

TEMAGAMI TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA)

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~ BREAKING NEWS ~

The Temagami Lakes Association has been unofficially informed that there is an offer on the table to purchase the Grocery Store in Temagami. Nothing is definite as of press time, so we are asking seasonal residents before you head to the cottage, to please check the TLA website or call us for up-to-date information.

Testing the Waters

PART III: TAKING SAMPLES

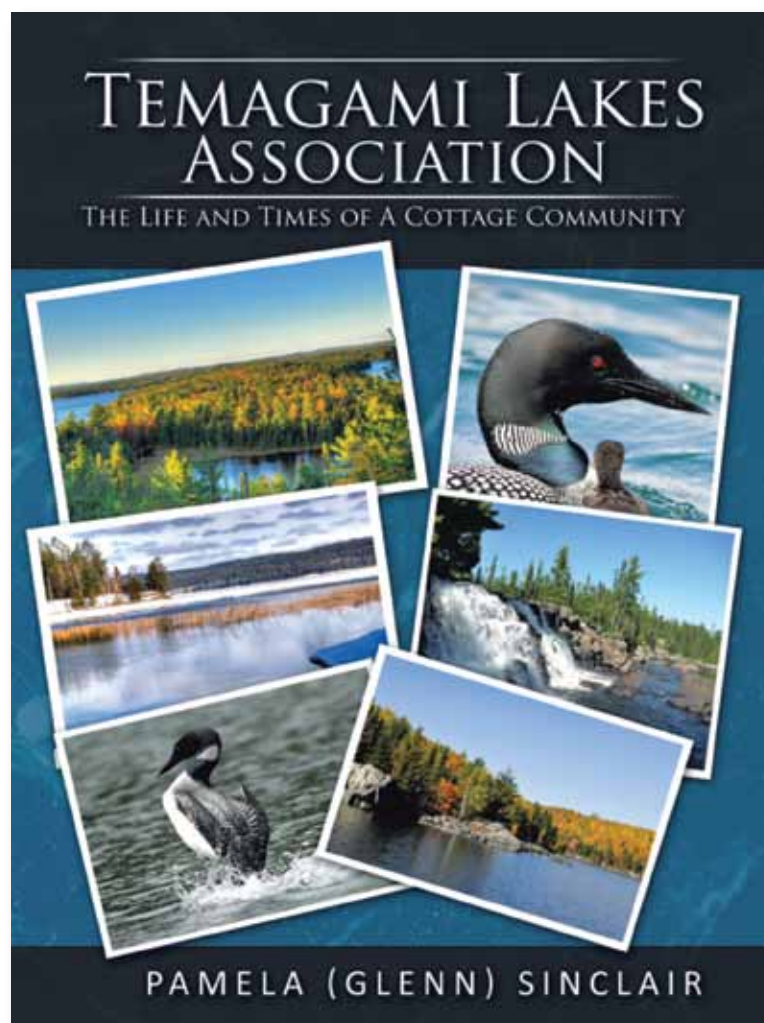
By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

Earlier this spring, the Temagami Lakes Association Board of Directors took another step towards the goal of a long-term water quality monitoring program for our Lake. The TLA sought a contractor that could establish our monitoring program, including reviewing previously collected data from the past; determining sample size and locations; training the volunteers who would gather data; and providing other advice.

After reviewing bids from several environmental consulting firms, the board awarded the contract to Story Environmental of Haileybury. An initial meeting with Maria Story, the President and owner of the firm, suggested that there is more to this than merely dipping a bottle into the lake.

First, the TLA's water sampling program will collect data on four criteria: water clarity using a Secchi disk, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and phosphorous levels. Like many things in life, timing is everything, and it is essential to our program that we sample in May at ice-out, mid-summer, and late fall. We'll also sample for temperature and dissolved oxygen at three other times during the open water season.

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NEW BOOK

Available this summer

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION:

The Life and Times of a Cottage Community

The Temagami region of northern Ontario has been a magnet for recreational canoeists since the 1890s, when city dwellers began embarking on long, gruelling trips to reach its unfettered wilderness. The land is steeped in the history of its tribal inhabitants, the Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA), whose roots are 6,000 years deep. At the turn of the 20th century, the TAA still hunted on their traditional family territories, trading pelts at the Hudson's Bay Company post on Bear Island.

The railway arrived in 1904, easing travel from all over North America. Steamships conveyed passengers to all five arms of the lake where rustic resorts and youth camps were popping up. Soon, the village of Temagami became a tourism hub. Logging and mining would later

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The Science of Water Levels

By Rob Corcoran

Each of 2009 and 2010 were accompanied by significant weather swings from the optimal conditions. One of the aspects of a warmer planet is more energy in our atmosphere. As we exit the "mini ice age" of the past few centuries, we will be returning to a period of more active weather – the extremes (hot/cold, wet/dry) will likely be more substantial.

In 2009, we had a pretty good snowfall – with about eight feet of snow in the bush. In April, we experienced a rapid melt, followed by lots more rain than anticipated. Then, with the ice "up", and having retreated from shore, the lake was covered with a large, mobile sheet of ice. On two consecutive days in April 2009, we experi-

enced winds of up to 100km one day, and the next day, winds of up to 80km in the opposite direction.

Last year, water levels were reduced early, and we then had a much dryer winter than normal, followed by a much drier spring than usual.

Temagami, however, came out far (far) better than many other lakes in the Province. Lady Evelyn and Lake Timiskaming were each five feet below normal. Lake Nipissing had a hundred yards of new beachfront. By September, many docks on Nipissing (already a hundred yards from the water) were in the middle of a field of newly sprouted 2-3' tall grass.

When Ontario Power Generation (OPG) was trying

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President's letter

One thing I enjoy about returning to Lake Temagami each year is that the lake always seems to look the same, like it stands still in time despite an ever changing world. The shoreline is the same, the same trees are still standing, the rocks certainly don't change much, even most of the cottages look as I've always remembered them. This slow pace of change certainly comforts me, as I'm glad the lake will remain this way, the way I remember it, at least for some time. I know there are others who would like to see the lake change more quickly, but for me I like it just the way it is.

Unfortunately the town of Temagami is not immune to the changing world and when you take your first trip to town this summer you might be surprised. Over the last year two of the town's most important businesses have closed – the Temagami Co-op and Dad's Outdoor Store. Sitting right on Highway 11, Dad's is a landmark that most northern Ontarians recognize and have visited one time or another. I shared this news with my co-workers in North Bay, who were quite surprised: "I remember when...," "I used to go to Dad's for" I left it at that, but I was thinking back to the last time we travelled to the "Big Smoke" [aka Toronto] [for the benefit of the Americans!] for work and, at the insistence of some, were forced into stopping at Bass Pro Shop on Highway 400 on our way home.

I remember as a kid my family would drive our old boat 25 kms into town several times each summer. Temagami always seemed so busy to me and so much fun to visit, with all of the unique stores, the big boats parked at the docks, and of course, the ice cream. We don't have a big boat anymore, and I can't remember the last time I boated into town. I couldn't help thinking this winter, "could I have done more? Should I have made more of an effort to support both Dad's and the Co-op instead of shopping the big box chains in North Bay?" Perhaps alone, I wouldn't have made a difference, but what if more of us, or imagine if all of us, had shopped exclusively in town last summer.

I would like to encourage everyone to make more trips to town this year. Let's give our support to those retailers and restaurants who are working hard to make Temagami a vibrant and stable community. I've made a goal to myself to make more 'right turns' onto the Temagami Access Road this year then 'left turns', and I may be a little later for dinner on Friday nights.

Andrew Healy, President

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

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SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is supported by our three groups. We define the existing public road access points to consist of the village waterfront, Finlayson Park, Strathcona Landing and the Lake Temagami Access Road landings. We agree that, where possible, parking areas must be screened from the main body of the Lake. 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.

So You Wondered Who Controls the Water Levels on Lake Temagami

By Ted Tichinoff and Peter Healy

Water level management on Lake Temagami has sometimes seemed to be a hit and miss thing. In recent years there has been much more attention paid to how the dam at Cross Lake is controlled and what determines the flow from the dam. As a result, the TLA has become more proactive in monitoring the process.

During the "summer" Ontario Power Generation (OPG) attempts to keep the lake water level in what they term a "band" or "range" of between 293.6 and 294 meters above sea level. This is a self-imposed goal and it is not in any way enforceable. It was apparently set some time ago in consultation with various affected parties and with an eye to stable water levels during the various fish spawns.

The time frame for the summer band is, generally speaking, from the long weekend in May (they hope to be in the band by that weekend) until the end of October. We believe the summer range has been both exceeded (2009) and has not been achieved (2010) in the last two summers.

Many Lake residents, seasonal and permanent, have expressed concern there does not seem to be a lot of fine-tuning by OPG at the Cross Lake dam. Generally, at some point every winter they draw the lake down to provide steady flow to the power dams on the Sturgeon. This is done by a crew taking some logs out at the dam. Then in the spring they close the dam. It's not clear if the date of closing is in response to conditions in the watershed or just when the crew gets around to it. The water then builds up through the spring freshet.

In 2009 water levels rose through the spring and then at break-up rose again to very high levels. In conjunction with wind

and ice conditions, the high water contributed to a number of docks and boathouses being damaged. Complaints were made that OPG was slow in responding to high water levels on our lake. It has been suggested that they could have foreseen problems and let some water out as the lake began its rise to the high end of the band.

In the spring of 2010 the situation was the opposite. Conditions in the watershed were dry and the lake was at a very low point. Questions have been raised as to why, when the snow in the watershed was so minimal compared to other years, that OPG continued their winter draw-down to its usual point and did not close the dam earlier than they did.

It has become apparent that Lake Temagami residents, through their various associations, should be more active in pressing OPG about their concerns as to lake levels. The TLA watershed committee does have a representative within the Sturgeon River/Lake Nipissing, French River Watershed Advisory Committee, which is hosted by the MNR, but the better way may be to correspond directly to OPG. The TLA and concerned residents should be pressing OPG as to what their plans are to get the lake into the summer range.

At this point in time many of us have become more knowledgeable about the way that the OPG operates. However, it continues to be the case that OPG is not really being held to account for what they do and why they do it. In years of normal precipitation many of these issues do not arise. It is in years where we have little snow in the Lake Temagami watershed (which may be a pattern for the future), or too much, that OPG has to do a better job.

TLA Director Nominations and Elections Report

By Peter Healy

Nomination forms were sent to all voting TLA members in early April. There were three nominations received by the deadline of May 1. As a result with three open seats on the board this year there will be no need to have an election.

We are extremely pleased that Ted Tichinoff and David McFarlane, both eligible for re-election, agreed to stand again and have been acclaimed. We would like to thank David Taylor who has served two terms as director. David is not eligible to stand for nomination again for two years according to our by-laws.

As First Vice-President, David McFarlane has kept himself very involved in and led the way with many of our initiatives the past three years. Ted led the way to our water testing initiative, which he both initially proposed and later developed such that this spring we will be on

the water and in the laboratory with a long-term monitoring program.

Also nominated and acclaimed was Justin Metz of Island 988. Justin comes to us equipped with an Environmental Science background coupled with a lot of canoe tripping experience in the Temagami watershed. Even before taking office officially, Justin is getting involved in our new water testing program.

It would seem that our lake association is in good hands moving forward.

Please contact us as to how you can get involved in one of our many initiatives this year. At this time we are looking for help with the water monitoring program, flea market organization, loon platform building and the construction and installation of new privies on campsites. Contact us at tla@onlink.net and we can put you in touch with fellow lake residents working on one of these initiatives.

The TLA is conducting its first member wide survey since 1998.

In an effort to gain important feedback from the membership, a new questionnaire is now available both in this issue of the Times (see page 10) as well as on the TLA web site at www.tla-temagami.org

The Board of the TLA has spent considerable time putting together a range of questions that will hopefully solicit responses that are most meaningful to our members.

The survey includes questions on the following topics:

TLA Headquarters and Communication
Taxes, The Municipality, and Amalgamation
Municipality Services
Development And The Environment

Results of the survey will be tabulated and published in a future issue of the Times. Please encourage all of your friends and neighbors to complete the survey as soon as possible as this information is vital to how the TLA will set its priorities in the coming years.

The table below was created for the April 26, 2011 freshet meeting

Based on the chart the following was the situation on that date.

1. Water level on Lake Temagami was 293.44 m
2. The minimum goal is 293.60 m or another 16 cm (6.4 inches)
3. The highest they would like to see is 294 m or another 56 cm (22 inches).
4. The dam is closed and water is rising

Sturgeon River/Lake Nipissing/French River Watershed Elevation/Discharge Information

April 26, 2011

Lakes or Rivers	Elevation (metres)	Flows (m3/sec.)	Summer Operating (Min)	Range Trending (Max)
OPG- Lake Temagami	293.44	0	293.60	294.00

March Property Patrol Report

By Peter Healy

March Break here in Ontario began the third week of March with great weather just below freezing at night and awesome traveling conditions via snowmobile to anywhere one wanted to go. As a result many members took advantage of the opportunity to visit and travel quite safely to other lakes while we enjoyed these conditions.

Towards the end of the week, however, things changed as a major thaw melted surface snow on the lake, leaving pools of water on the ice that made travel slow and very wet. The Bear Island ice road also deteriorated as vehicles broke through surface slush ice leaving deep pools of water on the surface of the good ice below.

What we needed at this point was a deep freeze and some more snow.

Fortunately that's exactly what happened. Temperatures in the mi-



nus 20 degree range froze the lake surface water allowing one to skate from island to island if desired. This however this made snowmobile travel almost impossible as these machines require constant liquid lubrication below to lubricate parts. What we now needed was snow and on Sunday the 20th that's exactly what we received leaving a blanket of about 4 inches that provided perfect travel conditions.

Property patrols then began on March 21 with a great trip to the

South Arm on fresh snow. Only a few animal tracks marred an otherwise pristine landscape.

March 22 found minus 25 degrees with additional wind chill for the trip to the SW Arm.

March 24 gave us very cold north winds on the way up the Northeast Arm while my visits to properties in the North Arm were done under a bright sun in -15 degree temperatures on the 25th.

The last of 125 cottages were checked up the North West Arm under sunny skies and minus 25 degree wind chills on the last Saturday of March.

On these visits I found two break-ins and one situation where a fairly large birch tree had been felled onto the cottage roof by beaver, fortunately leaving no major damage.

Peter Healy

Chief and only patrolman

2011 Flea Market

The TLA Flea Market returns to Lake Temagami on Saturday July 23. Co-chairs Debbie Nixon, Is. 850, and Charlene Tamburro, Is. 211, will be coordinating the event this year and will need the support of the many volunteers who have always made this day a special summer event.

If you are on our list from past flea markets we will contact you. If you are new to the event and want to help, you can contact the TLA at tla@onlink.net, Debbie at dnixon@sympatico.ca or Charlene at docroc@embarqmail.com.

Islanders may begin to bring reusable 'fleas' to the Headquarters' building on their arrival at the lake. In particular this year we are looking for 'silent auction' items of interest. If you have something at home or at work that is new or in good condition that you no longer want but is of some value please consider bringing it to the lake.

The silent auction has been one of the main moneymakers at the event and therefore we would like to give it special attention. It is as easy as pulling into the TLA driveway on your arrival and dropping stuff off with our staff.

See you all there on the 23rd of July.

Volunteers Needed for Campsite Clean-up!

By Andrew Healy

Planning is currently underway for the 2011 TLA Campsite Clean-up Program and volunteers are needed. This new program, which started late in 2010, resulted in TLA members taking ownership for the maintenance of over 20 Lake Temagami campsites. With over 200 Campsites on Lake Temagami alone, there is no shortage of available campsites for those still looking to get involved.

The TLA has a long history of helping to keep Lake Temagami's campsites clean. Lake Temagami's youth camps, who are some of our oldest members, have been doing their part for generations. The cottagers on White Bear Island are the newest members of the TLA team and will be focusing their attention on campsites in the Southwest Arm. Some of the other areas where we have good coverage are the North Hub, Kokoko Bay, and Granny Bay. Some busy camping areas of the lake where we still need help are the Northeast Arm, Sharp Rock Inlet, Fergusson Bay, Cross Bay/High Rock, Shiningwood Bay and the Southern Hub.

Volunteering for the program consists of taking ownership for the maintenance of one or more campsites in your area of the lake. Maintenance activities include taking an inventory of the condition of the campsite and removing any garbage during one or two annual visits. The information compiled by members will be combined into an annual report and submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

This year the TLA will have privy toilets available for installation should a campsite not have a proper place for campers to do their business. A proper functioning privy toilet (sometimes called box privy or thunderbox) is crucial in ensuring that human waste is concentrated in an area where it can biodegrade naturally.

The absence of a proper privy ultimately results in human waste being scattered around a campsite, making an unsightly mess for visitors, and even worse, a potential threat to our water quality. A good test to see if a privy toilet needs replacing is whether or not you would want to use it. Chances are if it's too foul for you to use, then the situation likely needs to be addressed.



Unfortunately some campers are still leaving a mess for others to clean-up. Photo by: Andrew Healy

Drop by the TLA Headquarters building this summer to see one of our new privies waiting for installation. We will also have a map to show which campsites are being looked after by TLA volunteers and everything you'll need to know to get involved. Why not band together with your neighbours and friends and make a commitment to making your area home to the cleanest campsites on the lake!

TLA Headquarters' Building This Summer

We anticipate another busy summer at the TLA building and are excited to offer a 'high speed' wireless internet service for members. We are still looking for a full time office manager and radio operator.

Our products for sale make great cottage additions and wonderful gifts for guests. These include:

- Our recently published: *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*
- Environmentally friendly soap products – bar soap, liquid laundry detergent, herbal shampoo, dishwashing liquid and powder,
- Dinner place mats with TLA shoal map motif
- Shoal map, wall map and canoe trip maps
- Temagami old growth posters (two different ones)
- A wall map sized historical map of the Temagami Islands with family names circa 1940
- Temagami related books, and other local publications
- Water testing kits

Our Summer Services for 2011

include but are not limited to:

- June 25 – Open for Member Services
- July 9 – Welcome back BBQ for members
- August 6 – Members' corn roast
- July 23 – Flea Market

Radio Service

including emergency fire coordination

7 days a week 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

from June 25 through Sept. 3.

Postal Service

(incoming and outgoing) at 12.30 PM

- Environmentally friendly soap product sales
- Household battery disposal program
- Shoal map, wall map, & local publication sales
- Lending library & 'high' speed internet for members
- Fax and pay phone, meeting room,
- Temagami Times & Directories available
- Landing clean-up, garbage & recycling assistants
- Members' services through TLA staff

Remember the Annual General Meeting

to take place this year Friday July 29 at Camp Wabun at 10 AM. Join us for coffee at 9:30.

There is plenty of beach parking for small boats.

Take the Cottage Home with You

By Elaine Gunnell

Have you ever wanted to take the cottage home with you? Well you can, or at least a fully detailed scale model of it.

Have you ever been torn between practicing catch-and-release fishing and your desire to have that trophy fish displayed over your mantel? With a good photo or two plus a few accurate measurements, you could release the live fish and have an exact replica made to keep.

"How is this possible?" you may ask. One way is through the craftsmanship of Temagami resident Rick Farrow, a skilled model maker who creates unique models of different types.

Rick discovered his God-given talent at the young age of thirteen. In shop class at school, he wanted to do a different kind of project. So he took a piece of balsa wood and shaped it into a brook trout, then painted it. Little did he realize at the time that this would be the first of over a thousand fish models that he would create in his lifetime.

I first became aware of Mr. Farrow's talent, however, not through his fish models, but through an amazing scale replica of the new Temagami Family Health

Team (FHT) building. I was impressed the first time I saw it. The outside of the model was a very realistic, accurately scaled-down version of the building that I had watched with interest taking shape in Temagami. The colours and textures used were a close match to the real thing, except that model builder had completed the landscaping that had not as yet been finished around the actual building.

When the roof of the model is lifted off, viewers are given a real treat. Not only do you see the walls and doorways of all of the individual rooms, but also furniture and people, right down to the tiny patients in the waiting and examining rooms.

Mr. Farrow had volunteered to do this model a gift to the Temagami Family Health Team and had approached the FHT coordinator to obtain a set of blue prints for the building. Not only did she arrange to get the blue prints to him, but also introduced him to the site supervisor, who was a great source of information for the details needed. The model was finished shortly before the actual building was.

Another donation was a fish replica, displayed at last summer's Blueberry Festival in Temagami. It was

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Tests in a single period must all be taken within 24 hours of each other, and will occur at two different depths at each of roughly 20 locations distributed around the lake. Samples must be gathered consistently at the same locations to provide a basis for comparison and trend analysis over time. Story Environmental will review data gathered in the past for Temagami to generate the list of sample locations.

Temperature, dissolved oxygen, and water clarity tests will be simple to do, using instruments that the TLA will buy. Phosphorous samples, however, need to be kept cool and sent to a laboratory within 24 hours of collection. This will involve specific sample bottles and working with an overnight courier.

The TLA water quality monitoring program focuses on the factors that are known to be related to the health and function of large lake ecosystems. Phosphorous, dissolved oxygen, clarity, and temperature are direct indicators of the quality and pristine nature of lakes like ours.

Though coliform bacteria may be a concern in terms of human health, the TLA monitoring program will not include sampling for this. As a service to the Lake community, the TLA makes coliform bacteria sampling kits available to purchase at its headquarters for \$10, for those concerned about this potential issue at their cottage.

As part of their service to TLA, Story Environmental will be determining the locations of where sampling will occur, and preparing a manual of operating procedures to follow. They will also be training a group of between two and six people to gather the samples and data. At the end of the year, Story Environmental will analyze the data and provide an annual report of water quality.

The TLA estimates that we'll need to invest between \$1,000 and \$3,000 in instruments and equipment, at the beginning, and an annual operating expense of roughly \$2,000 to pay for the chemical tests for phosphorous; shipping of the samples to a lab; and other costs of running the program. In light of the importance of water quality to the Temagami Experience, the Board of Directors considers this a small price to pay.

The results of the ongoing monitoring program over time will provide excellent information on the status of the health of the Lake. People interested in making financial contributions to the water quality monitoring program to cover the startup costs of equipment (checks payable to the TLA) and those wishing to join the team of water quality monitor volunteers should contact TLA Executive Secretary Peter Healy.

More information about Story Environmental can be found online at: www.storyenvironmental.com.

Questions and Answers on the New Open Air Burning Bylaw

The Council of the Municipality of Temagami passed a new Open Air Burning Bylaw this spring. The Temagami Times spoke with Temagami Fire Chief, Jim Sanderson, to find out the answers to questions you might have concerning this new by-law and how it will affect you.

Q.: There was already an open air burning by-law in place, why did the Municipality need a new one?

A.: The previous bylaw was a generic template obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to be able to issue burning permits (a requirement under the Municipal Fire Management Agreement). The new bylaw was brought in to clarify responsible burning requirements. It also reduces personal opinion (i.e. your fire is too large) and reduces the need to rely on provincial legislation – the Forest Fire Prevention Act (FFPA) – when enforcement is considered. The municipal bylaw meets or exceeds the MNR legislation. Municipal enforcement costs will be reduced with the addition of a provincial offences section which provides for the issuance of a fine similar to a speeding ticket, while retaining the ability to take someone to court for flagrant / serious violations.

Q.: Is a permit required for every type of open air fire?

A.: Permits are not required for campfires. Permits are required, annually, for burn barrels and fires greater than a

campfire between April 1st and October 31st on patent lands within the municipality. Burn barrels and fires greater than a campfire within the urban areas, at any time of the year, are only permitted under a special circumstances permit.

Q.: So there is a difference in what is allowed in the urban area?

A.: YES – as a general rule, only campfires will be permitted in the urban areas. The majority of complaints received have been in the urban areas, with safety concerns about large fires, or personal discomfort caused by a neighbour's fire / burn barrel. Only under special occasions will the fire department consider issuing a permit to allow for a bonfire.

Q.: What is the difference between a campfire and a bonfire?

A.: Campfires have been defined as small confined fire comprising an area of less than 60cm (2 feet) in width and less than 50cm (20 inches) in height. Bonfires would be a fire greater than a campfire and would require a burning permit.

Q.: Are there any other restrictions on a campfire?

A.: Yes – campfires for recreational enjoyment are not permitted during the day from April 1 to October 31. They are permitted between 2 hours before sunset and 2 hours after sunrise. There are a number of conditions on campfire location, such as separation distances from combustibles & structures.

Q.: What about burn barrels?

A.: Burning permits are required for the use of burn barrels. The municipal bylaw follows the MNR safety requirements for burn barrel construction and distances from combustibles.

Q.: Will daytime burning be allowed?

A.: A permit holder must apply to do daytime burning. Daytime burning may be permitted under special conditions & circumstances; during periods of low fire hazard, and requiring daily approval by the fire chief under section 7.3 & 7.4 of the bylaw.

Q.: Will the fire department or the municipal bylaw enforcement officer be going around checking people's fires?

A.: NO – staff will respond to complaints, or on reasonable suspicion of a violation, for example if they happen to observe daytime burning. The goal is compliance with the bylaw.

Q.: If someone wants to make a complaint under the bylaw, what should they do?

A.: If there is not a concern for safety, the bylaw officer should be contacted at the municipal office. IF there is a concern for safety, the caller should contact the fire department emergency dispatcher, who in turn, will relay the complaint to a fire department officer(s). Depending on the information provided, the complaint will be investigated at that time or passed on to the bylaw enforcement department, or MNR, for investigation.

The complainant will need to provide a contact number should further information be required and to advise how the complaint has been handled.

Q.: How much does a burning permit cost?

A.: Municipal fees (reviewed every year) currently are: \$40.00 for seasonal permit, \$20.00 for monthly permit and \$10.00 for a weekly permit.

Q.: How do I get a burning permit?

A.: Burning permits can be obtained at the municipal office, during normal office hours.

Q.: Can I loan my burning permit to my neighbour if he wants to have a fire?

A.: NO – permits are issued to a municipal address. They are issued to the owner, or with the owner's consent where requested by another individual.

Q.: What is a burning ban?

A.: A burning ban is similar to the Restricted Fire Zone that the MNR sometimes implements during extreme fire hazard conditions. Municipal burning bans can be implemented by the fire chief, and could range from suspending/cancelling burning permits to cancelling all open air burning, which would include campfires.

Q.: How much is a fine for failing to get a permit or follow other requirements of the bylaw?

A.: Fines start at \$155.00, and go up to

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What's the Timeline for your Temagami Cottage Experience?

By Peter Healy

If you're in for the short haul, buying and flipping the cottage, no need to read any further. On the other hand, if like most of us who plan to pass the cottage and the magic of the Temagami experience as you know it on to your children and grandchildren, then join the fight to keep it.

Clean water? Limited vehicular access? Mainland development prevention? Good fishing? Fair taxation? Campsite maintenance? A shoreline with pine trees instead of cottages and monster boathouses? Limited and benign development? Are any of these important to you?

Thank goodness for the men and women who founded and supported the Temagami Lakes Association efforts for all of the past 80 years. Without them this lake would be like all the rest in Ontario's cottage country – cottages along the entire shore line. Believe me when I say, "no one else is looking out for your interests here but the TLA".

Youth tripping camps on the lake support the TLA with memberships. Of course the experience they offer young people depends on the maintenance of an environment that can support the most elementary of experiences – canoe tripping. Youth camps recognize good stewardship means someone must take time to be vigilant and at times take a stand to protect the 'Temagami experience'. Is it any wonder that so many of today's property owners on Lake Temagami are former youth camp trippers? Not too much has visibly changed since your days in a canoe.

Strangely many Tourist Lodges on Lake Temagami have not supported the Lake Association's efforts in the past by taking out memberships. This has always been a mystery to me. One wonders if their guests would be interested in travelling so far to holiday here if the Lake Association's efforts of 80 years had not preserved much of what this tourist market seeks. One hopes going forward they will throw their weight behind the cause.

Almost without exception new property buyers on Lake Temagami join the Temagami Lakes Association. They see the exceptionality of what we have here and are excited about being part of it. Having invested in it they recognize the importance of protecting it. The 'Temagami experience' they have purchased is what others have been enjoying for decades thanks to the efforts of many of their neighbours over this time through their lake association.

WHY DO WE NEED YOU AS A TLA MEMBER?

It is only with the largest number of members possible that we can provide a strong truly representative voice and the financial support to maintain the presence required to protect what we currently have on Lake Temagami and the surrounding region. One example is the long term water testing initiative begun this year. It will be big expense for the organization over the years but well worth it.

If you have been a member in the past – please renew. Talk to your friends and neighbors on the lake that have not joined and do your best to impress upon them the importance of becoming a member to invest in the future of Lake Temagami.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TLA Building Office Managers Summer 2011

The TLA has summer employment opportunities for one student this summer as an office manager/radio operator. This position pays \$9.60-\$12/hour.

Ideal qualifications:

- Junior or Senior High School student,
- Outgoing personality, energetic, a pleasing manner and good speaking voice, neat appearance and manner,
- Computer skills related to word processing, emailing, internet research and the ability to learn to use various data processing software when required, and
- Able to travel to the headquarters building and be available approximately 30 hours a week from July 1 weekend to Labour Day.

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 \$9.60/hour. For either position contact Peter for further information or send a letter of interest, with resume, to tla@onlink.net.

TEMAGAMI MEDICAL CENTRE AND FAMILY HEALTH TEAM NEWS

Summer 2011 – Comprehensive Smoking Cessation Program Being Offered Soon

On January 19, 2011, the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport (MHPS) announced an initiative to improve access, through family health teams (FHTs) to over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and cessation counseling, at no cost, to smokers who wish to quit. This initiative complements existing investments under the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy and helps to build a comprehensive smoking cessation system for Ontario.

Through this initiative, the Temagami FHT will be providing a comprehensive smoking cessation program to its patients that will include:

- Proactively screening and identifying current smokers;
- Advising and assisting current smokers at every patient encounter;
- Offering a tailored treatment course of over-the-counter NRT, at no cost to the patient, in combination with cessation counseling to smokers who

wish to quit;

- Following up with participants at key milestones for relapse prevention;
- Proactively linking smokers attempting to quit with further supports through the Smokers' Helpline (SHL).

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is a key partner in this initiative. CAMH will distribute the NRT to our family health team and will work directly with us to strengthen our capacity to deliver this comprehensive program to our patients.

SMOKING FACTS

- 45,000 Canadians die from smoking related deaths each year; that's one out of every five deaths in Canada;
- About half of all smoking related deaths occur before the age of 70.
- For long-time smokers, the chance of dying from a smoking-related cause is, on average, 1 in 2.
- Smoking is the single most prevent-

able cause of cancer. It is responsible for about 30% of all cancer deaths and is known to cause or increase a person's risk of developing:

- Lung cancer (85% of all lung cancers are caused by smoking)
- Cancer of the mouth, throat (pharynx), voice box (larynx) and esophagus
- Leukemia
- Bladder cancer
- Stomach cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Cervical cancer

(Reference: www.lungcancercanada.ca)

If you smoke and would like to quit, please call the office to register for the program. For more information, please feel free to call the Temagami Family Health Team at (705) 569-3244.

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team is committed to keeping you as healthy as possible!

Household Hazardous Waste Depot Use Helps Keep Toxins Out of the Groundwater

By Biff Lowery

Times have changed in virtually every aspect of life in the north and the way we handle our garbage is no exception. The province is requiring the municipality to manage its solid waste sites more intensively by requiring that more monitoring wells be installed to sample ground water quality at regular intervals in the area of our dumps.

The province also wants hazardous and electronic wastes diverted away from our dumps to recycling sites to both extend the life of our dumps and to minimize the amount of contamination of the ground water at our dumps. This ground water is constantly moving and the possibility exists that it could enter the lakes we use for our drinking water and recreation.

The municipality has looked at methods to achieve these goals that are effective and affordable. The result is the Orange Drop Program. This is a partnership with The City of North Bay which staffs and maintains a household hazardous waste (HHW) depot at an easily accessed location close to Highway 11 at the south end of the city.

The Municipality of Temagami pays a fee per capita, which allows our residents to individually take their hazardous and electronic waste to this site for disposal. It is operated by trained and enthusiastic staff, who will direct and assist you with whatever materials you bring to them.

This program is similar to the Blue Box program in that waste is diverted

and recycled, but is otherwise a completely separate program whereby these wastes are only to be taken to the location in North Bay.

The following Household Hazardous Wastes can be taken to the North Bay Depot:

Aerosol cans
Antifreeze
Asphalt and roofing tar
Automatic transmission fluid
Automotive batteries
Brake fluid
Bug and tar removers
Car wax and polish
Degreasers
Disinfectant
Drain cleaner
Engine/radiator flushes
Fungicide
Furniture strippers and polishes
Gasoline, kerosene
Grease and lubes
Household batteries
Household cleansers
Insecticides
Lye or caustic soda
Metal polish
Mothballs
Motor oil and waste oils
Nail polish
Oil filters
Oven Cleaner
Paint, varnish, dye, stain
Paint and lacquer thinners
Pesticides
Photochemicals

Propane tanks (big and small)
Rustproofers
Solvents
Spot removers, cleaning fluid
Swimming pool chemicals
Syringes
Turpentine
Varnish

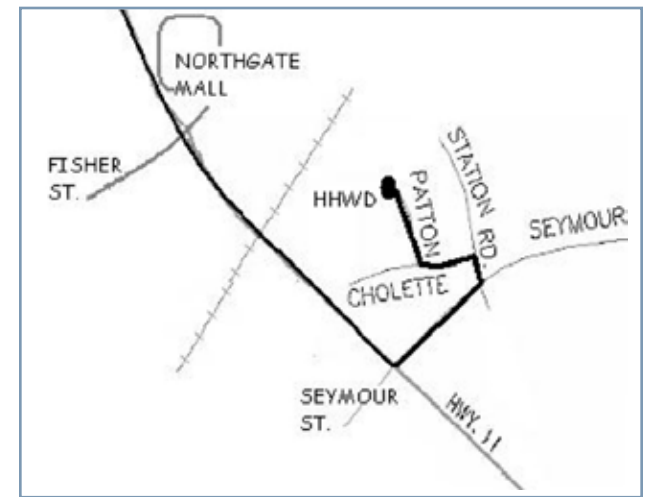
All materials should be left in their original containers to allow easy identification of the contents and they should not be mixed together. Household batteries should be collected into their own container like a plastic bag or coffee can.

Lastly, all hazardous wastes should be brought to the depot in a cardboard box or rigid container. PCB's, ammunition, radioactive waste, explosives, pathological waste and unidentified products are not accepted at the North Bay Depot.

The HHW depot also accepts our electronic waste. Electronic waste may contain lead, mercury, cadmium and flame-retardants that are toxic and should not be released into the environment. Because high-tech electronics are constantly changing, they are becoming one of the fastest growing segments of our solid waste stream.

Almost "anything with a cord" can be brought to the North Bay location with the exception of large electric typewriters, large appliances, electric hand tools, electric motors and large photocopiers.

You can easily get to the HHW depot from Highway 11. If you are heading



south on Highway 11, you will find a set of traffic lights at the corner of Highway 11 and Fisher Street, at the entrance to Northgate Mall. Travel south on Highway 11 for 550 metres and turn left at the lights at Seymour Street. Continue on Seymour for 200 metres and turn left onto Station Road and then very shortly after turn left again onto Cholette. Stay on Cholette for 250 metres and then turn right onto Patton. Follow Patton to the end (about 100 metres) and you'll drive through the gates of the depot. Once inside the compound, you'll see the hazardous and electronic waste section on the right. If you have a GPS system in your vehicle, enter #112 Patton Street, North Bay and the rest is easy.

The hours of operation are year-round, Wednesday to Saturday from 8 am. to 6 pm. If you have any questions, you can call the "Wasteline" at 705-474-0400 extension #2333.

The facility is tidy and clean, the staff are friendly and helpful and you'll find that the extra travel and drop-off only takes you about 10 minutes out of your way if you are in North Bay. Best of all, it's free of charge with unlimited use.

ATTENTION

Future Journalists/Lake Community Archivists

The Temagami Times needs reporters/columnists from all corners of the lake to share their experiences, events and/or lake history. We will print submissions, subject to the usual editorial review.

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The Science of Water Levels *continued from page 1*

to drop the lake levels in '09, (see also "So You Wondered Who Controls..." on page 3) they were able to confirm (much to everyone's chagrin) that the maximum flow rate that can be achieved out of Cross Lake is somewhat less than desirable during periods of rapid melt and excessive rainfall. This is a direct result of the channel characteristics (width, depth, flow resistance).

Any who travel into Cross Lake, know there is a bottleneck between Temagami and Cross Lake. The primary bottleneck, however, is along the channel at the Cross Lake dam itself. When the dam is wide open, the maximum achievable flow rate is about 55 cubic metres/second.

This affected the ability to drop the lake down quickly with the rapid melt and unexpected rains in 2009, and likely prevented the lake from being down more than it was last spring.

How much is 55 cubic metres?

A cubic metre is a metric tonne of water, a thousand litres. Thus, 55 cubic metres is a flow of 55 tonnes of water per second – or 55 thousand litres per second.

The lake level is affected by how much water flows out through Cross Lake; by how much water evaporates; and by how much flows in from the Lake Temagami watershed. There's one additional source – ground water, or aquifers. These are one of the reasons that Temagami (and other lakes in the area) are ideal habitat for lake trout.

OPG indicate that the estimated inflow to Lake Temagami from aquifers amounts to about 5 cubic metres per second – 5000 litres per second. Lake Temagami's surface area, per the most recent estimates, is 20979 hectares, or about 52500 acres. A hectare is 10,000 square metres. Lake Temagami's surface area, in square metres, is then 209.79 million square metres.

For a one-metre drop in lake levels, we would need to lose 209.70 million cubic metres of water. At 55 cubic metres-per-second max flow rate, it would take 3.8 million seconds to move this much water over the Cross Lake dam. That translates to about 1060 hours (about 44 days) at full

flow, with absolutely no water flowing into or falling onto the lake. Conversely, if the dam is wide open, it can deal with about 1mm of inflow per hour. In 24 hours, that translates to about 2.4 cm (just shy of an inch) of water level control per day.

With the dam closed, when the lake level increases, we can use the same calculations to measure how much water is flowing into the lake.

OPG closed the dam at 293.17 metres at the beginning of April. Since that time, snow has melted, and we've had some reasonable precipitation.

As of April 28, the lake level was 293.52 metres. Thus, the lake has come up 35cm (about 14") since the dam was closed, based upon snowmelt, rainfall, and groundwater. Much of the snow should now be melted, but as we observed last year, water levels continued to increase for about a month after melt, likely due to buffered flow from the area watershed.

The Lake Temagami watershed (the area which flows into Lake Temagami, is (including the area of the Lake), something in the order of 70,000 hectares. Thus, there is 2-2.5 times as much land around Lake Temagami from which water flows into the lake, as there is surface area on the lake.

Lake Temagami happens to be at the top of the water table, a height of land area, so we don't have the benefit of lots of upstream sources providing us with an inflow of water. Yet we seem to have quite a few deep lakes that have been around for thousands of years.

This means that if all of the rainfall (or snowfall) within the watershed made it into the lake, 1cm of rainfall would result in about 3.5cm of water level increase. However, some of this will remain in the ground, some will evaporate, some will remain in area lakes, beaver dams and swamps, and no doubt some will eventually percolate into the

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TUPTIM on The Lake

[Deepwater Lodge]

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Temagami Lakes Association 2011 Survey

This survey can be done online at www.tla-temagami.org.

1. TLA HEADQUARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. In the 2010 summer season, how often did you visit the TLA building?
☐ Never
☐ Occasionally (1-3 times)
☐ Frequently (more than 3 times)
2. Regardless of how often you have visited, how important is it to you to have a physical headquarters on the Lake for the TLA in the future?
☐ Very important
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Not Important at all
3. Do you have a radio that monitors channel 68 and TLA broadcast traffic?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. If you selected yes above, please identify how you use it [check all that apply]:
☐ We listen, but rarely transmit
☐ We have a radio for safety or emergency purposes
☐ We actively communicate with other cottages
☐ We actively communicate with the TLA
☐ We depend on the TLA radio service to communicate with the outside world - e.g., vendors, family members, guests
5. How often do you read the Temagami Times?
☐ Every Issue
☐ Occasionally
☐ Never
6. What changes would you suggest to improve the current paper?
7. Have you visited the TLA website in the last year?
☐ Yes ☐ No
8. What suggestions do you have for improving the site? Can you envision a way in which the website could be the primary source of communication to its members?

9. Have you attended the corn roast or flea market in the past three years? If yes, would you attend again? If no, please check all that apply:
☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Never heard of these
☐ I've heard of them, but when I am on the lake, I'm not interested in taking the time
☐ I'd like to attend, but I just forget or something comes up
☐ I'd like to attend, but I just don't know about where to dock my boat

Would you attend again:

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. TAXES, THE MUNICIPALITY, AND AMALGAMATION

1. How important are taxes as an issue, compared to other issues, e.g., water quality, planning and zoning matters, economic development in the community, trash disposal, condition of the mine road, and others.
☐ Not important
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Extremely important
11. The TLA routinely considers or is involved in many issues. Please help prioritize where the TLA should focus its energies by ranking the following issues from highest (1) to lowest (5):

— • Defense of Tenets for Temagami i.e. no mainland development or new road access, defense of the Skyline Reserve

— • Water quality

— • Fishing quality

— • Member services e.g., radio, maps, mail services

— • Social events e.g., flea market

— • Communications e.g., Temagami Times, web site

— • Economic development in the community

— • Trash disposal

— • Condition of the Lake Temagami Access road (otherwise known as the Mine road)

— • Local taxation

— • Other environmental issues (e.g., mining, road building, logging, telephone or wind towers, hiking or canoeing recreational experience) that may arise outside the Skyline Reserve around Lake Temagami

— • Other, please specify
12. How important do you believe it is for the TLA to be involved in the governance of the town either to be physically present to participate at meetings, or participate remotely over the telephone?
☐ Very important
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Not Important at all

3. MUNICIPALITY SERVICES

13. The Temagami Co op is closed and Dad's will not reopen this year. List the services you will use in town this upcoming season. Check all that apply:
☐ Banking
☐ Restaurants
☐ Liquor Store
☐ Auto/Marine Repair
☐ Retail Shops/Outfitters
☐ Other, please specify
14. What services that are not currently available would you like to see and would you patronize regularly if they were established in Temagami?
15. Are you in favor of parking fees at the landing at the end of the Mine Road?
☐ Charge a parking fee to all users of the road irrespective of their resident status
☐ Charge only non-residents for use of the road and parking, and allow residents to use for free?
☐ Charge commercial users but not non-commercial users?
16. If an island-to-island-to-town boat service was restored on the lake and it cost less than a private boat trip, do you think you would use such a service?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Possibly

17. When you are on the lake and you want to visit Town, do you?
☐ Take a boat
☐ Drive a car from the end of the Mine Road
☐ I don't go to town

4. DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT

18. Do you support the current ban on the sale and development of crown lands on lake Temagami due to its status as a naturally maintained lake trout fishery?
☐ Yes ☐ No
19. Do you support the restrictive development policies in [place within] the Official Plan and the Zoning By-Laws, even if they restrict what you can do on your lot?
☐ Yes ☐ No
20. In the last two years, how many times did you observe a houseboat doing any of the following:
☐ Tie up on an island or private land
☐ Dumping material into the lake
☐ Creating excessive noise or disturbance
☐ Cut trees or camp in an unauthorized place on the mainland
☐ Operate unsafely according to navigational rules
☐ None of the above

21. In the last two years, how have water level fluctuations affected your property? Please check all that apply:
☐ Not at all
☐ My dock is unusable at low water levels
☐ High water levels and ice damaged my dock
☐ Low water levels make navigation near our island hazardous

5. SUMMARY

22. Do you know property owners on the lake who are not members of the TLA?
☐ Yes ☐ No
23. Would you feel comfortable asking them to support our initiatives by joining the TLA?
☐ Yes ☐ No
24. Would you be willing to volunteer for various TLA activities such as camp site cleanup and the flea market?
☐ Yes ☐ No
25. If you answered yes above, please give us your email address and telephone number so we may contact you.
26. Please comment on anything you wish the TLA would try to improve or do differently?

27. Please comment on anything you believe would enhance your personal Temagami Experience.

28. Check all that apply to you:
☐ TLA member
☐ Permanent resident in Town
☐ Permanent resident in Marten river
☐ Seasonal resident on Lake Temagami (non TLA member)
☐ Visitor the Lake Temagami (non property owner)
☐ Other



2011 RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMARY

Please refer to the Fishing Regulations for more information

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 20 (3 rd Sun) May 21 (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 25 (4th 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 20 (3 rd Sun.) May 21 (3 rd Sat.) to Dec 31 S – six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Size 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”) Size 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. 20 (3 rd Sun.) May 21 (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)
Aurora Trout	Liberty Lake 2011 (Closed 2012) S – one (1) C – zero (0)	NO Live Baitfish
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 - Open 2011, Closed 2012
	Jan 1 - May 20	Wicksteed Lake

* Protected slot for walleye is designed to protect the spawning portion of the population, particularly females.
** Refer to the 2010 Recreational Fishing Regulations for other species and exceptions

Timiskaming Forest Management Plan

Submitted by Friends of Temagami

On January 19, a formal request was filed with the Ministry of the Environment to have parts of the Timiskaming Forest Management Plan 2011-2021 subjected to an Individual Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act. The Timiskaming Forest makes up the northern third of the Temagami wilderness and recreation area, and includes the Montreal, Makobe, and Lady Evelyn River watersheds.

The high rate of logging next to the Makobe River and West Montreal River Provincial Parks threatens the ecological integrity of these parks in contravention of the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. Our research shows that by 2021, 50% of the land next to the Makobe River Park, and 47% of the land next to the West Montreal River Park, will have been logged in the previous 20 years. This is too much, too fast. The MOE was urged to slow the rate of logging next to parks in order to protect their ecological integrity.

Many canoe routes and portages in Timiskaming are unrecognized by the MNR, leaving them with little to no protection. For instance, the Willow Island Creek canoe route (part of Route #14 in Hap Wilson’s book Canoeing, Kayaking and Hiking Temagami) may see clear-cuts right down to the shoreline.

An Individual Environmental Assessment on this plan would allow for a balanced approach between forestry, recreation, and ecological integrity. It would also make decisions based on science, not on political considerations alone.

The MOE said in an April 27 letter that their decision, “will be delayed beyond the normal decision period” to consider issues raised by the Matachewan First Nation.

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\$250.00 for burning during a burning ban. If the officer believes the “set fine” amount is insufficient, the individual can be taken to court to seek a higher penalty and/or a court order.

Q.: This is a new bylaw and those fines are pretty big, what if people are not aware of the changes?

A.: The bylaw was brought in to help encourage individuals to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible way. Issuing a ticket / fine is one of the last “tools in the toolbox” when voluntary compliance or public education is not working.

Q.: Is there anything else that you would like to tell readers about the bylaw or about open air burning in general?

A.: We all enjoy the outdoors, and the pleasure of sitting around a campfire in the evening. Our hope is that residents will continue to practice fire safety when conducting any open air burning. The last thing our volunteers want to do is visit someone because of a com-

plaint, or worse yet, a fire that has got out of control. Always consider chipping, composting, or taking the wood to a municipal dump first before burning brush. If you must burn, make sure you know the rules for outdoor fires and follow safe practices. Please visit the municipal website at www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/87 to view the full requirements for burning in the municipality. On a provincial scale, over one third of all fires MNR responds to are caused by careless burning. Under the bylaw you could be held liable to pay for all damages, response & extinguishment costs incurred by your fire department and MNR fire crews.

Thank you Chief Sanderson for this information. We encourage all our readers to become familiar with this new bylaw and to check out the Municipal website, or to go to the Municipal Office if they need a paper copy. For any further questions, they may contact the Municipal Office at 705-569-3421.

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Tue June 21	Tue June 14	Fri June 17	Fri June 10
Tue July 5	Tue June 28	Thurs June 30	Fri June 24
Tue July 19	Tue July 12	Fri July 15	Fri July 8
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Are Houseboats a Threat to Lake Temagami Water Quality?

By Angus Scully,
Chair, Marine Committee

There are stringent grey water controls for cottages but not for vessels (houseboats, cabin cruisers etc), which can legally discharge grey water into any lake. Grey water from sinks and showers does contain chemicals and bacteria that pollute our lake, but is any grey water actually discharged from houseboats into Lake Temagami?

Rental Houseboats on Lake Temagami

In September of 2010, I surveyed the owners of lodges and outfitters that offered houseboats for rent. All were very co-operative and helpful. Of 30 houseboats available for rent, 17 had grey water holding tanks. All had the required black water holding tanks. (see chart on page 21.)

The only rental houseboats without

grey water holding tanks are those from Leisure Island. They advise their customers to treat their rental experience like camping. Grey water is to be disposed of on shore 30 feet from water, or held until return. The ethics of the renters is the main factor here. What percentage of the renters of the 13 boats comply with environmentally safe camping and disposal of grey water?

Given that the majority of rental houseboats have grey water holding tanks and the rest are treated as mobile tents for camping (with a toilet aboard and a black water holding tank) the impact of rental houseboats on Lake Temagami water quality should be quite low. Other forms of use may in fact be a greater danger to water quality.

When 15 canoes descend on a campsite for a night, the challenge for water quality (and for the general sanita-

tion of a camp site) may be much greater. The same would be true for campsites that are occupied for two weeks by campers who come in with powerboats, generators, and chain saws.

There are an unknown number of privately owned houseboats on the lake. Several of these have been observed staying at the same location for weeks on end. Whether or not they pose a threat to water quality again depends on the equipment on board, the ethics of the owners, and the occupancy days.

Most rentals do not have the same occupancy impact as the privately owned houseboats, given the price of rental. However the MNR does place limits on use of Crown Land for camping. The total limit for any one site is 21 days. That is, if a houseboat does stay in one place, it is limited to 21 days, even if it should go to town for a day (to empty its sewage tank) and then return. The limit is 21 days.

Research on Grey Water Pollution from Houseboats – Ontario

There are few recent studies of the impact of houseboats and their grey water discharges available for Ontario. Those published in the early 1990s concluded that the impact of grey water discharges directly into the water was highly site-specific, with the greatest concern be-

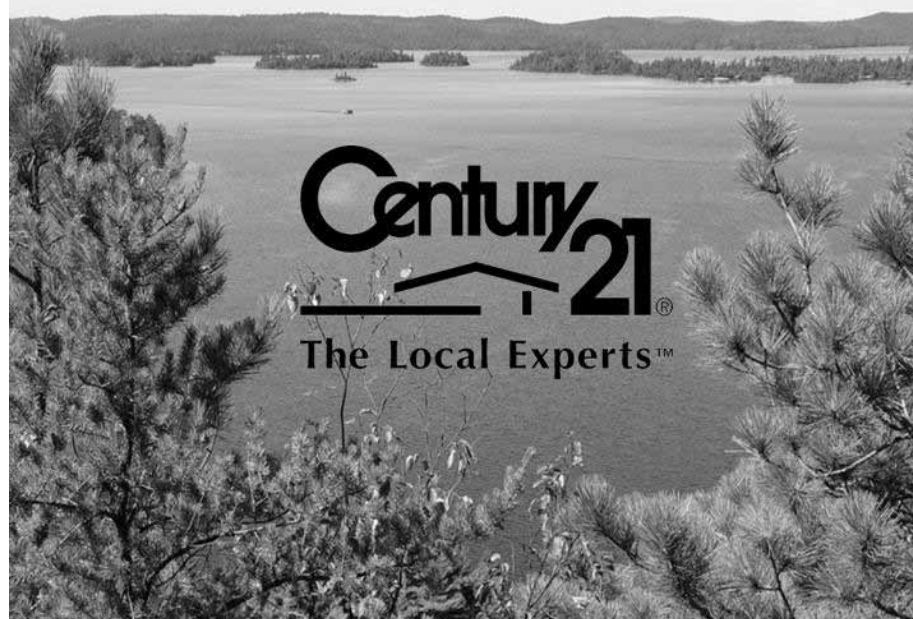
Requirements of Federal/Provincial Law

No vessel of any kind may discharge sewage into any body of water in Canada. The Canada Shipping Act of 2001 is very strict about sewage, or black water, but it does not cover grey water. It is legal to discharge water from sinks, showers, bathtubs, hot tubs, or dishwashers directly from a vessel into any body of water. Provincial regulation of grey water discharge is possible, but Ontario has not taken any action. British Columbia has prohibited grey water discharges because of concerns about pollution from houseboats on Shuswap Lake, but as of 2010 did not have any enforcement. As well, vessels existing before the implementation of the grey water ban were exempt from the new BC provincial regulations. Only new houseboats would be covered. Transport Canada is said to be considering changes for the next review of regulations.

ing small, highly used bays where water flows are static. In areas where there was a large amount of water, specific effects could not be observed.

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Temagami Community Market 2011

The Temagami Community Market will be at the Temagami Train Station again this summer. It will be held every Saturday from July 2 to September 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of products from a wide array of vendors from Temagami and the surrounding area. Last year, products included freshly picked berries, fresh vegetables, baked goods, homemade jams, maple sugar products, handmade crafts such as knitted and quilted items, fine jewelry, wood furniture, and handmade soaps and bath products.

So far, the Temagami Community Market has gained momentum each year. It is anticipated that this third summer, it will be even better than last. So if you are in town, please stop by and see it. If you are on the lake, it will be worth the trip to town. So be sure to include the Temagami Community Market in your plans this summer.



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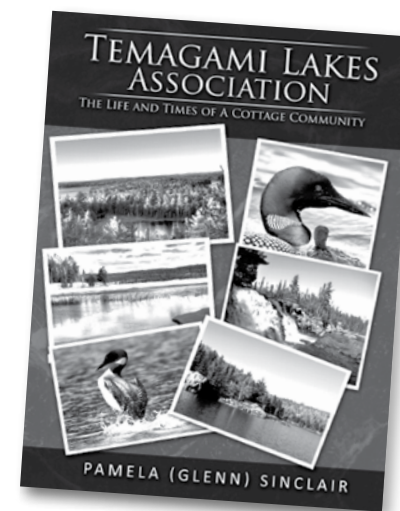
diversify the economy.

The province of Ontario began leasing the lake's more than 1,200 islands in 1906. In 1931 cottagers united against logging near the mainland shoreline under the Temagami Association banner, now the Temagami Lakes Association. Temagami is the only Ontario lake where mainland shoreline development is banned.

Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community recounts Temagami's history to 2011, and examines the Association's often convoluted, occasionally controversial, relationships with the TAA, various levels of government, villagers, and within its own ranks. The narrative is lightened by cottagers' tales of mice invasions, flesh-embedded fish hooks, encounters with big screen stars, cabin construction gone awry

and the like. More than 150 photos enliven the text.

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Red Sky's Founder to Receive Honorary Degree

On behalf of the Senate, Dr. Steven E. Franklin, the president of Trent University announced that Red Sky's founder and artistic director Sandra Laronde will be one of the five outstanding individuals who will receive an honorary degree at convocation ceremonies on June 1, 2011.

"The University Senate was unanimous in its approval of these distinguished individuals as Trent University's honorary degree recipients for 2011," said Dr. Steven E. Franklin, president and vice-chancellor at Trent. "All distinguished Canadians who have contributed significantly to our society and our world, each will represent a unique and powerful perspective to our graduates at Trent's 44th convocation ceremonies."

Each of the following individuals will be presented with an honorary degree at this year's ceremonies and includes: The

Right Honourable Kim Campbell, Craig Kielburger, Rick Beaver, Lauren Woolstencroft, and of course, our very own Sandra Laronde.

Ms. Laronde holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Toronto, and studied Spanish Language and Literature overseas for one year at the University of Granada in Spain. Currently, she is a member of the National Executive Committee for the 2012 Governor-General's Canadian Leadership Conference, and sits on the Aboriginal Advisory for the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto.

Ms. Laronde is originally from the Temagami-Augama-Anishnaabe (People of the Deep Water) in Temagami, northern Ontario.

From a press release submitted by Red Sky. For more details, please see www.redskyperformance.com.

June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism

On Friday April 15, 2011 as part of National Volunteer Week, the Province of Ontario recognized Barry Phippen with the prestigious June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism. The award recognizes leadership, innovation and creativity in volunteerism and community service.

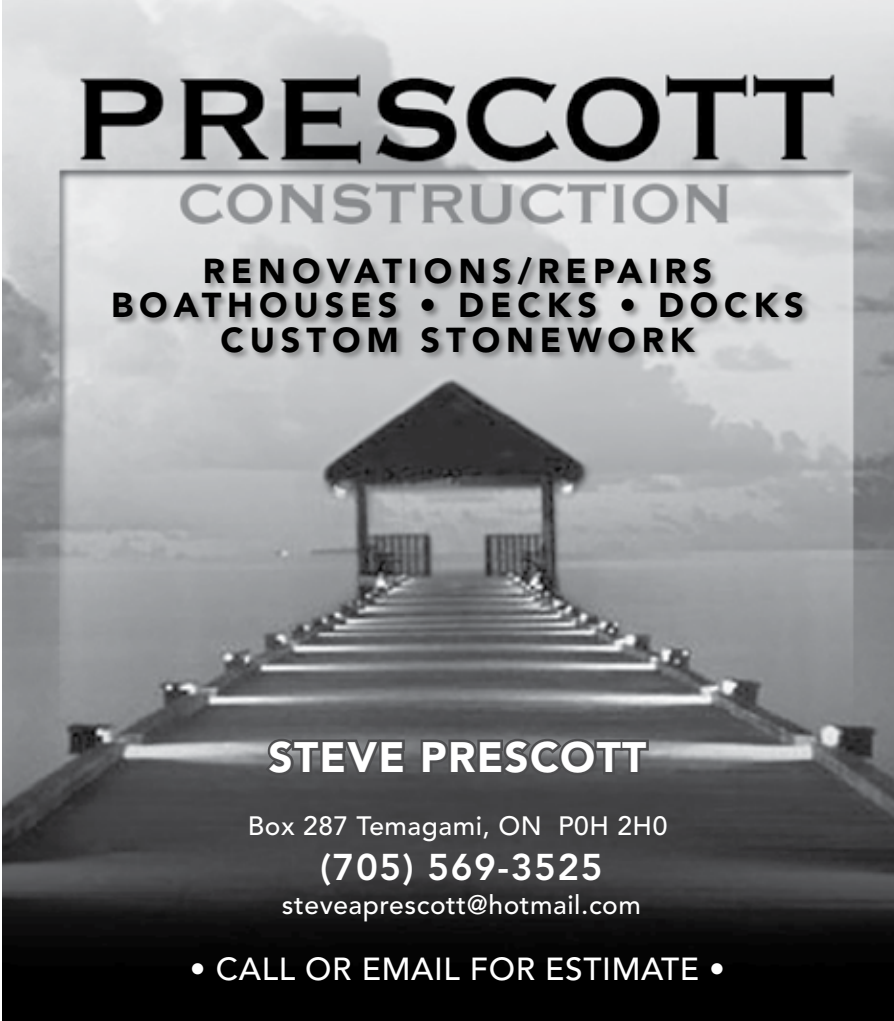
The late June Callwood was a journalist and author who devoted countless hours to issues facing children and women. She was one of Canada's most well known social activists founding or co-founding more than 50 Canadian social action organizations.

Five million Ontarians volunteer more than 800 million hours annually – equivalent to 420,000 full-time jobs. Of these volunteers, the Province honoured the commitment and community service of 12 individuals and 8 groups. Minister of

Citizenship and Immigration Dr. Eric Hoskins addressed the recipients at the formal ceremony "Ontario's five million volunteers truly are the heart of our communities. Their vital contributions help maintain our quality of life in Ontario. This award recognizes their commitment to building vibrant communities and a stronger province for all of us."

The desire, drive, determination and vision of Barry Phippen is the catalyst in making the New Liskeard Bikers Reunion the premier Motorcycle Event in Northern Ontario. Since its inception the Bikers Reunion has continued to grow and has raised close to \$500,000.00 for local cancer care.

Press release submitted by James Franks, Economic Development & Funding Coordinator, City of Temiskaming Shores



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aquifers and will make its way into the Lake (and undoubtedly elsewhere, as aquifers do not need to observe the surface slope of the land).

Average annual precipitation (snow and rain) for the area is between 80cm and 90cm. This implies an impact to Lake Temagami water levels of about 3 metres over the course of each year, subject to the variations which we experience from year to year.

The Sturgeon River/Nipissing/French River watershed committee had estimated that there was about 10.4cm of water in the snow before the melt (early April). If in fact most of this has now melted, this should have represented about 25cm of potential increase to water levels, if it all melted, and all flowed into the lake. Winter snowfall and weather should also be “charging up” the ground with water from early snows which get into the ground which then freezes, so there is generally a bit more than just the snow on the surface to contribute to runoff in the spring.

There is also the concept of evapo-

ration – lake water evaporates – in spring, summer and fall. Surprisingly, some of the worst evaporation can be in colder periods of the year, when there are fairly constant winds, and the air is relatively dry.

Lakes can lose centimetres of depth in a day, as I’m sure all of you have noticed during some of the really “ideal” weather in July and August. Projecting how much will evaporate is a particularly complex activity – winds, water temperature, absorption of the sun’s rays, all play a factor. For Lake Temagami, our average annual evaporation should be between 50 and 60cm, according to Natural Resources Canada.

At the beginning of April it seemed as though we were on a path to another summer of low water levels. At the present time, we know that this is certainly not the case.

We’ve learned a fair amount about the factors affecting lake level over the past few years, and there is undoubtedly will learn more in the coming years. As with most other aspects of Temagami, it is hardly a simple area...

How Aquifers Affect the Lake Levels

If we look at the aquifer impact, 5 cubic metres/second translates to about 1mm of water level increase every 10 hours. This is likely one of the most critical factors in sustaining Lake Temagami, as our incoming rivers (Red Squirrel being likely the largest) are reduced to a relative trickle in the summer.

If the groundwater flows at this rate on a sustained basis, this would mean 1cm every 100 hrs (approximately every four days), and would represent nearly a metre of additional water level contribution over the course of a year, with the caveat that at least some of the groundwater (but not all) likely comes from precipitation which

falls within the Lake Temagami watershed.

Judging by the pH of the lake, our highest apparent inflow from aquifers seems to be in the NE arm, where the pH is in the 7-7.5 range. The lake has been able to “buffer” itself against Sudbury’s emissions – when many other area lakes were brought close to (or past) the point of complete failure of their fishery – with a pH in the low sixes, or even fives range, while Lake Temagami’s pH was stressed, but still remained far more habitable for our aquatic life. Over the past couple of decades, Sudbury’s acid rain emissions have been reduced to about 1/10 of their “peak” 1970’s levels.

Take the Cottage Home with You

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donated to the Ducks Unlimited fundraising dinner that evening.

Self taught, with no formal education in model building, Rick honed his talent while working for the national museums in Ottawa, including the Museum of Science and Technology. He was able to pick up additional skills and knowledge from the Model and Diorama Technicians with whom he worked there. He has learned to work with various materials in addition to wood, including fiberglass, resins and plastics. He can also create molds to produce multiple versions of the same wildlife model.

In addition to developing the new skill of creating scale-model buildings, he still made a lot of wildlife reproductions for the museums. When an original specimen needed to be kept in a climate-controlled environment in order to preserve it, his job was to make an exact replica of it to be put on display.

Although he became a very skilled model builder and enjoyed this work, cutbacks in the museums' budgets caused his position to be eliminated. There is not a great demand for model builders in the work force, so Rick went to work as a punch press operator, but kept the model building up as a hobby. In 2006, upon moving to Temagami to semi-retire, he turned it into a part-time job.

"Rick Farrow Scale Models PLUS" is a registered business and he has now graduated from tying up the dining room table

for weeks on end to having a small workshop in the house. His wife, Judyann, is very supportive of his creations. A folk artist herself, she sometimes is also an advisor on paint colours for the models.

Judyann chuckles over Rick's sense of humour. Each model is unique, so the customer can request that the building also includes a tiny image of themselves or family members. For corporate clients, Rick will often place a replica of himself in amongst the other miniature people.

When asked about his most notable models, Rick Farrow spoke about two. The first was a coelacanth – also known as the "living fossil" because its fossils were found long before a live specimen was discovered off the coast of Madagascar in 1938. Mr. Farrow described the labour intensive process of creating this fish model with its many scales and fins and told of how it was produced from photographs, scientific information and his own personal miracle. It was displayed in the African Pavilion of the Toronto Zoo for about 10 years.

The other notable model that he described was a replica that he made of the largest lake trout ever caught. With the original weighing in at 102 pounds, it was obviously a large project.

Historic finds and record trophy fish are few and far between, so these are memorable models, but every fish or building Rick Farrow creates is a work of art.



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- OPP and property protection
- Septic Smart presentation
- Friends of Temagami slide show
- Ministry of Environment – water quality



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Council has been very busy in the first few months of this term, with the main focus on positioning the Municipality for future success. A lot of emphasis has been put on long-term goals and plans in order to achieve what is best for Temagami. Vital new initiatives will compliment projects started in the previous term.

Over the next few months Council will be holding a visioning exercise that will lead to the preparation of a Strategic Plan. This long-range plan will identify and prioritize the issues that will impact on the future of the Municipality and contain strategies to address them. Once completed, this strategic plan will serve as an anchor to keep the Municipality from getting off course and reacting to demands of lesser importance at the expense of dealing with important issues. It will also help to control costs and ensure the best allocation of resources.

THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The mandated five-year review of our Official Plan started in 2009. After a few setbacks, it is now in the final stages. There were more than 50 issues identified as concerns with the previous plan as a result of input from the public, as well as staff and Council. After a thorough review of the issues, a revised document was drafted and went out for public comment last summer. Some additional changes were made as a result of comments received.

The Municipality will be holding one final statutory public meeting in the near future, to view the revised document before it is submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval. Notices will be sent out and also posted on the municipal website once a date has been set for the meeting.

Since the Ministry, through their One Window Planning Approach, has made early consultation comments on the Draft Official Plan revisions, it is hoped that this will expedite the final approval process by the Ministry.

MPAC ASSESSMENT MODEL QUESTIONED

Mayor Hodgson, along with Councillor Kenrick and CAO Patrick Cormier met with Carl Isenburg, President and CAO of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), in Toronto in March. They discussed our displeasure with the services provided by MPAC and our opposition to the inflated and inequitable property assessment values in the Temagami area.

We have since received feedback from MPAC on ways they are improving the production of the Preliminary Electors List to help the Municipality ensure a more complete, accurate, up-to-date list for the next Municipal Election in 2014.

Mr. Isenburg also acknowledged that MPAC is currently reviewing the model used for property assessments across Ontario as part of the update process for 2012 assessments. He assured us that the approach used for valuing properties will be reviewed in several communities, including Temagami.

Mr. Isenburg accepted Council's invitation to come to Temagami to discuss assessment disparities at an open Council meeting.

PROGRESS BEING MADE ON ORC PROPERTY

The Municipality has had several very productive meetings with representatives of the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), over the past few months, concerning the former MNR/OPP site in the village of Temagami.

These buildings on Temagami's waterfront have sat empty for years. They are an environmental concern as well as an economic development issue. Significant progress on this matter began after Mayor Hodgson, accompanied by Councillor Kenrick and CAO Cormier, made a delegation to the Ministry of Infrastructure at the Ontario Good Roads Conference this spring.

Since that time, our Mayor along with members of council and staff have met with senior ORC officials several times in order to expedite the process for the clean-up and the disposal of this land.

Having sat for so many years, the buildings

have deteriorated to the point that they are not habitable without significant remedial work. Mayor Hodgson has recommended that the ORC demolish the buildings, clean up the environmental problems on the land and dispose of the property. He also recommended that the portion of the land along the waterfront be left as green space.

We are optimistic that the Municipality is finally making headway on this matter and that ORC will be taking action in the near future.

SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

As part of a concerted effort to better manage our resources and to ensure the most efficient and cost effective delivery of core services, the Municipality is advertising for Requests for Proposals to compete a Solid Waste Management Master Plan. Landfill sites have limited life expectancies and it is extremely expensive to close them and to open new ones, so ensuring best practices are used in managing them is very important.

In addition, the plan will address other solid waste management concerns, including collection, diversion strategies, transfer sites, etc. The review is to provide us with expert recommendations for both long-term goals and strategies and short-term efficiencies and best practices.

TEMAGAMI GROCERY STORE

We have had many inquiries regarding the status of a grocery store in Temagami. While the municipality did not own the Co-Op, nor do we have any direct influence on it, Municipal Council and staff are very aware of the importance of having a grocery store in town.

The Co-op building is currently listed for sale. Council has directed that the top priority for the Economic Development Office at the current time is finding a business person(s) interested in opening a grocery store in Temagami. Mayor Hodgson has decided to head a special task force to promote this core business opportunity.

Until a new grocery store is opened, limited food and convenience items are available on a year-round basis at various retail outlets in