoran, Treasurer David McFarlane and Executive Secretary Peter Healy, and Don Johnson, Lorie Hunter and Mark Johnson for getting the ball rolling.

Two stores in one Co-op

We operate two very different Co-op **freshmarts** here, one during the three warm months and the other for the rest of the year. We would like to remind all our customers that a store that is packed to the rafters with goodies is not necessarily a profitable one. In spite of the huge increase in the number of customers in the summer months, we still have to stock our shelves within the limits of what we know we can sell.

We will be doing our best to ensure that no shortages occur as they did last

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WHAT WENT WRONG:

The Temagami Co-op (Whole) Story In A Nutshell

The Temagami Co-op grocery store has lost money in nine of its twelve years in business. Whether the loss has been moderate or spectacular has been due to variables in two factors: management and weather.

Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to attract talented, qualified managers to Temagami. The most experienced managers we've had at the store have all made the same mistake. They've based their business strategy on an assumption that can be made comfortably almost anywhere else: that there is a great floating mass of consumers out there, somewhere, who can be wooed

to our store by special discounts, unique products or a beautiful shopping experience.

The truth is that there is no such floating mass in Temagami. In the winter, our population is small, and the local economy is even smaller. People who work out of town also shop out of town, because it is convenient, and because the Co-op cannot compete with cut-price stores such as Giant Tiger, Food Basics, No Frills and Wal-Mart.

Seasonal residents are equally set in their ways. There are those who will always prefer to stock up on food on their way up here, turn left at the Mine

Road and never come out until it's time to go home again.

This reality is reflected in our sales history, which has been consistent at approximately \$2,000,000 annually. Between our best sales year and our worst, the range is equal to 10 percent of our average gross sales. Our most disastrous business years have been those when the store looked most prosperous and attractive to customers.

The first of those was our second year in business, which ended with a cash deficit of \$172,000, from which we've never recovered. The second was

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S O S (SAVE OUR STORE)

There's no denying a few important facts about the Co-op, now doing business as **freshmart**.

First, for many of us, it's a lifeline of products that, if not available locally, would have to be purchased many miles to the north or south. Second, the Co-op has had a hard time turning a profit for a number of reasons, best documented in the "What Went Wrong..." piece in this issue of the Times. Third, it's equally hard for many folks, on the lake or on the mainland, to see how Temagami, as a community, would make a go of it without the Co-op.

And because the Co-op is so important to our community, the TLA Board of Directors voted unanimously to contribute \$6,000, or roughly \$10 per member, to assist in the store's efforts, also outlined in this issue, to get stock up for the summer. In doing this the Board is also encouraging all lake and town residents to contribute. If every property owner on Lake Temagami and in town, an estimated 1300 families, contributed even \$100 to offset the co-op's deficit, the store would have a chance of a long-term survival.

The "SOS" that the Co-op is sounding should be a call to the entire Temagami community to buy local. Take a few minutes to read "The View from the Co-op" and you'll understand what's planned to keep the Co-op going.

Buying Groceries for the Cottage or Home – Is Price an Issue?

By Peter Healy

So you do your family or cottage grocery shopping out of town and think you are saving significant dollars? I commissioned a top secret group of grocery shoppers in three competing communities to shop for an identical grocery basket of commonly purchased items. The results are shown here in the chart.

Driving costs: Using the Canada Revenue Agency rates (2010) for automobile allowance (which factors in a composite of gas, oil, insurance, depreciation and repair for an average car) at 52 cents km. for the first 5,000 kms. and 46 cents km. thereafter, and using the average of 117 kms (return) to New Liskeard = \$60.84 or \$53.82 respectively! So it is safe to say

Item	Temagami Co-op	New Liskeard Independent	Huntsville Independent	North Bay No Frills
Tropicana OJ (fresh squeezed) 1.89 L	\$4.89, PC brand \$4.59, No name \$2.59	\$4.49	\$4.49	\$4.47
Cheerios 525 g	\$5.29	\$5.99	\$5.99	\$4.74
2% Milk 3 bags	\$4.99	\$4.17	\$4.19	\$4.17
Heinz Ketchup 1L	\$4.79, PC brand \$3.39, No name \$2.79	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.77
Premium Plus soda crackers 450 g	\$3.49, No name \$2.29	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$2.79
Lean ground beef	\$7.76	\$8.80	\$8.80	\$7.50
Total Identical Products	\$31.12	\$30.43	\$30.45	\$27.44

Does it really cost less?

any out-of-town shopping from Temagami costs an extra \$50-\$60 at least and obviously more from the lake. My conclusion: Shop locally for many reasons. Price is not the issue.

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The Family Health Team: An Innovative Approach To High Quality Primary Health Care

By Ellen Ibey

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team (FHT), which opened a brand new facility in September 2009, represents an approach to primary health care that brings together different health care providers to coordinate the highest possible quality of care for you – the patient. It is designed to provide doctors with support from other complementary professionals.

Most FHTs consist of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals who work together, each utilizing their experience and skills so that you receive the very best care when you need it and as close to home as possible.

In Temagami, the Family Health Team consists of one primary care physician, one nurse practitioner, two receptionists, and an executive director. And, we anticipate the addition of a registered nurse to the team in the not-so-distant future.

Medical Centre Hours of Operation:

- Monday through Friday – 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Blood collection service is provided every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 noon by appointment.

The following allied health professionals also provide services onsite:

- **Mental Health/Addictions through the Timiskaming Health Unit** (www.timiskaminghu.com): Every Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For an appointment or for more information, please call (705) 647-4305 or toll free at 1-866-747-4305 and ask to speak with the Intake Worker.
- **Children's Services through HANDS:** Services are offered to children and youth where mental health, autism and/or developmental disabilities are a concern. For

an appointment, please call (705) 476-2293 or toll free at 1-800-668-8555. For more information, check out their website at www.thefamily-helpnetwork.ca

- **Chiropractic services through the Gravity Health and Chiropractic Centre:** Every Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For an appointment, please call (705) 647-8877.
- **Physiotherapy services through CBI Health:** The last Thursday of every month between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For an appointment, please call (705) 647-1088, ext. 2286.
- **Dental services through Dental Hygiene on the Move:** Once a month -- for an appointment, please call (705) 648-3740.

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team is also a proud member of the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) which offers health related education sessions to Temagami residents on such topics as: ABCs to Heart Healthy Eating; hot Topics in heart health nutrition; managing your Meds; and introduction to COPD.

Watch for flyers around the community promoting future educational events.

Additionally, plans are currently underway to expand our OTN service to include a clinical component. What this will mean for the residents of Temagami is that they may be able to reduce and/or eliminate travel to out-of-town specialist appointments as they will be able to "see" their specialist right here at the Medical Centre via videoconference technology. Watch for further details as we get closer to making this a reality.

What You Need to Know About Prescription Renewals

For patients calling to have a prescription renewed, please have the

following information available:

- The name of the medication;
- The dosage or strength of the medication;
- The frequency (for example once or twice a day); and
- The name of the pharmacy where you would like to pick up your prescription.

Please remember to bring your medications with you to your appointments (except blood work). Being prepared with this information at your fingertips will enable us to provide you with better and more efficient service.

For After Hours Assistance:

A call to Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) will give you confidential advice about any health-related concern such as: symptoms that could require medical attention; illness or injury; chronic illnesses; nutrition and healthy lifestyles; and teen health and lifestyle issues

Telehealth Ontario is a free, confidential telephone service for health advice or general health information from a Registered Nurse. That means quick, easy access to a qualified health professional to help you decide whether to care for yourself, make an appointment with your doctor, go to a clinic, contact a community service or go to a hospital emergency room.

Please remember...a call to Telehealth Ontario does not replace 911 — which is always the first number you should call in emergency situations.

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team are looking forward to continuing to provide you with the highest possible quality of care.

(Ellen Ibey is Executive Director of the Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stepping up to the Plate (Again)

Thank you very much to the TLA for once again, as many times in the past taking the initiative and stepping up to the plate at such a crucial time in not only the Co-op's future but also of all the others in town that rely on the grocery store to bring their customers to town.

Your request for people to shop locally is also appreciated and I for one can tell you that after loading people's boats for 48 seasons can confirm the small percentage of goods that were bought in town. There are also the "loyals" that do without certain items just to remain local.

Thank you and Board again for your aggressive leadership in this important matter.

Bill & Billie Kitts
Temagami

Deep Cuts in Frills Expected

The most recent issue of the Temagami Times included "Temagami and Places to Grow" and a second article "What the TLA Thinks of Places to Grow Plan for Northern Ontario."

Let me refer to a recent documentary on the TV Vision channel called "The End of Suburbia." A highly esteemed group of specialists in finance, business, natural resources, etc, painted the following picture:

The party's over. We have crested the peak of fuel resources and are just beginning the downward curve. Because fuel has been pivotal to all our activities, a domino effect will come into play and we will be aware of the contrast within 5 years. Expect fuel to cost \$5 per gallon or more. Expect food and material costs

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LEGEND *of the* LAKE

DR. JAMES N. WYCHGEL

The First of Five Generations on Lake Temagami

By James Wychgel Norton

My grandfather, James N. Wychgel, a doctor at a steel plant in Cleveland, Ohio, began exploring the Lake Temagami region in approximately 1918. He was part of an early wave of professionals from the Cleveland area who discovered the unique beauty of Lake Temagami in the early 1900's. (For those wondering, the name is pronounced "Wykel.")

Gramps' best friend was John Turner, the legendary Temagami native and grandson of Granny Turner, who promoted canoeing and fishing in the area from his base on Bear Island. Gramps and John Turner fished and explored the Temagami region almost every summer and once canoed all the

way to Hudson Bay. They played baseball and square danced at Bear Island, relaxed and enjoyed the scenery.

In those times it was a long journey from Ohio to Temagami. Gramps first took the train from Cleveland to Toronto and then spent the night at the Royal York before stocking up on supplies at Michie's for the journey north. The next day involved a train trip to Temagami followed perhaps by a night at a hotel, which he described in his journal as full of bedbugs. Finally, a steamboat took him to Bear Island where he met up with his friend and guide, John Turner.

Selecting an Island

One purpose of their explora-

tion was to select an island on Lake Temagami for a long term lease that was then available from the Ontario government. His 1925 journal includes brief notes about 13 islands they investigated including: 1086, 1075, 1069, 1066, 847, 723, 750, 707, 663, 859, 842, 741 and 308. Eventually, he settled on island 1066, a two and a half acre island near the entrance to the Northeast Arm despite concerns about the location, a long distance (approximately 25 kilometers by boat) from the town of Temagami. (This was before the Temagami Access Road was built to service the Copperfields Mine on Temagami Island).

He selected well. Island 1066 is an

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CANDIDATES FOR TLA BOARD

The following members are candidates for election to a three year term on the TLA Board:

Peter Calverley • Is. 968

William Goodman • Is. 352

Chip Kittredge • Is. 1155

Gerry Kluwak • Is. 758

The ballot, mailed to all TLA voting members late in May, can be sent by return mail or dropped off at the TLA building prior to July 26.

Present Director Vince Hovanec is not eligible for re-election; also scheduled to leave the Board are Malcolm Wilson, who is eligible for re-election but has opted not to run for another term, and Chip Kittredge, who decided to stand for election again.

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The Tenets of Temagami Over the Years: Almost Two Decades in Preserving the Temagami Experience

Lest we forget, the Tenets of Temagami simply didn't happen overnight – they are the result of countless hours of meetings and discussions with government officials, interested stakeholders, community leaders and ordinary citizens. Here's the timeline:

— 1991 —

In a position paper prepared for the TLA by ex-president Jack Glenn, the essential elements of what will become the accepted unique physical characterizes of Lake Temagami are identified and become the foundation for the Tenets of Temagami.

— 1994 —

After extensive discussions the Municipality, TLA and LaTempRA (permanent residents) formally adopt the Tenets for Temagami on March 8, 1994. The Tenets provide for the protection and preservation of the mainland Skyline Reserve, limited road access and no mainland development, islands only. Reeve Ivan Beauchamp, Councillor Biff Lowery, TLA Director Art Avar and TLA President Hilton Young play pivotal roles in the process.



Temagami Summer: It Doesn't Get Any Better than This Photo: Flickr.com by Joel Bedford

— 1995 —

The TLA with the assistance of Jim Hasler and President Sandy Navaro explore the Conservation Reserve as a protective mechanism for the Skyline Reserve.

— 1997 —

After substantial input by the Comprehensive Planning Council, the Temagami Land Use Plan (TLUP) is approved by the MNR. All the major principles outlined in the Tenets for Temagami, including protection for the Skyline Reserve, are included in Special Management Area #39 (Lake Temagami) .

The Final Report for Restructuring (Daiter) Order establishes the newly amalgamated Municipality of Temagami. The Report states that "The Township with the TLA and LaTempRA established common environmental objectives for the Lake area which are articulated in the "Tenets for Temagami" (See Appendix B)."

— 1998 —

Special Mining Regulations (Ontario 356/98 and 349/98) establish protection for the Skyline Reserve (SMA #39). These regulations were developed with input from the Lake Temagami Review Committee (LTRC) which included the TLA (with guidance provided by TLA member Tim Eby EBY) and Ontario Prospectors. Aesthetic and environmental concerns such as blaze marks, shoreline markers are addressed. All islands in SMA#39 were withdrawn in a reopening order. All proposed mining activities in SMA #39 are now subject to review and comment by the LTRC.

With the assistance of Grant Forest Products the boundaries for the Skyline Reserve are formally mapped and ultimately incorporated by the MNR. Lake Temagami cottage owner Peter Bernie plays a key role in the partnership with Grant.

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— 2000 —

Maps were provided by the MNR and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to the land claim Advisory Committee. These maps incorporate the newly defined and now accepted boundaries of the Skyline Reserve for Lake Temagami. The TLA supported a fair and just settlement subject to the Tenets for Temagami.

— 2003 —

The TFN, TAA and Province of Ontario land claim negotiators reach agreement on all key elements for the proposed land claim settlement which specifically provide for the creation of a Waterway Park for the preservation for the mainland Skyline Reserve a unique heritage resource. Major leadership is provided by aboriginal negotiator Doug McKenzie and Chief Ontario negotiator Doug Carr and TLA representative and ex-president Ray Delarosbel.

— 2006 —

The Temagami Municipal Official Plan is approved. The plan sites the Tenets for Temagami and incorporates all of its essential elements, including protection for the mainland Skyline Reserve, into the standards applicable to all future development in SMA#39.

— 2010 —

The Tenets for Temagami are still in effect but have been under pressure from some quarters and receiving support in others. Factors such as the aboriginal land claims substitution of a conservation easement in place of a Waterway Park for the skyline reserve, MNR's policy restricting disposition of Crown land on lake trout lakes and the actions of some lake organizations and elected officials are all a matter of concern.

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rate-payer is eligible to vote – a perspective against which to judge the merits, or demerits if you will, of the candidates.

There are a number of key issues that affect, or will in the near future, all community residents, be they permanent or seasonal. We hope that everyone who plans to vote – either in person or by a mail-in ballot – will take time to review what the TLA believes the critical issues are before deciding on the choice of candidates.

OPERATORS CARD REQUIRED FOR ALL DRIVERS OF POWER BOATS

The *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations* require operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes to have proof of competency on board at all times.

Proof of competency can take 1 of 3 forms:

1. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
2. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999; or,
3. A completed rental-boat safety checklist.

**ALL OPERATORS,
PROOF OF COMPETENCY
REQUIRED
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FAQs for Human Powered Craft

Q: Do I need proof of competency to operate a non-powered pleasure craft?

A: No. The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations only apply to pleasure craft fitted with a motor.

Q: Do I need proof of competency to paddle a pleasure craft fitted with a motor and the motor is turned off?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I need proof of competency to operate a sailboat?

A: You need proof of competency if the sailboat is fitted with an auxiliary motor, even when under sail.

Safety Tip for Kayakers and Canoeists

Make sure you are seen on the water. Even in bright, calm conditions a kayak can be nearly invisible. It is especially difficult for power-driven vessel and large vessel operators riding high in the water to see kayakers. Choose bright colours such as red, yellow or orange for your flotation device and kayak. Also, remember to keep signalling devices within hand's reach in case of emergency.



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2010 Income Tax Deduction for Canadian Property Owners

(This tax advisory article was inadvertently omitted from the winter issue of the Times. More important, however, the information is still valid, and that's the reason why it's appearing now. Cottagers may file a revised list of deductions with Revenue Canada.)

By Peter Healy

Did you know that the Government of Canada's Home Renovation Tax Credit for 2010 also applies to cottages? The HRTC is a 15% non-refundable tax credit for eligible renovation expenditures made to your home or vacation property. The credit applies to any amounts spent over \$1,000, up to a maximum of \$10,000 (prior to February 1, 2010), producing a maximum credit of \$1,350.

Eligible expenses for goods acquired during this period, even if they are installed after January 2010, will still qualify. If an eligible expense involves work performed by a contractor or a

third party, and the work is not completed by the end of the eligible period, only the portion that is completed before February 1, 2010 will qualify even if a payment has been made.

The expenses are eligible when they are incurred in relation to a renovation or alteration to an **eligible dwelling** (including the land that forms part of the eligible dwelling) and are of an enduring nature and integral to the dwelling. As a general rule, if the item you purchase will not become a permanent part of your eligible dwelling, it is not eligible.

Eligible expenses allowed include:

- Renovating a kitchen, bathroom, or basement
- Windows and doors
- New flooring - carpet, linoleum, hardwood, floating laminate, etc.
- New furnace, woodstove, boiler, fireplace, water softener, water heater, or oil tank
- Permanent reverse osmosis systems
- Septic systems and wells
- Electrical wiring in the home (e.g., changing from 100 amp to 200 amp service)
- Home security system (monthly

fees do not qualify)

- Solar panels and solar panel trackers
- Painting the interior or exterior of a house
- Building an addition, garage, deck, garden/storage shed, or fence
- Re-shingling a roof
- Exterior shutters and awnings
- Permanent hot tub and installation costs
- Landscaping: new sod, perennial shrubs and flowers, trees, large rocks, permanent garden lighting, permanent water fountain, permanent ponds, large permanent garden ornaments
- Retaining wall
- Associated costs such as installation, building plans, permits, professional services, equipment rentals, and incidental expenses
- Fixtures - blinds, shades, shutters, lights, ceiling fans, etc.
- Docks - The materials and installation costs for a dock are eligible provided the dock is attached to land that forms part of the eligible dwelling.
- Sanding and refinishing of hardwood floors.

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Part Time Jobs at the Mine and Manitou Landings

The TLA, in partnership with the Municipality of Temagami, has part time jobs available helping keep the Landings clean and assisting lake residents with trash and recyclables disposal. The ideal applicant is a student 14-16 years of age who is able to travel to the landing and work 4 hours a day approximately 3 days a week. These positions pay \$9/hour.

For either position contact Peter Healy for further information or send a letter of interest, with resume, to tl@onlink.net.

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“Mystery, literary fiction and medical drama all rolled into one...”

And what did you do last summer, Nick Ruddock?

By Jack Goodman

So, Nick, where did you write “The Parabolist”? And who published it? I wrote it on White Bear, Island 488, Southwest Arm, mornings of the summer of 2008. I’d do about a thousand words by lunch and then resume the usual Temagami life: canoeing, swimming, kayaking, reading. It was published by Doubleday Canada, a good thing for me because they’ve done a great job getting the book out into the world.

It’s an unusual novel. Just when you think you’re reading a comedy, it turns in another direction. And then another direction. That’s true. It’s multifaceted. It starts with comedy—a young man escaping from an amorous misadventure through a milkbox—but it soon ascends or descends into more serious fare.

Tell us about the plot, if you can, without spoilers. Okay: A young Mexican poet, Roberto Moreno, arrives in Toronto. He befriends students in the first year medical class, particularly Val-

erie Anderson and Jasper Glass. Roberto goes drinking one night with Jasper Glass and they close the bar down and then walk miles through the streets in a torrential downpour. It’s three in the morning. They come upon a rape in progress; they intervene and save the life of the girl. However, in doing so, they commit a serious crime: murder. They escape undetected into the night. A police investigation then ensues and narrows in upon the two young men.

That’s the bare bones of the plot? Yes. But it’s set in and around the medical school, so there’s a lot of other stuff going on. I like to describe it as a love story played out upon the bodies of the naked and the dead. The comedy-thriller aspect drives it along but, as with all coming-of-age novels, it’s really, in the tumultuous end, a love story. Also a serious comment on the power of poetry.

It certainly is quite sexually explicit in parts. True enough. It was written to be a no-holds-barred novel. The characters don’t do a lot of reflecting; they throw themselves heedlessly into danger and into relationships. The detailing of those activities was important.

How’s it been received so far, critically? So far, so good. “Wonderfully odd”, “a joy to behold”, “a totally

compelling read”, that sort of thing. A great review in The Globe and Mail, mostly positive reviews across Canada. There’s been one or two quibbles about the violence, like “was that really necessary?”...but everybody agrees it’s unique. There’s nothing else like “The Parabolist” out there.

So it’s like Temagami in that respect. Exactly.

And does Lake Temagami feature anywhere in the novel? No, the closest I get is Mattawa, North Bay and Sundridge.

How does the Canadian health care system look? In the novel? It doesn’t really appear in the practical sense because all the doctors in the book are still students. They dissect dead bodies, they have no real patients. Mind you, all of our dead bodies have always had health insurance anyway. As do Americans now, living and dead, thanks to your new president.

Have you thought about bringing copies of “The Parabolist” to the TLA



Nick Ruddock, Guelph physician and author

flea market this year? They have hot dogs there, right, for lunch?

Yes, good ones, I’m told. Then yes, I’ll see you there. The cover of my book is very impressive: it looks like a bonfire, you can’t miss it.

Mandatory Life Jackets – Do You Have Yours?

By Angus Scully

Chair, TLA Marine Committee

Surveys of public opinions on life jackets reveal:

- Most people wear a life jacket if asked to by the boat operator
- People who engage in a lot of boating see it as a low risk activity and are less likely to wear a life jacket
- Boaters think boating would be safer if they wore a PFD
- 90% of boaters have the proper number of life jackets aboard.

While boaters recognized the importance of life jackets and PFDs,

there was a low wear-rate. (Sources: Canada Safety Council <http://archive.safety-council.org>)

The statistics on boating and drowning are significant:

- The most important and consistent risk factor in boating fatalities is the non-use of flotation devices.
- Drowning is still the third leading cause of unintentional deaths of Canadians under 60 years of age, surpassed only by motor vehicle collisions and poisoning
- About 9 in 10 drowning victims are not wearing a PFD, and this

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Dr. James N. Wychgel *continued from page 5*

island paradise with all the attributes for a comfortable cottage retreat. It is a teardrop shaped tract with the fat end facing east. The mainland shore parallels the southern side of the island about 100 meters away creating a narrow channel and an ideal location for a boathouse protected from the sometimes strong winds and large waves. Because the island tapers to a narrow tip on the west end, Gramps selected the east side for locating the modest one bedroom cottage and the channel facing the sunny south side for an enclosed boathouse.

The cottage and boathouse were constructed in 1927; the same year that Dr. Wychgel acquired lease number 160 to the island for the whopping sum of \$100. The 25 by 38 foot cottage and boathouse cost \$750 in 1927 and a small 10x14 foot sleeping cottage was added in 1941 for \$150. John Turner and his crew built the structures largely from logs and lumber acquired locally. Prior to that time, many of the cottages on Lake Temagami were built by French Canadians, so Gramps helped his friend John Turner get into the business of building cottages.

A few years later, Gramps married my grandmother, Ruth Cannell Wychgel, and they spent their honeymoon canoeing in the Temagami region. Once again, John Turner was their guide and it was just the three of them in the wilderness. There are many family stories about this adventure. Ruth couldn't swim so it must have been traumatic for her to be in the middle of the canoe crossing open stretches of water. To make matters worse she was told to bring only warm wool clothes and it turned out that she was allergic to wool and the temperatures reached into the 80's. A bee stung her finger and it swelled up so much they couldn't get her new wedding ring off.

In spite of the trauma of the first

trip together, they traveled in style from Cleveland in Gramps' new car, a fancy Packard roadster, along the newly built Highway 11 which eventually replaced the railroad as the preferred way to get to Temagami. In those days, however, the road was dirt in some areas and was not the easy and fast route that it is today.

Summer Life on Temagami

Gramma was a trooper despite the ruggedness of Temagami that was so different from her city life in Cleveland. On her many trips to Temagami she cooked on a Guelph Iron Works woodstove. Ice was delivered from John Turner's ice house on Bear Island to the red ice box that kept food cool in the cottage. She heated a stone iron to keep clothes, sheets and towels neat and tidy.

According to my Mom, she wore nylon stockings every day and never washed her hair to prevent damaging the last permanent she had in Cleveland! There are many artifacts of these early days still at the cottage today including the old wood stove which serves as a counter top, the ice box which we use for storage, the stone iron which now makes a nice door stop, and a dining room table that belonged to Gramma's parents which was brought up later. A canoe paddle, tent post and water cup commemorate the trip to Hudson Bay, and the Peterborough canvas canoe that Gramps and John Turner paddled still is in the boat house, rebuilt twice since the epic trip.

In the 1930's, Gramps decided to modernize the cottage to make it more convenient for his "best girlfriend", as he called Gramma. He was the first seasonal resident to bring propane to Lake Temagami and eventually helped Marty Taylor to start a propane business on the Lake from his base that is now Temagami Marine. Gramps loaded two 20 pound propane tanks into

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The View from the Co-op *continued from page 3*

year, but there are many factors in this business that are beyond our control. As always, weather is the most important.

Orders taken by phone, fax or email

As we did last year, we will be accepting grocery orders at least a week in advance (to ensure product availability) by telephone, fax or e-mail, to be charged to a credit card. Orders will be delivered to the TLA building or another agreed upon landing, or they can be picked up at the Co-op.

To place an order, or to open an account, call the store at 705-569-2732 and ask for Cindy Salmond. We are working on a template for a basic shopping list to make this process easier for everyone. Once again, thanks to the TLA for making the delivery service possible.

Our in-store bakery will re-open for three days a week through the summer, starting in May, with fresh-baked breads and buns. Fresh meat from Temiskaming farms will not be available this year because we have to pre-pay our orders, but we will consider it again.

The greenhouse garden project is, at the time of writing this article, not likely to be realized this year. Every aspect, including fundraising for building materials, is completely dependent on volunteer labour. Although not enough volunteers have come forward so far, the idea is still very much alive, and we hope that leafy greens and fresh herbs from the Co-op will appear at the Community Market next summer.

Why Not Supply Camps and Lodges?

For years, on and off, the Co-op has been encouraged to consider supplying the camps and lodges on Lake Temagami. It seems an obvious opportunity for a good business until one examines the nuts and bolts of it. Our Board and managers have done that, and we would like to take up some space here to put the question to rest. In the days before the Mine Road became a public road, it was practical for all concerned to have the camps and lodges supplied from town. The store had only to coordinate ordering and delivery to the docks. Nothing ever went through the store itself.

Now, large wholesalers Flanagan's and Sysco deliver direct to the Mine Landing in refrigerated tractor trailers. If the Co-op were to compete with them, it would at least have to provide a comparable delivery service.

Clearly, substantial expense would be involved. In addition, extra staff would have to be hired to make up orders at night, and to take orders and organize deliveries during the day. Sufficient space to receive and make up orders would have to be found in the store, limiting the space available for our retail operation, right at the time when we are busiest. Most important of all, the Co-op would have to have a wholesale supply agreement, like our current retail supply agreement with Loblaw's. No such agreements are available for this area. However, if a

camp or lodge wants to order in bulk, preferably a week or two in advance to ensure supply, the Co-op can bring in the order and hold it for pick-up. But we can't give "deals", because our profit margins are already too low. Camps do buy some flyer specials, but we absorb the losses on them, so such purchases represent no advantage for us. We could make up a list of those items we do make money on that we might be willing to supply, but that's the best we can do.

We are a retail operation, and it doesn't make sense for us to try to be something else. Our managers have been running a very tight ship through the winter, and plans are already in place for even greater economies in the winter of 2010/11. The recession has had a substantial negative impact on the grocery business everywhere in Canada, and has added to the difficulties we have been experiencing at the store.

With the support of our customers and a warm, dry summer, we hope that we will be able to turn our business around. The campaign to raise money to stock the store has been a huge boost to our morale as well as a gift to our finances, and we thank all our campaigners and donors once again for their generosity.

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to go up. Expect businesses to fail. Expect job losses. Expect a slump in real estate. Expect some kind of return of the railways. Expect more cohesiveness in neighbourhoods. Expect a reduction in such activities as sports and sporting events. Expect interest rates to rise. Expect cottages to lie empty.

Our whole way of life is about to change and Temagami Lake and its environs as a "playground" may experience deep cuts in all the frills we have taken for granted.

Governments are away behind in policy making in the face of this reality. Mother Nature will dictate the terms, not parliamentary committees. As the Boy Scouts say, "Be Prepared" folks, be prepared.

Claire A. Muller, Island 234
Wolfe Island, ON

What MPAC Assessments Really Mean to Temagami

In April last year, a seasonal resident wrote to the *Temagami Talker* to voice her disbelief at her new MPAC assessment. What struck me about her letter was the description of her property. Her building is the same size, age and type as mine, and her property is the same size. The difference is that hers is on a small lake. Mine is landlocked, and fronts on the highway. Presumably, this accounts for the fact that MPAC says her property has nearly four times the value of mine.

Her property is zoned Rural Residential, like mine, so the tax rate is the same, and we both receive the same basic services for our taxes: planning, roads, landings, and waste management. I also receive garbage pickup,

but I pay a surcharge for it. One might think that, because I can get my car out onto the highway in winter more often than not, because I have hydro, telephone and Internet access, and because the crawlspace under my house is insulated, that my property would be valued more highly than hers. But the market demand on which the value is based clearly has nothing to do with winter use or communication.

Despite the fact that my property would sell for relatively little, should I wish to sell it, it appears that I am the lucky one. The woman who wrote the letter was extremely upset because she was faced with having to sell her property, one that had been in the family for three generations, because she could not afford to pay the increased taxes resulting from the new assessment. A number of permanent residents of Temagami are faced with exactly the same prospect, simply because their homes are located on waterfront.

Although this is a local issue for both seasonal and permanent residents, its cause is not local. MPAC is a provincial corporation, created by the Conservative government of Mike Harris, and the downloading of services from the provincial to the municipal level was another achievement of that government.

The rate at which property values are taxed is set locally, but the rules about how tax revenues are spent are not. For example, the cost of social services, which benefit seasonal residents hardly at all, is determined by the district social services administration board (DSSAB), based on a formula set by the provincial government. And that formula is not based on permanent resident population, of which Temagami has very little. It is based, once again, on property value assessment.

So Temagami pays a whopping bill for social services because the market demand for properties with lake frontage has created a very high property

value assessment for the municipality as a whole.

In fact, our total tax revenues are not even enough to cover our costs. It is deeply frustrating that Temagami must rely on grants and loans to pay for almost all its capital projects: repairs to the Mine Road, repairs to the landings,

upgrading water treatment plants and sewage systems (because we have two of each, one for the old village and one for the north town site, another interesting accident of history) and upgrading our three landfill sites.

Even at the tax rate that many tax-
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payers, seasonal, permanent, residential and commercial, consider to be exorbitant, property taxes generate only about two thirds of the municipality's annual budget. We have to pay for policing and emergency services, and to top it all off, the province has actually reduced the level of subsidy Temagami receives to help with these expenses. Why? Because of the size of our total property value assessment.

Without amenities such as our library, community hall and arena, and without law enforcement, emergency and social services, it would be impossible to attract people to live and build businesses here, impossible to maintain a population base sufficient to support a school, grocery store, liquor store, bank, post office and hardware store. Of course, if there were no

year 'round community, the lack of a service centre would certainly reduce property values in the area, and taxes would certainly go down. Is that the choice we are all faced with?

The demand for waterfront properties comes from the same source as the demand for everything else that Temagami has ever been able to sell: large cities to the south. Unless current market trends change drastically, or provincial government policies change drastically, creating a sustainable economic base for the community of Temagami, one that can co-exist comfortably with The Temagami Experience, will be very, very difficult.

Judy Gouin
Temagami

Mandatory Life Jackets *continued from page 9*

proportion has not changed in the last 10 years.

- In about 1 in 4 cases, a PFD was on board but not worn.
- About 3% of victims wore a PFD of the wrong size or an unfastened PFD.
- Over 80% of boating drownings involved people in boats less than 6 metres.

(Source: www.csb.ca . and Proceedings of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 28, 2005)

Are Mandatory Lifejackets the Solution?

The *Canadian Safe Boating Council* supports making it mandatory to wear an approved life jacket or PFD on pleasure craft less than 6 metres in length.

Supporters of mandatory wearing include: Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters; Ontario Provincial Police (OPP); Canoe Kayak Canada; Surete de Quebec (Quebec provincial Police); and The Royal Life Saving Society of Canada

Julian Fantino, Commissioner of the OPP, told the Windsor Star, "We know that mandatory life-jacket or PFD (personal flotation device) use will start saving lives immediately." OPP deputy commissioner and commander of traffic safety, Larry Beechey says "A life-jacket doesn't do you any good stored under the seat or even placed next to you. You have to wear it,"

Mandatory in New York State in Winter

Starting Nov. 1, 2009, anyone in a boat less than 21 feet long on New York State waters must wear a US Coast Guard-approved PFD or life jacket during the Nov.1-May 1 period of every year, the six coldest months of the year when capsized boaters drown faster in chilly water. It applies to motor and human powered craft on lakes, waterways and on the ocean. The fine for non-compliance is \$100 to \$250. New York State law also requires children under 12 years of age to wear a life jacket when on board any vessel less than 40 feet when underway.

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How Low is the Lake? *continued from page 1*

The remaining outlet, which is the one that still drains Lake Temagami, is through Cross Lake into the Temagami River which meets the Sturgeon River at River Valley and then flows into Lake Nipissing. Lake Nipissing in turn drains into the French River system and Lake Huron.

An interesting question was raised by some cottagers in the spring of 2009 when Lake Temagami was experiencing very high water levels. The question was whether or not the outlet into Diamond Lake could be reopened or at least made available for over flow when the lake exceeded its maximum level. Although apparently the outlet was blocked up without a lot of consideration, the reopening of the outlet may require an environmental assessment.

How OPG Operates

The OPG is licenced to operate the dam at Cross Lake. In theory, OPG's operation of the dam is overseen by the MNR which must ensure that the dam is operating in accordance with the principles of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. As well, the OPG is part of the Nipissing/French River watershed advisory committee which has some input into the level of flow at the dam.

One of the testy issues for Lake Temagami residents and probably for any land owners on an OPG controlled lakes or reservoirs is the effect of the OPG's winter draw down.

OPG has a number of interests to balance in operating the dam. There are two power generating facilities downstream. One is operated by the OPG itself at the Crystal Falls on the Sturgeon River. A second dam in the town of Sturgeon Falls is operated by Weyerhaeuser, the owner of the former pulp and paper plant there.

Then there are the interests of the lake residents. OPG attempts to oper-

ate its dam at Cross Lake to keep the lake within informal guidelines that set out a maximum/minimum summer and winter range. The water levels should not harm fish spawning or prevent navigation or cause damage to property.

OPG also has to balance the interests of the land owners and municipalities downstream, primarily those on Lake Nipissing and to some extent on the French River. If Lake Nipissing is close to flood conditions OPG might hold back water at Lake Temagami. It is estimated that 60 percent of Lake Nipissing's inflow comes from the Sturgeon River of which Temagami contributes to approximately 30 percent.

The math and the calculations are approximations, but this would mean that stopping the flow of the dam at Cross Lake could affect as much as 15 percent of the flow into Lake Nipissing.

The Sturgeon/Nipissing/French advisory group meets prior to the spring frechette each year and then weekly by telephone to discuss watershed issues and attempt to influence decisions involving the opening and closing of dams within the watershed. Lake Nipissing has six representatives (including the Nipissing First Nation). The French River residents (with approximately the same number of cottages as Lake Temagami, but perhaps a few more tourist operations) have five representatives (including the Dokis First Nation). Lake Temagami has one representative.

The mandate of dam owners as stated in the terms of reference of the advisory group is that dams are operated to benefit recreation fisheries. Precedence, however, is given to prevention to loss of life, personal injury or damage to private property through flooding or abnormal water level fluctuations.

OPG and Weyerhaeuser operate their dams to maximize power generation, but not without major consideration of the other users of the waterways for primarily recreational and fisheries purposes.

Paramount to OPG, Weyerhaeuser's and other smaller dam operations is the prevention of loss of life, personal injury

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ART CAMP 2010 A Conversation with Founder Bettina Schuller

Q: What was the inspiration for the Art Camp?

A: When I met my husband Chris in 1988, he took me to his family's island to get to know the place he had spent every summer since 1959. His grandfather had bought Island 421 in 1947. I have spent every summer in Temagami since 1988 and it is my favorite place on earth. When I thought about getting involved into the community in 2000, I knew that I wanted to help with the process of integrating the community I love.

I pictured people sitting together at a negotiation table for one reason or another and also pictured what that would look like if these adult men and women had known each other all their lives in a positive context. How would they interact without prejudice against one another and instead had learned about their cultural differences and their common humanity in a positive environment? How would they talk with each other, if they had played and laughed with each other as kids? What would the difference be, if they had known each other all their lives and how would that effect the community and environment we all love so much?

It was obvious to me that I needed to create a venue for the kids in our community to get together every summer and get to know each other. As a teacher who loves art and arts/crafts, I knew that my gifts would be best used if I started a summer camp involving the arts, but not limited to fine arts. The kids needed to have fun, time to play, sing, interact informally and learn about our cultures and other cultures as well.

I conducted the first art camp in cooperation with St. Simon's Anglican Church in the summer of 2001. That year 12 kids attended, but no child from Bear Island. That summer also saw the Temagami Community Foundation

(TCF) founded with the same goals and philosophy I had for art camp. Holly Caryna from the Temagami First Nation (TFN) and I got together to apply for a grant with the TCF and conducted the first art camp on Bear Island in 2002. Every year since, art camp has been offered to the kids of Temagami and is sponsored by the TCF and the TFN Nation.

Q: Do you have training or a long-time interest in arts and crafts?

A: I studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in 2001 and 2002 and have always taken classes to learn specific arts and crafts. I have taught art to many kids in the communities I lived in and involve art in my spiritual retreats as well. Art can be a form of self expression and connection in a non competitive and non threatening way and that is what I needed to help me with the goals of integration and connection for our kids.

Q: Are campers selected on a "first-come, first-served" basis?

A: So far campers have been selected this way, but we might have to come up with another system because so many kids have become interested in art camp. If we cannot offer another week of art camp, we might give priority every year to the kids who have never attended art camp. This way every kid gets a chance to attend at least one year. My hope, though, is that we will be able to offer a second week later in the summer for the kids that were on the waiting list and the kids who come up to Temagami later in the summer.

Q: Who pays for art camp?

A: The cost is shared by the Temagami Community Foundation, which finances the camp, and the TFN, which provides the space, councilors and two snacks daily for the kids.

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or damage to private property through flooding or abnormal water level fluctuation.

Winter Draw Down: An Important Issue

One of the testy issues for Lake Temagami residents and probably for any land owners on an OPG controlled lakes or reservoirs is the effect of the OPG's winter draw down.

Generally speaking, OPG stores water in their reservoirs through the autumn and then draws the water down during the winter months so as to create a steady flow of water to their power generating stations when the river flow would ordinarily be decreased. If all goes well the system of autumn buildup and winter draw down does not affect fish spawning or do damage to property owners.

One question is whether the winter draw down is purely a creation of the OPG and other dam operators or whether it reflects what lakes naturally do. Where it clearly becomes a problem is when snow fall is above or below normal.

What Happened this Winter?

This winter the lake was lowered to its normal winter low in spite of the fact that the amount of moisture (by way of the snow pack) in the Lake Temagami drainage basin was low. As early as January it should have been clear that unless substantial snow falls were to occur that there would not be enough moisture in the forest to replenish the lake

to its normal levels by breakup. Nevertheless, the draw down continued.

No doubt OPG expected that above normal precipitation would occur in February or March or April.

As we know, that did not happen. While OPG did end the winter draw down (by closing the dam) earlier than it historically does, this was not sufficient this year to bring the lake up to its normal summer range by breakup.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that a quicker and more nimble response should have been able to avoid the problems of the 2009 break up.

Can the Dams be Managed in another Way?

Lake residents have to wonder why OPG cannot fine tune the opening and closing of the dam to prevent low water levels: when the January precipitation is low OPG can ease up on the winter draw down and then increase the flow if precipitation does materialize. It seems a reasonable principle that there should always be enough snow to bring the lake up to normal levels.

High water levels present a different set of issues. When, as in the winter of 2008/2009, moisture levels in the drainage area substantially above normal it could be anticipated that there

are going to be very high water levels on Lake Temagami unless measures are taken.

Apparently, OPG's explanation for the near record high levels in May 2009 is that the frechette in the spring of 2009 began early and was very quick but then it stopped. The "frechette" or spring thaw then quickly resumed and apparently built up lake levels rapidly.

Why Not a Better Response?

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that a quicker and more nimble response should have been able to avoid the problems of the 2009 breakup. However, to be fair to OPG, one of the issues that it faces with the Cross Lake dam is that the maximum flow of the dam is relatively small compared to the quantity of water in Lake Temagami.

Even when the dam is open to its full capacity it takes a significant amount of time to lower the water level across the lake. One estimate is that it takes 24 hours from the moment the dam is completely open before the far end of the lake will register a 1 cm drop in water level.

(Detailed information on water levels and "flow" at the Cross Lake dam and all others in Ontario can be found on OPG's website, OPG.com/water.)

TLA Objects

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MPAC have assured us that the necessary information is now in the hands of the Municipality.

We do acknowledge the efforts made by the Municipality to contain the 2010 operating budget costs in the face of reduced transfers from the Province. However, we do note that the proposed tax increase for 2010 is still 6.5 percent, the majority of which would be applied to the waterfront residents of Temagami, if the MPAC-driven impact of past-year budget increases continues.

According to the 2010 draft budget, the budget includes a \$670,000 "surplus", which is then balanced precisely by a \$670,000 capital cost budget. We especially noted that in this capital cost budget are expenses for service-specific work of which approximately \$350,000 is applied to water and sewage infrastructure projects.

The 20 April Budget report indicates that the Municipality has adjusted the budget to increase user fees to cover costs for water infrastructure work, and has applied \$30,000 of the received gas tax revenue towards waste management expenses, effectively addressing these two areas with service-specific and general-application funding, appropriate in both instances.

However, our review of the draft budget's proposed capital costs indicates that after these changes and the impact

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the car which he bought in Chagrin Falls, Ohio along with the copper tubing necessary to set up the propane stove. Propane lights and a Servel fridge were added later. After Marty Tailor went into the propane business it wasn't necessary to lug the 20 pound tanks all the way from Ohio.

Although Gramps went to Temagami to get away from his responsibilities as a doctor, he was called upon frequently to care for the residents and visitors to the region. In addition to delivering Larry's wife's 7 1/2 lb daughter, he also delivered John Turner's wife's son Jimmie who was named after him. There were occasional late night boat accidents that Gramps was asked to look after and he regularly prescribed medicines and stitched up cuts.

In the winter time, John Turner and his wife, Mary, visited the Wychgels in Cleveland. Unfamiliar with the city streets, he once was stopped by the police for driving the wrong way down Shaker Heights Boulevard. John was a charis-

matic man with a broad smile, warm disposition and a loud belly laugh. Before long he was escorted by police cars with sirens blaring to Gramps' house for their stay in the city.

Promoting Temagami in the off-season

John and other Temagami natives regaled the city folk with stories of hunting, fishing and canoeing along with demonstrations of wilderness techniques such as log rolling at the Sportsman's Show at the Cleveland Arena.

After seeing and hearing these presentations, many a young boy was bitten by the wilderness bug and couldn't wait to attend a canoe camp at Lake Temagami. Undoubtedly there are many families enjoying Temagami today who owe their first experiences to these winter promotions in large cities to the South.

In the 1940's and 50's, Gramps' canoe adventures were replaced by activities closer to the island with Gramma, his son

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Dr. Wychgel (left) and John Turner on Island 1066 on a summer day in the 1940-50s period.



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James Follansbee Wychgel (named after Gramp's mentor, Dr. George Follansbee, who introduced him to Temagami) and daughter Betsy along with a gaggle of friends they brought to the lake. In 1944 he acquired fee title to the island and terminated the long term lease for \$137.50. The cost was composed of a \$45 per acre fee for the two and a half acre island and \$25 fee for survey work (wouldn't it be nice to buy island prop-

erty for \$45 an acre today?).

Most every summer he sat on the porch with John Turner where they laughed and reminisced about the good old days. He attended Temagami Lakes Association meetings regularly and was an original member of the group when it was formed in 1931 although he probably did not attend the first meeting because his son was born that summer in Ohio.

The past and the Future

Gramps would be proud that Island 1066 is still pretty much as he left it. All three buildings are still there and the only significant change is the addition of a composting toilet that my Aunt Mary had Mac McKenzie build in 1997. We still use propane for the fridge, stove, hot water and lighting. Gramps' old tools are still in the attic along with an array of nails, screws,

bolts and old fishing equipment. My uncle, James Follansbee Wychgel, took loving care of the place for many decades after Gramps passed away and recently turned the responsibility over to my cousin Anne White and me.

Five generations of Dr. Wychgel's family have visited and loved Lake Temagami. Gramps brought his in-laws, Eli Scott and Anna Mary "Mame" Cannell to island 1066 in the 1930s and his children, grand children and now great grandchildren are frequent visitors. His granddaughter, Anne Wychgel White, and great grandson, Scotty White, even followed the paddle strokes of Gramps and John Turner all the way to Hudson Bay, and Scotty is a camp counselor at Keewaydin.

Grampa Wychgel's Temagami legacy has endured for 90 years and with continued loving care will be appreciated for many generations to come.

"Delivered Larry's wife's 7 1/2 lb girl. Fished and caught 10 1/2 lb trout."

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Monday, July 13, 1925,

Journal of James N. Wychgel

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- **Sauna:** The costs of installing a wood-fired, 10 x 10-foot, outdoor sauna building on the land that forms part of an eligible dwelling qualifies.
- **Solar panels** on your home or on adjacent land qualify unless the cost is part of the purchase price of the home. You can still claim the full HRTC on the costs of the installation if you've received another government tax credit or grant for installing the solar panels.
- **Tree removal:** if the removal relates to a renovation project that is of an "enduring nature and integral to the home."

For complete details check the Canada Revenue Agency website.



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BUDGET

The annual budget of a Municipality is more than just a mechanism to determine the property tax rate. It is a statement of the priorities of council, translated into financial terms.

Like most Ontario municipalities, during the last decade of downloading from the province, we have cut important infrastructure spending on capital assets rather than raise tax rates, but a serious look at where we are on maintaining the physical assets of roads, bridges, buildings, equipment, etc. made it obvious that more is needed in these areas.

Therefore, Council has identified a priority this year of increasing our capital expenditures to reduce the infrastructure deficit, rather than continuing to increase it for the next Council to deal with. These expenditures are for projects that need doing now, or are already overdue. Despite this, we still struggle with decreased transfer payments from the province without sufficient upload in costs to offset this. With more money needed for capital projects, but less money coming in from the province, the finance committee and department managers have worked hard together to cut the 2010 budget back by 5 ½ % from the operational side of the 2009 budget, so that even with the substantial increase in capital spending, the total tax revenue will only need to be raised by 5 ½ %.

What does this mean in terms of tax rates? The residential TAX RATE will DECREASE by almost 5%. However, residents who have seen increases in assessed property values may see their tax payments actually increase instead.

The Area Charges for those on town water/sewer will also increase, as some of the capital projects are in these areas, which are to be paid by the users of these services.

VOTING OPTIONS

Election Day is Monday, October 25, 2010. There will be a polling station in Temagami on that day, open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It is important for the Municipality to facilitate the ability for every eligible elector to exercise his or her constitutional right to vote. Therefore we have selected "Vote By Mail" as an alternate voting method that will provide the best opportunity for all voters to be able to participate in this election.

The Municipality will receive a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) from MPAC as of July 31st with

the most current mailing information that MPAC has. Individuals may check the PLE at the Municipal Office to verify that they are correctly listed. If you change your address or need to have a correction made to the list, please contact the Municipal Office.

Shortly after Nomination Day, September 10th, Canada Post will mail out Vote by Mail kits to all persons on the eligible voters list.

When you receive your Vote by Mail Kit, please read and follow the instructions carefully to make sure your ballot will be valid. Please complete and mail your ballot right away, because ballots must be received at the Municipal Office by October 25, 2010 in order to be counted.

If you prefer not to send your ballot by regular mail, you may deliver it in person to the Municipal Office or you may choose to send it prepaid by express or priority mail. You may also bring your completed ballot to an advance poll during the week of Monday, October 18, 2010 to Friday, October 22, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also choose to entrust the sealed mailing envelope to the care of someone you wish to use as your agent to deliver it on your behalf.

You also still have the option of coming to the polling station on Election Day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to cast your vote in the regular manner. Please bring with you the ballot and privacy envelope that was mailed to you.

Regardless of the method you choose to exercise your right to vote, we urge all eligible voters to actively participate in choosing the people you wish to represent your interests for the next four years in Municipal Government in Temagami.

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Planning Advisory Committee and consultant, John Kennedy, presented their recommendations for revisions to the 2004 Official Plan (OP) and accompanying Zoning Bylaw at a special council meeting on March 24, 2010. At an additional special meeting on April 12th, Council had further discussion on these recommendations and requested several changes and adjustments to be made and brought back to Council before releasing the document for the next round of public consultation.

Once the draft document is authorized by Council, an electronic copy will be posted on the

Official Plan Review page of our website (www.temagami.ca/opreview) and will also be available in paper form for public viewing at the municipal office and at the Temagami Public Library/Employment Resource Centre.

Then the OP Review process will proceed to the next step, which is consultation with the Temagami First Nations; the Citizens Advisory Committee; and the public, with presentation of the draft Plan at Public Open House Meetings to obtain public input. Notice of Public Official Plan Review meetings, which should occur this summer, will be posted on the OP Review Page and will also be sent out by various means.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET, AGAIN

The Community Market pilot project last summer was quite successful. Having initiated the project last year, the Municipality was eager to turn it over to a committee of volunteers to run in this and future years. Marvyn Morrison graciously agreed to Chair the committee, who were busy early in the spring getting things organized. At the committee's request, the Municipality will be providing "in-kind" administrative support to them in this transition year.

The Community Market will be in the parking lot beside the Train Station every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in July and August. We hope that this unique market will be another reason for people to make a trip to town, or for passers by to stop and take in what Temagami has to offer.

VISA PAYMENTS TO BE DISCONTINUED

While we appreciate the fact that paying tax bills or other payments by Visa is a convenience to some of our residents, accepting Visa represents a significant cost to the Municipality. The credit card companies charge us a percentage of each amount processed, plus additional fees for special types of cards (including those giving the user travel points or cash back and for international processing).

As part of the 2010 municipal budget process, Council reviewed numerous ways to reduce expenses. It was identified that over the years both the number of charges and the amounts charged have steadily increased to the point that Council felt that the expense no longer justifies offering this convenience.

We will still accept payment by cheque or cash

in Canadian or U.S. dollars, by debit card, or by preauthorized bank withdrawal. We do accept post-dated cheques and hold them until the cheque date for processing. For those concerned about late payment charges when sending cheques through the mail, effective with the discontinuation of Visa payments, penalties will be waived for mail payments that are postmarked at least three (3) days before the due date.

THE CHANGE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011. In order to give sufficient notice to all residents and property owners that the Municipality will be discontinuing Visa payments.

TEMAGAMI ISSUES OF FONOM AGENDA

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Northern Ontario residents. As the "the unified voice for the people of Northeastern Ontario" this member based organization joins together to promote to the provincial and federal governments the concerns of over 100 northern municipalities from the Cochrane District to the Parry Sound District.

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, there are a number of items on the agenda of particular interest to Temagami and for which our Municipal Council has passed resolutions of support. These items include:

- 1) the fiscal imbalance caused by changes in the Ontario Municipal Partnership funding;
- 2) the inconsistent and restrictive regulations imposed on fishery zone 11 compared to neighbouring zones;
- 3) the need to take the necessary actions to keep our highways clean from unwanted debris; and
- 4) a request to give Northern Ontario municipalities the same right to royalties on natural resource extraction that Southern Ontario municipalities have.

Temagami will have representatives at this meeting where Provincial Ministers will be present to assist in furthering Northern Ontario municipal concerns.

LANDING & ACCESS RD PROJECT UPDATES

This spring Public Works repaired the retaining wall at the Manitou Landing, in a similar manner to the one done at the Mine Landing last year. They also repaired and poured a new concrete pad for the adjoining boat ramp, which was in very poor condition. With the early arrival of warm weather this spring, we certainly appreciated the cooperation of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in providing the necessary permissions in a timely manner.

The project was completed on time and within budget. However, with the low water levels on the lake, Public Works installed only the tie-up rings on the wall instead of installing the docks right away. They will be watching water levels and will install the docks as soon as they can.

The replacement of the culvert on the Lake Temagami Access Road at Tetapaga Creek will

not take place this spring as we had hoped. Timing did not permit the installation of the new bridge to be scheduled before the summer; it will now be done in October, the week after the Thanksgiving Week.

Public Works Staff will construct a temporary, single-lane road bypass during the week prior to the bridge installation. The installation itself should take only a few days. We trust at that time of year that the reduced access will cause minimal disruption for travelers on this road.

TRANSPARENT AND GREEN

Council has supported in principle the concept of going paperless for council packages. At the March 25th regular council meeting, Council gave direction to the General Government & Finance Committee to investigate and bring back a report on the possibilities of going paperless for Council packages as a measure to potentially facilitate an open data approach to municipal transparency and accountability. Watch for further information on the results of this report in the next issue.

NEWS FEED / ELECTRONIC FLYER OPTION

We have added an extra feature to our municipal website at www.temagami.ca.



On the home page you will now find a News Feed icon. You can click on this link and select "subscribe to this feed" and follow your browser's instructions to get the News Feed.

Your browser will then automatically check our website for new public notices. Since our website was upgraded earlier this year, we are continually updating it with information of interest to our residents. These Public Notices cover a variety of topics including:

- Planned events and activities
- Notices of bylaws to be read and/or adopted
- Notices of special meetings
- Important notices from our Public Works Department
- Notices of Tenders/Employment Opportunities
- Other items of public interest.

For those not interested in news feeds, but who don't get flyers or their mail in Temagami, we have started an electronic flyer email list. Please send an email message to visit@temagami.ca if you would like to be added to the list of people who get municipal information flyers emailed to them directly.

3 CULTURES, 2 PROVINCES, 1 LAKE

3-2-1-Go! The Lake Temiskaming Loop Tour is one of the projects that Temagami has been working on in the Economic Development portfolio. We are 1 of 20 partners (7 are Ontario municipalities, 9 are Quebec municipalities, and 4 are First Nations communities) who have worked hard to put this tour together and promote it.

This pilot year, the loop tour is mainly being promoted as a motorcycle tour, but we hope to expand promotion to other groups in future years, such as RV vacationers. This year it is being promoted by the Motorcycle Confederation of

Canada on the Northern Ontario Portal Website. The Lake Temiskaming Loop Tour page is the #1 hit page on the entire website as of April 12, 2010. The map alone, which plots the basic 457 km route and 2 optional side trips for a total of 634 kms, has had over 1200 hits since its creation in February 2010.

An eye-catching brochure has also been created to assist this promotion to bolster tourism throughout the entire region.

The Loop Tour is only one of the many projects that our municipality has been working on to improve tourism and other facets of economic development within this area. Some examples are

- We have formed a partnership with Cobalt, Coleman, and Latchford to work as a group on tourism and economic development initiatives;
- We have created a new website, which is more user friendly and has a complete, up-to-date, categorized listing of all the businesses to make it easier for visitors to find tourism information;
- We were active in making submissions to and following up on the Ontario Tourism Competitiveness Study last year; and
- We have personally welcomed new businesses to our community.

MUNICIPAL STAFF ADDITIONS/CHANGES

In order to further appropriate Economic Development in Temagami, Council has reviewed some options, including the possible development of a separate Economic Development Corporation. It will take some time to investigate all options and determine the best long-term solution. In the interim, Council has decided to hire an Economic Development Officer on a one-year contract to focus on the top priority projects and concerns. The position has been posted, and we anticipate hiring the person in May or June. Our Municipal Planner, Lisa Beaulieu, has resigned her position for family reasons. The position was posted and a substantial number of applications were received. Interviews have been scheduled for early May. We wish Lisa all the best in her future plans.

Our CAO/Clerk, Brian Koski, will be retiring at the end of 2010. Council has begun the process of seeking a new CAO. Since this is an election year and the new council will not take office until December, it would be inappropriate to delay beginning the process of hiring of a replacement until that time. However, as the current Council is restricted in decision making after nomination day, September 10th, the process will need to take place this summer.

Our current CAO will be available to assist in the transition, but will be seconded to complete a number of special projects once the new CAO is hired. The cost of the overlap will have no impact on the current year's operating budget, as it will be absorbed by reserves set aside for unique circumstances such as this.

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Q: Is there any possibility of it being extended for additional weeks?

A: We have had many requests to have a second week of art camp and at this point it is a financial question and a matter of getting enough volunteers to help with the camp. I have not inquired with the TFN yet, but I hope they would host a second week per year on their beautiful island.

Q: What activities -- if financial and human resources were available -- would you like to add?

A: I would love to offer a weekend of camping/canoeing for the older kids with outdoor activities and specific cultural activities. If the kids had the chance to spend a whole weekend (or week) together, the goal of integrating the kids from the different "legs" of our community would be highly advanced. Not only would the kids be able to bond

with each other, but they would also get to know our beautiful lake in a new way. Many kids from town have never spent time on Lake Temagami and the trip to Bear Island to art camp was their first time on the lake.

I would also love to offer a weekend for the women in our community to share and spend time with each other. It would be a wonderful event to be able to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere and share our personal and cultural backgrounds. We could talk about our specific gifts as women and how to use them towards the goal of integrating the Temagami community.

Q: Where do you see the camp going in the future?

A: I would love to expand the camp to a second week in late July/beginning of August. Many people have enquired about a later time, because their kids

and grandkids come up to Temagami at a later time. I would love to be able to integrate more artists from the community who could offer a specific media or art form for the whole week. We already have offered a drama group with June Keevil and Laura Irvine Aumont, watercolor with Steve Drake, felting with Sherry Guppy, acrylics with Frank Smith (artist from Toronto) as well as special days with Wayne Yarrow (woodworking), Marvyn Morrison (photography) and Caitlin Morrison (papier-mâché).

It would be wonderful to expand these days into a whole week to let the kids work with one topic throughout the week.

I also would love to have an exhibit of all the art work in the town of Temagami during the summer months and share the art work with the whole community.

INTERESTED IN ART CAMP?

Parents should contact Vicky Blake at the Temagami First Nation: (705) 237-8943; registration is from June 1-15.

We are in the process of planning a special art camp and community event for the 10th anniversary of art camp in 2012 and we need lots of volunteers to help with the planning and organizing. We're looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Finally, I see the art camp expanding and continuing throughout the years with many community members involved, sharing their time, treasure and talent.

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Life Jackets

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Also in 2009, the New Zealand government began a process of receiving public reaction to a proposal to start mandatory wearing in boats under six metres, unless the skipper determines that it is safe not to do so.

No Change Yet in Canada

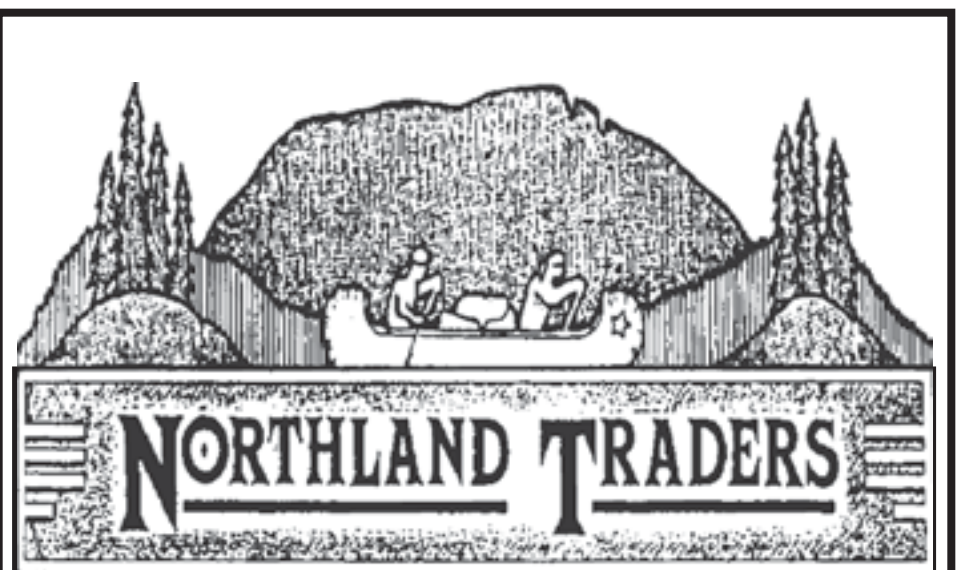
Transport Canada said last year that mandatory wearing would be considered as part of its regular review process, but no changes are imminent.

Some supporters of mandatory life jackets compare the wearing to car seat belts or safety helmets for motorcycles.



What do you think?

Comments can be passed on to Barbara Byers, chair of the CSBC Lifejacket/PFD Task Force, at barab@lifeguarding.com or to Angus Scully at ascully@sympatico.ca who will pass them along.



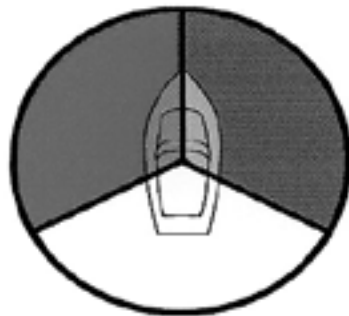
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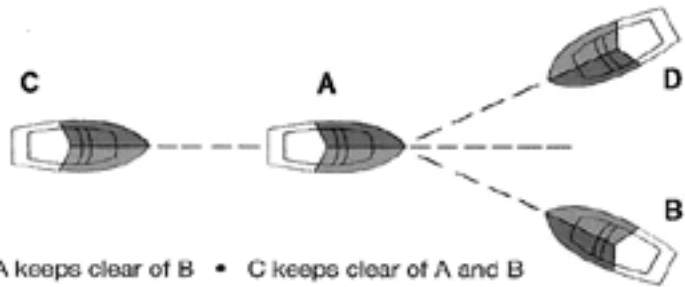


Stern

Port
If a power-driven vessel approaches within this sector, maintain your course and speed with caution.

Starboard
If any vessel approaches within this sector, keep out of its way. (Note: This rule may not always apply if one or both vessels are sailboats.)

Stern
If any vessel approaches this sector, maintain your course and speed with caution.



A keeps clear of B • C keeps clear of A and B
B keeps clear of D • D keeps clear of A and C

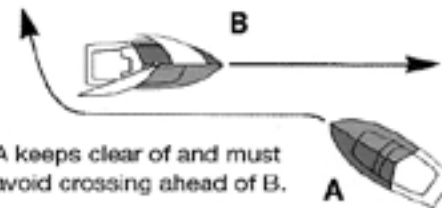


A blows one blast and alters course to starboard.

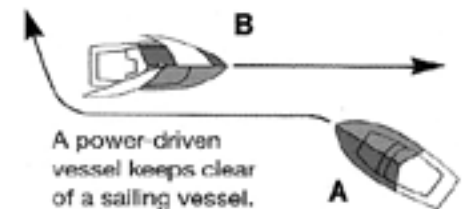
B blows one blast and alters course to starboard.



Any vessel overtaking another must keep clear.



A keeps clear of and must avoid crossing ahead of B.



A power-driven vessel keeps clear of a sailing vessel.

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PM Sings for Dinner at TCF Fundraiser

Who would have thought that the Right Honourable John Turner, Canada's 17th Prime Minister, would agree to sing the old Camp Temagami song at a recent fundraiser in Toronto for the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF)?

The historical Camp Temagami's most distinguished camper, now 80 years old, was in fine form and spoke glowingly about his time as a youth at the camp beginning in the 30's. He was the Foundation's key note speaker at a swishy fundraiser held at Toronto's famous George Restaurant in mid-April.

The event, with a silent and live auction, musical entertainment provided by Jake Thomas of the Fundamentals and Danny B, and a special appearance of Helen Lewis Moore, an American

folk singer with ties to Lake Temagami, put the TCF poem to song.

It was a touching moment. Attendees came from Temagami, North Bay, Toronto, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Florida for the event. Temagami First Nation Chief Roxanne Ayotte, Tema Augama Anishnabai Chief John McKenzie and MPP David Ramsay also attended. With only 100 seats available it was a small intimate evening that resulted in huge benefits for the Foundation.

The purpose of the event was to increase awareness about the Foundation and raise funds for the TCF, a Canadian Charitable Foundation. It can be thought of as a "community savings account" established by generous donors for the long-term benefit of the broad-

er Temagami community. It can issue Canadian and American tax receipts for donations made.

The TCF is administered by a volunteer board of twelve directors representing the three main communities: Aboriginal, Seasonal & Permanent residents. Currently the board has representatives from the USA, Canada and Bear Island. Its mandate includes issues relating to: environmental awareness & stewardship, community arts & culture, First Nation heritage and sustainable community economic development.

Cathy Dwyer-Smith, Chair of the Foundation and co-chair of the event along with Victoria Grant, spoke to the group about the importance of building the endowment fund which will allow

the Foundation to respond to community needs. Victoria Grant, one of the original founders of the Foundation along with Walter Ross, spoke about establishing the Foundation 10 short years ago, and used a pine tree as a metaphor for the growth of the Foundation.


Summing it all up with his message, John Turner said what Temagami taught him was the importance of water. Throughout his life he paddled many of Canada's major rivers and during his political career he negotiated many treaties and legal agreements regarding the sustainability of water.

To find out more about the Foundation you can attend their AGM on August 5th on Lake Temagami or by calling 705 569-3737.

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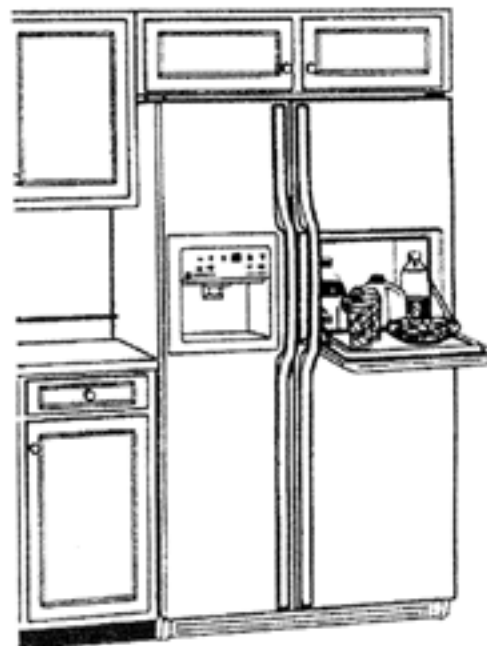


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I N R E M E M B R A N C E

Vagn Peterson

1932 — 2009

Artist, dining host and good friend to all Lake Temagami residents Vagn Peterson died peacefully in early December 2009.

Born in Denmark in 1932 Vagn arrived in Toronto in 1962 and settled with Else on Garden Island as caretaker for Camp Wabun in 1970 where he remained for 10 years. It was here that he created beautiful oil and pencil landscapes that are treasured today by many lake residents. Vagn and Else could frequently be seen in the evenings paddling by our docks on the way to Kokoko Bay where he liked to sketch, fish and simply camp out.

In the early 1980's the Petersons moved to North Bay however the lure of the Temagami region remained strong. He soon returned and found work managing properties (Temagami Shell and Camp Chimo) for Joe Shaw and eventually supervised the construction of the Shaw log cabin after the loss of their cottage in a fire on Island 1024 next to Slide

Rock. A couple of years later Vagn purchased a motel restaurant between Temagami and New Liskeard naming it the Scandia Inn where he served as host for many through the 1980's. It was always a comfort for travelers to stop for a lunch of homemade soup and a sandwich or simply a Danish beer and good conversation.

In the 1990's the Petersons moved to New Liskeard, opening the first of two Copenhagen Dining Rooms and enjoyed 'city' life for most of that decade. Temagami called again however and they returned in 1999 to convert a local restaurant into the Copenhagen Dining Room. It was a welcome haven for many diners as they passed through town or travelled to town from the lake for a fine meal.

Vagn retired in 2006 after which he spent quiet time renewing his interest in art, sketching, drawing and even opening a gallery so that other local artists would have a venue to display their talents. During these years



Vagn and Else could be observed daily walking along the waterfront and nodding quiet hello to their many acquaintances from Town and from up the lake.

Vagn was a good friend to many and will be missed by all.

Peter Healy

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Tue July 20	Tue July 13	Fri July 16	Fri July 9
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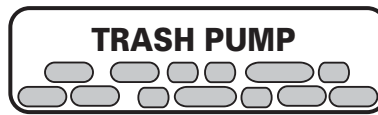


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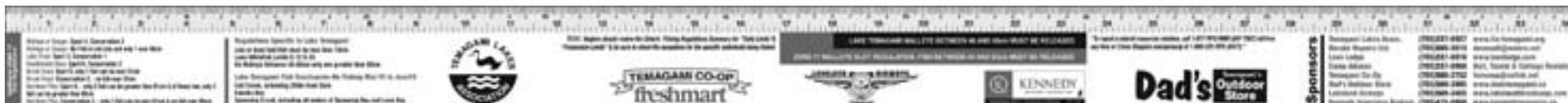
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2009 RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMARY

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FISHING LICENCE S - Sport Fishing C - Conservation Fishing *PLEASE NOTE SLOT LIMITS*

SPECIES	Fisheries Management Zone 11	Slot Limits and Exceptions
Walleye (Pickerel) and Sauger or any combination	Jan. 1 to March 21 (3 rd Sun) May 15 (3 rd Sat.) to Dec. 31 S – four (4) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit, Sport & Conservation: Zero (0) between 43 - 60 cm (16.9" – 23.6") Only one (1) greater than 60cm (23.6") in length Lake Temagami - Zero (0) between 46 – 60 cm (18" – 23.6") One (1) >60 cm
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass or any combination	June 22 (4 th Sat.) to Dec 31 S - six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Obabika Lake – Small Mouth S – two (2) C – one (1)
Northern Pike	Jan 1 to March 21st (3 rd Sun.) May 15 (3 rd Sat.) to Dec 31 S – six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit Sport Fishing License Only two (2) greater than 61 cm (24") of which only one (1) may be greater than 86 cm (33.9") Slot Limit Conservation License Only one (1) greater than 61 cm (24") Zero (0) greater than 86 cm (33.9") length Obabika Lake S- two (2) Only 1 > 86cm C- one (1) Must be < 86cm
Lake Trout	Feb 15 – Mar. 21 (3 rd Sun.) May 15 (3 rd Sat.) – Sept. 30 S - two (2) in one day C – one (1) in one day	Florence Lake & Obabika Lake Closed All Year for Lake Trout
Brook Trout (Speckled Trout)	Feb 15 to Sept. 30 S – five (5) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Size Limit for Sport License Only one (1) greater than 31 cm (12.2") Size limit for Conservation License Zero (0) greater than 31 cm (12.2")
Splake	Open All Year S – five (5) C – two (2)	
Whitefish	Open all year S – twelve (12) in one day C – six (6) in one day	Lake Temagami – S – twenty-five (25) C – twelve (12)
BAIT-FISH		
It is illegal to release any live bait, or dump the contents of a bait bucket, including the water, into any waters, or within 30 m of any waters		Lake Temagami – Alive or Dead Bait-Fish less than 13 cm (5.1") only
SANCTUARIES	Dates are inclusive	
	March 15 – June 15	Lake Temagami -Gull Creek (SW Arm) -Kokoko Bay -Spawning Lake and Creek -Loon Bay and Spawning Bay
	April 1 – June 15	Thieving Bear Creek Net Creek - Dam area Net Lake - ONR Bridge Kanichee Creek - Kanichee to Net Lake
	Closed All Year	Whirligig Lake Whitepine Lake Liberty Lake

* Refer to the 2010 Recreational Fishing Regulations for other species and exceptions * It is illegal to release any live bait, or dump the contents of a bait bucket, including the water, into any waters, or within 30 m of any waters. * Protected slot for walleye is designed to protect the spawning portion of the population, particularly females. Report infractions observed to MNR TIPS line: 1-877 TIPS-MNR (847-7667) and a conservation officer will be contacted.

Lake Temagami Fishing Sticker (not shown at actual size).

TLA and Local Business Promote Sustainable Fishing

Now just how long was that fish? And was it a "keeper" or should it go back into the lake?

To help answer those questions and many more, the TLA, with the help of local sponsors, has produced a brand new Lake Temagami Fishing Sticker. The aim is to place it in as many boats as possible so that anglers have easy access to Temagami's specific catch limits and slot sizes, which have changed in recent years.

The new sticker also includes important information such as Lake Temagami's fish sanctuaries, catch limits for other lakes in the area, as well as the contact information for supporting businesses and the MNR TIPS line.

The sticker will be available free of charge at the TLA Headquarters and supporting business locations.

Thank you to all that have helped out with this project, including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Price Signs of North Bay. And finally, enormous thanks go out to the sponsors who have recognized this project as an important conservation initiative.



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TLA Director Andrew Healy, who spearheaded the project, displays the latest Fishing Sticker.



Owen Lillico, Island 1136

TLA CHILDRENS' FISHING CONTEST

WHEN: July 1 – Aug. 30, 2010

WHO CAN ENTER:

Children of TLA members' families and their summer guests who are 15 years or younger

HOW TO ENTER:

Take a photograph of your catch from Lake Temagami. Put your name, age, phone number, email address and Island number on the back.

WHERE TO SEND IT: Bring, mail or email the photo to the TLA building before Aug. 30.

PRIZES: Three winners, drawn at random on Aug. 31, will receive a fishing rod and reel combination from Camp Adanac on Lake Temagami and have their photos published in the Fall Temagami Times.

All entrants will also receive a \$10 gift certificate from Camp Adanac for fishing related supplies.

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of grants and transfer payments, an additional \$283,000 in proposed capital costs appear to remain in the general capital budget for rework associated with the municipal sewage system. This would appear to represent an average tax impact of about \$175 for each and every Lake Temagami cottage property.

Before the Municipality decides upon this year's taxation, the TLA asks that we be allowed to meet with you and applicable Municipal staff and councillors at a mutually agreed upon time and date so that you can clarify for us the breakdown of tax allocation versus service-specific costs.

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Local Doctor Promotes Smooth Sailing for Kids

Dr. Steven Goddard, Temagami's family physician, has a passion for sailing as well as for medicine. He shares his love of sailing with others as President of the Temiskaming Shores Sailing School.

This past summer was their inaugural year, and it was a tremendous success, thanks to donations from the community. In all, 33 children, ages 8 to 16, enjoyed a week of sailing instruction with certified sailing instructor Will Mann. The sailing school is preparing for the upcoming season with great anticipation.

In the past, a traveling sailing school would come up from southern Ontario to give lessons to children and adults in the Temiskaming Shores area. There was always a great deal of enthusiasm for the lessons, however there was little opportunity for the youth to extend their skills without access to a boat the rest of the summer.

"Now that there is a permanent school," says Dr. Goddard, "there are more opportunities than ever before for the kids to get out on the water." The school's goal is to keep the program affordable for local youth, so they can bring this sport to as many youth as possible for a reasonable fee, but this does need ongoing generous support.



Future sailing enthusiasts off on a practice run on Lake Temiskaming.

The City of Temiskaming Shores has allowed the school to lease the marina building in Haileybury at a very reasonable rate. This will make an excellent home base for classes as well as a storage facility for the sailboats.

So far, the community has donated five sailboats, but some of the boats need repairs and will need to be replaced in the coming years. With support from the community the plan is to gradually replace the existing boats as they wear out (the kids can be pretty hard on them!)

The school is still looking for donations of small sailboats in good condition to add to the fleet. If you know of any boats lying unused that you would like to donate to the school they would truly appreciate your support. They will provide a receipt for the estimated value for your records.

If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Steve Goddard, President, Temiskaming Shores Sailing School, Box 2694 New Liskeard, ON, P0J 1P0, phone 705-647-1325, email: slgoddard@persona.ca.

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A trained Transport Canada volunteer will board your vessel, at your invitation only, and conduct a thorough check of all the safety equipment required to be carried on board. The **Check** includes making sure the equipment is present and in good working condition. As well a check of optional safety and navigational equipment will be carried out. The volunteer will also discuss general safety awareness and safe boating practices.

A Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check can take from 15 to 30 minutes. Upon successful completion, a decal will be issued, which should be displayed on the vessel. Some boaters worry that they will not successfully complete the Check. You should not be concerned about this. The volunteer will offer suggestions that can assist you in remedying any deficiencies.

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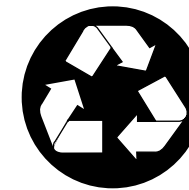
By Angus Scully,
Chair, TLA Marine Committee

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Here are excerpts from the CBC's Frequently Asked Questions:

What is no longer PST exempt?

Consumers are most likely to notice an increase in the price of gasoline and heating fuels. Electricity will no longer be exempt from provincial sales tax, nor will tobacco, personal services like haircuts, membership fees for clubs and gyms, newspapers and magazines, taxi fares and the professional services of lawyers, architects and accountants. Real estate commissions will also be taxed.

Will anything remain exempt?

Not a lot. Children's clothing and footwear, children's car seats and car booster seats, books, diapers and feminine hygiene products will remain exempt from the provincial portion of the single sales tax.

Basic groceries, rent, condo fees, prescription drugs, and medical devices remain exempt from both PST and GST.

Purchase of resale homes will remain exempt from PST, although real estate transaction fees will be taxed.

Why is Ontario doing this?

The province says implementation of the single sales tax would bring Ontario into line with "what is viewed as the most efficient form of sales taxation around the world." The finance ministry says the single sales tax would reduce the cost of goods that Ontario exports, making the province more competitive and boosting a sector of the economy that has been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn.

At the moment, businesses may not deduct the PST from the cost of materials and other products they buy; instead, they pass the cost along to consumers. But under harmonization, businesses may claim tax credits for those purchases, which some estimates suggest could save them \$3-billion a year.

Is Ontario alone in this?

All the Atlantic provinces except Prince Edward Island have a harmonized sales tax. (For more information, see: <http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2009/03/27/f-tax-faq.html#ixzz0nuYqot4B>)

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The Pleasures of the Table

By Caryn Colman

I have sat thousands of people from all over the world at my table. And fed them. Fed them breakfast, lunch and dinner. Heaped up the plate for meat lovers, vegetarians, vegans, omnivores, and a slew of other nomenclatures.

It's an honourable and creative job. And as I've witnessed people's relationship to food over 15 years, I've learned a thing or two. I can tell you that each person's relationship to food is precisely individual.

How does one develop a preference for breakfast porridge or dinner polenta? Why do some love a slow roast of red meat, while others stave off? What offence has the beet, brussel sprout or squash been assigned? Or cilantro, ginger, and loveage? When did the politic of

organic put its smooth elbows on the table? And who invited the edible flowers?

Me? I was born a foodie. But my conscious journey started when I was 12 years old. My dear uncle, a medical doctor, developed hearing loss due they say, to chemicals in the operating room. So my aunt embarked upon a healing mission with organic food. All this in the 1960s when the organic movement was in vitro, tucked away in one north Toronto store, McMillan's. As I drank the sublime pear nectar in my aunt's kitchen, I was hooked. Organic equated better. I've been growing with that mantra ever since.

While an illness embarked me on my food journey, there are many pathways. One's culture tones the

palette, as does ancestral memory. Habits ingrain body chemistry and dictate food choices. And just as one person is born colour blind, a genetic predisposition to discerning taste is certain. Then there is the fascinating subject of food marketing. Chapter two perhaps?

But one thing is for certain. Food brings people together. And beautiful food well prepared has the supreme power to enliven people, relationships, and pleasure in life. It is my greatest pleasure is to facilitate that. Bon appetite.

P.S. What is your earliest food memory? Pray tell. Tweet, Facebook, call (705-569-3539) or email me at caryn.colman@gmail.com. (Caryn Colman has facilitated the pleasures of the table for 15 years at Smoothwater of Temagami.)

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2008/2009, which more than doubled that deficit. In both cases, managers were brought in who were sure that what works elsewhere would work here. It didn't. Our best years were those when Norm Lacroix was the manager. We made profits in-year for three consecutive years, the best one equal to 1 percent of our gross sales for the year.

This is not to say that the only good managers are home-grown. It just points to the fact that a store in Temagami has to be managed for the realities of Temagami. Yes, it's true that ours is not the only small northern town to lose all its large employers in less than ten years. But it must be one of very few that has several large, cut-price grocery stores within an hour's drive in both directions.

We are very fortunate now to have a manager, Kathy Waxl, who lives in Temagami and has extensive experience in the grocery business with A&P stores in Barrie. She and her husband have operated Mountain Home Lodge, in Marten River, successfully for seven years. She is assisted by our Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Cindy Salmond, who has grown up in a lodge-owning family on Lake Temagami (the Browns, at White Gables), and has years of experience as a bookkeeper with Lakeland Airways/Three Buoys and Temagami Marine.

This team has been managing our freshmart franchise store on a cost-recovery basis, and that is where our image problem comes in. Last summer's bare shelves and shortages were due in part to circumstances beyond our control, but more significantly, they were due to the fact that we bought only what we knew we could sell, because we couldn't afford to lose any more money.

At the same time, we were paying off a huge amount of our debt to our supplier, Loblaws - a debt that had been incurred under our previous manager, a debt which still has not been fully paid. Over \$100,000 of sales revenue last summer went toward that debt.

Throughout the past winter, our management team has continued to run the store on a cost-recovery basis. The current recession, along with two cool, wet summers in a row, have put an end to expecta-

tions that we could make sufficient profit in the summer months to carry the rest of the year.

Because the other variable over which we have no control is weather. If the winter brings good conditions for snowmobiling, we will have a little wiggle room in our operation during the "off" season. If we have a warm, dry summer, there will be enough transitory traffic to add a little gravy to our "on" season sales.

In several recent years, we've had neither. On average, the store makes 45 percent of its annual gross sales between June 1 and the end of the Labour Day weekend. So our ability to stock the store properly for the summer season is critically important.

At a time when we have no reserves to draw on to meet that cost, we have appealed for help. Our store is a viable business, but only if we all understand the limits within which it operates. Our appeal to you was not just for cash to help us stock the store this summer, but for your understanding and moral support as well.

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