

TEMAGAMI TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA)

WINTER 2011

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

By Pam Sinclair

Just as we are often encouraged to shop locally, the TLA invites you to read locally this summer, relaxing in your favourite dock chair with a frosty beverage at hand. That's because *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community* will be brimming with tableaux and tales from the 1890s right up to the present.

The new book, featuring more than 150 photos, will be available online through Amazon.com and Indigo.com, and at the TLA building.

Find out what the lake looked like pre-1900 and the outfit needed to canoe Temagami's rugged wilderness canoe routes. Learn how the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway route nearly bypassed the Northeast Arm and how actor Jimmy Stewart's father tried to buy a private island.

Get to know local characters like Peter Norby, Joe Lanoie, George Angus and Alex Aird. Revisit the golden age of the Ontario Northland Boat Line, the fate of the passenger boats and that of private classic woodies.

Discover the upshot of an excursion taken by a tipsy *Aubrey Cosens'* captain and an OPP undercover sting. See a student's dream of owning an island turn into an ordeal, as does a family's effort to craft a log cabin and a former prime minister's fishing trip. Explore the evolution of the Tenets for Temagami and how they dodged a sniper. Follow the revitalization of the train station and

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Testing the Waters II: Moving Ahead in 2011

By Chip Kitterage

We check our oil and the air in our tires. We keep track of the amount of funds in our savings account. The doctor takes your temperature, has you step on the scale, and monitors your blood pressure. We follow our children's progress through school by their report cards.

We pay attention to the things we love or depend on. And so it is with Lake Temagami. As reported in the Fall 2010 issue of the *Temagami Times*, the TLA has decided to initiate an independent water-testing program for Lake Temagami in the summer of 2011.

At this point (January 2011), the board, through its water quality committee, is soliciting expressions of interest from potential firms who would provide guidance and technical support for such a program. These firms have experience providing assistance to other lake associations in Ontario. They know the types of variables and issues that matter to a lake like ours.

Phosphorous content is important, because the more there is, the greater can be the algal growth. This in turn can use up available oxygen in the water, which is bad for aquatic life. Water clarity is important, too.

Monitoring water quality in a large and complicated lake like Temagami is no simple matter, though. There is more to it than simply grabbing some samples in a pickle jar, if you want effective data. We need data that are robust scientifically, comparable and consistent over time to indicate trends within the lake, and that will form the baseline against which the future health of the lake will be assessed over time.

Some of the questions we'll rely on our experts for guidance include:

- Locations of sampling: where and how many?
We've got a complicated lake with lots of arms, bays, and open water.
- Timing of samples: how often, when, and at what time[s] of year?
- What to sample? Phosphorus is obviously important, as is water clarity, but should we also directly monitor



Where else but in Temagami? The frozen lake makes a wonderful parking lot for all kinds of vehicles at Loon Lodge.

Photo by: Phil Gunnell

dissolved oxygen content in the water? What about acidity?

- While chemistry is obviously important, and often the first thing we think of for water quality, should we sample some biological indicators of the health of the lake, like invertebrates, fish, plant life, or bacteria?
- What about other physical variables like temperature, freeze up and ice out, and lake level changes?
- What kinds of data exist from the past? Can they be used to compare with the present, and suggest trends, or are the older data too different, or not collected the same way, or measuring different things? How compatible are earlier data with our current effort?
- Should we participate in the Ontario Lake Partner Program (see page 11 for details)?

We have a huge lake, and no professional water quality staff, so TLA will need to depend on the good will and energy of volunteers. Our firm will devise user-friendly protocols for gathering data and provide training to our volunteers so the samples are collected in a consistent way that provides useful and comparable data. That will enable the data to be woven together to tell us what the water quality is now, and importantly, will establish the baseline against which we can detect change in the future.

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President's letter

There are many things I love about winter on Lake Temagami; the warmth and brightness of the sun on a clear day, making fresh tracks, good meals by the fire (fresh trout if you're lucky), and of course the silence, feeling as if life has been temporarily put on pause. While I do enjoy these things immensely, I don't long for them in the summer nor do I miss them much when the ice melts, certainly not the way I yearn for spring.

Perhaps my favourite thing about winter is actually the anticipation of pushing play, and watching Temagami come back to life. This year is no different, even with the shovelling taken care of and the winter sun shining in on my computer, I'm still thinking ahead to the spring; exploring new bays and lakes, walking around the island trails, evenings on the porch with friends and family, this list would be a long one!

With many new initiatives planned for 2011, the spring is going to be an exciting time for the TLA. The creation of a new TLA Water Quality Monitoring program will be the highlight, a project that will benefit all lake residents and users. Other new projects include the TLA Campsite Clean-up and Privy Project, revitalization of the Temagami Island Trails, and the construction of loon nesting platforms. TLA members can also look forward to the return of the Flea Market, internet and radio service at the Headquarters building, maintenance of the Mine and Manitou Landings, and much more!

A new initiative to improve membership engagement will be the creation of an annual TLA Member Survey. This great idea, which was brought forward by a member, will ensure all of your ideas and interests are communicated to the Board, allowing us to make sure our actions and programs best suit you.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the lake this year. At least in my mind, spring is just around the corner!

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.

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

ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami

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

LETTERS

TLA Letter to the Town Re: Budget

With a new Mayor and Council in place following the Fall 2010 municipal elections, TLA President Andrew Healy knew it was important to follow up on discussions that the TLA Board had with the previous Mayor and Councillors. Of prime importance were concerns about the upcoming budget and taxes. The following is the text of a letter to the Town, sent November 25, 2010. See also Mayor Hodgson's reply on page 9.

Dear Mayor and Council;

I would like to congratulate you in your recent success being elected to serve as Mayor and Council for the Municipality of Temagami. Please rest assured that the Temagami Lakes Association intends to work with you closely over the four years to meet many of the short-term and long-term challenges that the Town faces.

The purpose of this letter is to pursue our recent discussions regarding municipal budgeting and taxation, and to introduce to the newly elected Mayor and Councilors the TLA's thoughts and interest in participating in these vital and complex issues. While the TLA has many areas of interest and items we wish to work with the Municipality on, commencing active participation in the budget process is of primary importance to the TLA Board and our membership.

On August 6th, 2010, members of the TLA Board of Directors met with Mayor Laba and Councilors Lowery and Hunter to discuss five main recommendations that the TLA addressed at the Municipal Council meeting at Camp Wabun on July 22, 2010. A copy of these specific recommendations is attached.

Below is provided a brief summary and status of these discussions:

1. Clarity / Transparency of financial information

- It was agreed by the Town that more clarity is needed.

2. User Fee Levy

- The principle of a user fee levy as a tax revenue source is provided for in the Municipal tax rules and regulations for funding of certain area specific infrastructure, capital or operating expenditures in which one segment of the community is

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On the Closing of the Temagami Co-op Grocery Store

By Paul Middleton

The following is an edited version of the Open Letter to all customers and members, sent November 7, 2010; responses to questions and comments since the store closed November 5th; and an update on the situation up to the beginning of February 2011.

Synopsis of Open Letter

For those of you who attended the August 18th, 2010 Annual General Meeting of Temagami Co-operative Inc. (TCI), you may recall my closing words in my President's Report: "We (the Board) and our management team and our staff do sincerely appreciate the continued support by our regular and faithful members, customers and community leaders. We will do our part, to the best of our ability; we trust you will do the same by shopping at the store and indeed promoting the store --- after all, it's YOURS! That's the best way to keep our doors - OPEN!"

On Friday November 5th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. the Co-op Store closed our doors for the last time. How did it

come to this you might ask and how come the members were not informed?

Surely, though, people are not surprised. Have you not seen the writing on the wall? The time worn phrase: "use it or lose it" comes to mind does it not?

We are truly sorry it has come to this, but the Co-op Board of Directors and our dedicated managers & staff, ever since the AGM in August, have been struggling with the stark reality of dra-matic falling sales at the Co-op Store, so much so that we came out of the summer of 2010 in worst shape than 2009 and 2008. We have been living from week to week since Labour Day, with a growing list of unpaid suppliers and other creditors. We have tried paring expenses, staffing costs, and re-stocking orders, yet still maintain a decent level of service to our customers. However, our fixed costs to run this Store significantly exceed profit margins.

By mid-October we were hitting a financial wall. The Board of Directors had to make some hard decisions to try to find

a "friendly buyer" to take over the Store or close the Store and file for receivership into bankruptcy as soon as possible.

I have now come to the sad conclusion that this "Co-op store" model does not work in Temagami. The majority of our residents and members, 860+ seasonal and permanent, clearly did their main grocery shopping before they left home, on the way up to the Lake, or out of town where they go for other reasons, and only used us like a "convenience store". While a much appreciated, dedicated core of residents and members, in town and on the Lakes, did indeed shop mostly at the store, it was simply not enough! Overall shopping patterns, along with a tendency to "shop the flyers" for "specials", did not sustain the Co-op Store. We simply cannot justify going further and further into debt to keep the doors open, debt we cannot pay for!

We met with our financiers - the South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation (STCFDC)

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Property Patrol Report for January 2011

By Peter Healy

Freeze up this winter was pretty good, with snowmobile access to the landing from Bear Island around Christmas and, for the rest of us, access to our islands early in January. Snowfall was heavy in December however rains late that month cleared the ice of snow.

We have received light snowfall each day for a week now so traveling is quite good on the lake. There is not much snow yet in the bush, however the lake level is high for this time of year as a result of rains over the fall months and the fact that the Cross Lake dam is still closed.

Temperatures this third week of January are in the -20C range in the morning, so making ice cubes is not really a problem. Wind chills however, when combined

with snowmobile speed, can reach -50C or lower so proper clothing is a must for lake travel.

Before I arrived during the first week of January, I had been made aware of numerous break-ins and snowmobile thefts, so I was concerned about what I would find when I began checking TLA members' cottages. The reported incidents turned out to be true as perpetrators took advantage of poor, and presumably unsafe, ice conditions to travel, using stolen snowmobiles of course. They broke into cottages and boathouses in a search for gasoline in all likelihood alcohol.

My inspection of over 120 properties, however, fortunately found no evidence of this. Certainly there were a few doors and windows open, probably the result

of shifting building foundations or the strong winds we had before freeze up. All things considered cottages are in better shape than I thought given the consistent strong winds of December and the reported incidents referred to above.

Fishing is very good at this time for those who go after whitefish and walleye. Lake Trout season opens February 15th and the ever popular Ling Fling is on Feb. 12th, a much earlier date than usual to ensure safe ice and traveling conditions for visitors.

If you have not heard from me already, all is well on your property. I will next visit your property towards the end of March.

Have a great winter.

Peter Healy
Chief and only patrolman

TLA Members Clean-up Temagami Campsites

By Andrew Healy

The summer of 2010 marked the beginning of the TLA Campsite Clean-up Program. Although it got off to a late start in August, the young program was a success thanks to the help of many TLA volunteers, whose combined efforts resulted in 25 campsites being cleaned-up and inventoried.

The condition of the campsites varied greatly, some being impeccably spotless while others required the removal of several bags of garbage. One common concern noted at most campsites was the condition, or even absence of, a proper privy toilet.

From 2001 to 2004, the TLA embarked on a massive volunteer-based Privy Project, which resulted in approximately 80 privy toilets being built and installed at campsites around the lake. This was the largest coordinated effort to improve Temagami's campsites since the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) program disbanded in the early '90's. For the most part, these TLA privies are the only ones that exist on Lake Temagami campsites, and many of them are in need of repair, relocation or replacement.

With the completion of the TLA



This privy at a busy campsite is in dire need of replacement. Photo by: Andrew Healy

Integrated Planning (TIP) process in 2007, the MNR committed to re-instating a campsite maintenance program on Lake Temagami and adjacent lakes, in order to avoid the political turmoil of implementing a 'user-fee' for camping on Crown land. While it seemed like a great "win-win" solution for all, the MNR's allocation of resources to the program was a far cry from the lofty commit-

ments laid out in its plans.

According to the *Crown Land Recreation Plan* (MNR, 2007), all campsites on Lake Temagami were to receive a box privy and were to be inspected and cleaned-up twice annually. To date, the TLA is not aware of any new privies that were installed on Lake Temagami.

Why all the talk about privies? Due to the high use of many of the lake's campsites, a proper privy toilet ensures that campers do their "business" in a designated area far away from the lake, with adequate soil to ensure the waste breaks down. In the absence of a clean privy, human waste spread across a campsite poses a real threat to water quality, not to mention makes the experience of visiting beautiful Temagami a tad disgusting.

As part of the new TLA Campsite Clean-up Program, the TLA plans to build and install new privies at Lake Temagami campsites. Stay tuned for more information about volunteering for this important initiative, and don't forget to drop-in to a campsite near you, bring a garbage bag and take a look at the condition of the privy.



A picture-perfect TLA Privy, still servicing a busy campsite. Photo by: Andrew Healy

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.

WANTED: Candidates for the Board of Directors of the Temagami Lakes Association

WE NEED: Good men and women who care about Lake Temagami to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Temagami Lakes Association.

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE: TLA membership, a wish to get involved and some time to put back into the community we share.

COMMITMENT: a three-year commitment, one meeting per month usually via telephone and any committee work that you can help with.

PROCESS: Each year, three seats on the Board of Directors come open for election. A sitting Director may run for re-election for only one additional full three-year term. Nominations close May 1. The election is by secret mailed ballot and the results are announced at the Annual General Meeting in July.

MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Peter Healy to discuss either the process or the commitment. tla@onlink.net

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I write this in reaction to the Fall 2010 issue of Temagami Times; specifically, President's Letter, ... The Role of the Mine Road, Election 2010, Letters from TLA to Town Council, Highlights of Rob Corcoran's Response to J. Gouin's Letter, and Municipal Taxation and Spending Concerns.

My objective in this letter is to change the thinking, understanding, and actions of as many people as possible in regard to tax, economics, politics, and government in Temagami. Quotations below indicate quotes extracted from the above referenced writings in Temagami Times.

1) "The Province seems to have no shortage of time to create new regulations and download more responsibilities to residents". I take this to mean provincial government requires people do and not do things beyond the author's view of the rightful power/roll of government. Why then, is it later said of local officials "Elected officials are responsible for the interests and well being of their constituents." The behaviors seem the same to me. This is the pot (local gov't) calling the kettle (provincial gov't) black.

2) "...have created extraordinary value in the private properties on Lake Temagami." Perhaps, but I doubt most long-term, multi-generational cottage owners think of it that way. In most respects the fulfillment of desires that keep us in Temagami have not significantly improved (nor could they – Temagami is a wonderful place), and in some ways have deteriorated (eg more boat traffic/noise). Yet the cost of keeping/using our properties is harmful to the protectors of Temagami. It is not the value of my property that I see as having increased; it is increased public demand for the public land and water.

'But', you say, "you could sell your cottage for the great value at which it is appraised." Perhaps, but in many cases, sale is by compulsion of unaffordable taxes, not the desire to profit.

Also consider the potential monster created by high taxes. What effect should we expect high taxes to have on the Lake? Many new buyers

will buy for economic reasons, or at least have to make economic changes to afford/justify their purchase. This is a common enough occurrence, the area becomes more and more commercial; properties are rented out, or divided and sold to those who intend to develop them for rental, attractions are built to make money and bring in more people. Oh, and many Town residents will find the area becomes unaffordable and undesirable.

3) "turn the Access Road back to a toll road and the landings with it... Temagami is actually taxing its citizens to provide and maintain a detour around its business section." I don't see it that way at all. I see a lake of about 1500 properties, many of which have no right to vote in local elections and being taxed far more than enough to pay for the services they use – chiefly the Access road and Landing.

4) "Temagami's future lies not so much in looking externally for new development opportunities, but in examining the successes of its past to identify practical solutions for the future", quoted from a consultants report, and followed later with the observation "Every year, our population dwindles". Just to be sure of clarity – the author is speaking of Town population, not Lake population.

It is unfortunate big local employers shut down. However, that is not an unusual occurrence, nor is the afterward long slow decline in the local community. A few questions: Why hasn't someone brought in a small efficient sawmill to replace the large mill that left? If you really think Temagami is a great highway, rail, water transportation hub just waiting to be restored/discovered. Please stand up – now invest YOUR money in your idea or don't let the door hit you on the way out.

What Town lacks is jobs. Reflect back, why were there jobs in Temagami? Anywhere? Portage, mine, timber, railroad, Gov't Office? Why here? Why did the first person build a business and house here? Anywhere? It certainly wasn't because

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Pictured (front left) William Ridout Wadsworth, Richard Cassels, Rein Wadsworth and George Kelly in front of the Bear Island post fur press in 1896. The press was used to compress pelts for shipping. Photo: Courtesy of the Robert Wilson Collection.

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the Caribou Mountain fire tower.

Rejoice in significant community initiatives such as the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program and the Temagami Community Foundation. Catch up on land claim settlement negotiations and the Temagami First Nation's historic struggle for justice.

And to whet your appetite for the feast ahead, here's an excerpt from the new and updated version of Pam Sinclair's TLA history:

BOOK EXCERPT

Cassels, Kelley and a Cast of Characters

Just a year after George Keith first dipped his paddle into the waters of Lake Temagami, Toronto's Richard Scougall Cassels and George Mortimer Kelley discovered "a noble lake that lies forest-hidden in the northern wilds of Canada; in unknown country, unapproachable save by canoe, it is, in its island-dowered loveliness, a divinity well worthy of the paddler's worship," as Richard described the lake in an 1896 *Massey's Magazine* article. Richard and George made canoe excursions

through the Lady Evelyn-Temagami routes, and the Mattawa and Montreal rivers, among others, in the years 1892 through 1901. They came specifically to the Temagami area in 1894, '95 and '96.

Richard Cassels was born in 1859 and obtained his law degree from the U of T's Osgoode Hall. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and became a partner in a Toronto law firm, which became known as Cassels, Brock and Kelley. Practising law for 52 years, he was appointed King's Counsel in 1910.

In his younger days, Richard served as a lieutenant with the Queen's Own Rifles of the North West Field Force. He was involved in the Northwest Campaign and fought in the battle of Cut Knife Hill, Saskatchewan, in 1885. This encounter was prevented from turning into a slaughter of the Canadian militia by the intervention of Cree Chief Poundmaker. The action ended with the defeat and retreat of the militia, and was one of several engagements intended to suppress the Metis rebellion led by Louis Riel. The uprising ended at Batoche where, as all Canadian

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Summer Art Camp Popularity Grows: New Guidelines for Registration and Volunteers Needed

By Bettina Schuller

Hooray!!! Summer 2011!!! Art Camp!!!

Exiting news for all kids in Temagami! Whether you live in Temagami town, Marten River, Bear Island or spend your summers on Lake Temagami, we have a wonderful camp for you again this summer and it's **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Art camp 2011 will take place at the Recreation Center on Bear Island during the week of July 11–15 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Boat service to Bear Island from the Mine Road and bus service from Marten River and the Temagami Train Station to the Mine Landing will be provided. The camp is sponsored for the ninth year by the **Temagami Community Foundation** and hosted by the **Temagami First Nation**.

The goal of this camp is to provide a fun-filled learning experience for all our children as they learn about art and our cultural heritages and differences. This will be a community-building event for all involved.

Camp activities include arts and crafts, games, cultural education, stories and songs.

Bettina Schuller, artist and teacher from Island 421, will conduct the art camp with the help of many counselors and volunteers. All kids in the community from age 6 (senior kindergarten completed) to 12 are invited to participate. Bring yourself, a bagged lunch, and a snack. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at Art Camp 2011.

In the past years we have had a growing waiting list for art camp, which is wonderful, but created a need for registration guidelines. To ensure that all children have a chance to attend art camp at least one year, the Temagami Community Foundation has created the following registration guidelines for the Temagami art camp. Please review these before registering your child this year:



Campers display finished art projects.
Photo by: Bettina Schuller

GUIDELINES FOR ART CAMP REGISTRATION 2011

- Children aged of 6 to 12 (completed senior kindergarten) are invited to attend art camp.
- The kids who have not previously attended art camp will have priority over kids who have attended in prior years.
- Municipality: The kids who live in Temagami year round have priority over kids who visit their relatives in the municipality.
- Summer residents: The kids whose families own property on Lake Temagami or any of the lakes in the municipality have priority over kids who visit their friends on the lakes.
- Bear Island: The kids who live on Bear Island have priority over the kids who visit their relatives on Bear Island during the summer.
- If spaces are still available for the category (i.e. Municipality, Summer resident, or Bear Island), visiting kids will be able to register.
- Only parents or grandparents can register kids.
- The kids who are on the waiting list and not able to attend, will have first priority the following year.

The registration process for 2011 will be open from May 16th to the 27th. After these two weeks, the list of campers will be created according to the guidelines and families will be notified. With these new guidelines, we will be able to give as many kids as possible a chance to participate in art camp.

To register, please call Vicky Blake at (705) 569-2749 or email her at vickyb008@ontera.net between May 16 and 27, 2011. Space is limited and registration is required.

VOLUNTEERS

If you are 14 or older and would like to volunteer in any way (an hour, afternoon, day or week), please call Bettina at 727-481-3369 (until June 15th) or email her at: schullerbettina@aol.com .

Jessica Wert, who volunteered last summer, is 15 years old and a summer resident on Lake Temagami. Jessica wrote this wonderful summary of her experience:

"No plans for next summer? Well I was thinking this before last summer until I received the opportunity to work at an interactive Art Camp. I will try to shorten a whole week and my experience into a few paragraphs.

This camp was more than just a remarkable experience for the children let alone the councilors. It was great seeing the children playing with each other even though they may not be best friends or have come from the same country or culture. I will not ever forget how I watched the children and felt good about what I was doing. I can say that art isn't one of my hobbies but for the week that I spent with these youngsters, I truly enjoyed helping at this event and learning about our different cultures. It made the week an exceptional experience!

Parents if you are looking for a fun filled week for your children between the ages of six and twelve on the lake next July, I would strongly recommend this Art Camp with Bettina Schuller. I'm sure I am able to speak on behalf of the whole group that everyone had an amazing learning experience!"

So, if you are 14 and older and you would like to volunteer, please consider helping with Art Camp this summer. You will make a difference in many lives!"

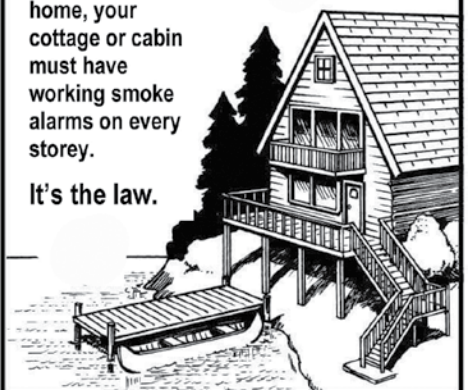
PART TIME JOBS AT THE MINE AND MANITOU LANDINGS

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 minimum wage (\$9.60/hr). For either position contact Peter Healy for further information or send a letter of interest, with resume, to tla@onlink.net.

SMOKE ALARM YOUR COTTAGE

Just like your home, your cottage or cabin must have working smoke alarms on every storey.

It's the law.



The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) and How it Works

Submitted by the Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team

The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is one of the largest live two-way videoconferencing networks in the world. The Temagami Medical Centre facilitates full service OTN participation including clinical appointments, administrative meetings and distance education events.

Clinical Appointments

A telemedicine appointment is just like a regular doctor's appointment, only the patient is seeing and speaking with the doctor through a television monitor.

Telemedicine uses video cameras and monitors to connect patients with doctors who are not located near them, reducing the need to travel to receive care. Patients are able to see, hear and talk to a doctor or other health care professional, in their own community.

Before the patient arrives, the doctor will already have relevant information about them to support their visit. However, patients may be asked to bring test results, medications or x-rays with them. Once the patient has checked in, they may be asked to change into a gown, depending on the type of examination required.

A health care professional who has been trained in telemedicine brings the patient into the examination room, shows them the equipment and explains how it works. At the Temagami Medical Centre, our registered nurse, Dianne,

has been trained and attends telemedicine appointments with our patients.

Dianne may assist with the examination using tele-diagnostic equipment like a digital stethoscope, otoscope or patient examination camera. With the use of this digital equipment, the doctor on the monitor can hear heartbeat and breath sounds and look into a patient's ear, nose and throat as if he/she were sitting in the same room.

Your family doctor or other health professional may also attend. And in some cases, patients may also wish to have a family member or other significant person present.

A telemedicine appointment can last anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour, depending on the type of appointment and whether or not the patient has seen the health professional before.

There is no cost to the patient for a telemedicine appointment, provided he or she is covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

The Temagami Medical Centre first started using the OTN for administrative and educational purposes. Since expanding the use of this technology to include clinical services in September of 2010, the Temagami Medical Centre has facilitated videoconference appointments for 19 patients during this



Registered Nurse, Dianne, with telemedicine videoconferencing equipment. Photo by E. Gunnell

brief four-month period of time.

For people coming from all over the province and/or out-of-province/country, to spend their summers in Temagami, videoconference appointments can be arranged with family physicians as long as the physician is in agreement with following the patient up in this manner.

If you have been referred to a health care professional outside of your own community, ask your family doctor if telemedicine is right for you!

Administrative Meetings and Distance Education

The winters in Northern Ontario are unpredictable, to say the least. Having the ability to attend meetings via videoconferencing not only saves time and money, but also provides peace of mind

in knowing that the staff can participate without having to travel the often hazardous winter highways.

OTN enables teaching and learning at a distance by connecting learners to academic centres and other education providers via videoconferencing and webcasting. More than 350,000 health care professionals participate in OTN-facilitated education each year.

Patient Education

Group educational sessions for patients are offered to provide general information on many topics, such as arthritis, diabetes, heart health, and many more. Again, there is no cost to attend these sessions, but people are asked to register prior to the event.

From January 1 to December 31, 2010, the Temagami Medical Centre participated in 15 administrative meetings and 69 educational events.

Watch for flyers around the community promoting upcoming OTN education events.

For more information, please feel free to call the Temagami Medical Centre at (705) 569-3244.

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Closing of the Temagami Co-op Grocery Store

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and TemFund. While they were sympathetic and supportive, as always, all recognized that “throwing good money after bad” was simply not prudent. Our re-financed debt load, taken on in the last year and a half, had reached well over \$700,000 alone!

We sought legal advice and met with a firm from North Bay who specialize in business restructuring and insolvency. We even began preparations to call a special members/shareholders meeting (the envelopes were made up, but we had no extra monies available to pay the postage), keeping in mind that our bylaws require 10 to 50 days notice, to all members in Canada and beyond.

Once one or two of our major suppliers started demanding payment on accounts, or else cash on delivery, and we could not meet their demands, suppliers for such essentials as dairy products and bread started cutting us off during the last week of October. By the first days of November we finally could not meet our current account with Loblaws, the final straw.

I traveled to meet with the Loblaws' executive officers on November 2nd, in the hope that perhaps some go-forward solution could be found. However, the outcome of the meeting was a foregone conclusion. Loblaws has now exercised their rightful first security over all inventory and equipment in the Store and directed that the Store close on Friday November 5th at 6:00 p.m. All this took place in the few remaining days before closing ...not much chance for any of us to get the word out, beyond posting a notice on our front doors.

The next stage is for a retained Receiver in Bankruptcy, who will take over to sell off the remaining assets of TCI, the building and property, to pay outstanding debts (close to \$900,000!) The distribution of proceeds will be determined by him and the insolvency laws. Since the retaining of a trustee/receiver was initiated by the TCI Board as a “voluntary” action, with responsible and due regard to our dire financial situation, we hope that the trustee/receiver will advise us how we may be able to have a meeting with our members/shareholders as soon as possible as part of this final process.

What of the future? Beyond knowing that the sun still comes up every morning, and seeing that some other local businesses have started to fill in some gaps to sell grocery staples such as milk, bread, eggs, etc. (our thanks goes out to them and may they prosper!), we can only hope that once the dust has cleared, some phoenix may arise out of the ashes of the

“Little Store That Tried”.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Middleton
President, TCI
on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Post Script (January 2011) – since writing this initial report, questions and demands for more explanation have been made, mostly in the Temagami Talker monthly newspaper. Since many of the readers of the Times may not have seen this exchange, I share it with you now in an abridged format:

What happened to the fundraising effort in the spring of last year?

The April 2010 “fundraiser” to help the Store re-stock for the summer months, was an independent initiative taken on by a handful of “friends of the Store”. Close to \$24,000 in donations were received, including \$6,000 from the TLA Executive on behalf of their membership. This was not only a shareholders / members initiative. A heart-felt letter of thanks was sent to each donor on behalf of the Board and Store management. This fundraiser did accomplish what it was intended to do, to sustain the Co-op Store into the summer season of 2010;

Why didn't the Co-op Board fulfill its responsibility (to respect) or communicate with shareholders regarding the closure of the Co-op Store?

First, no such responsibility is set out in the Co-operative Corporations Act, our own Articles of Incorporation, Share Offering Statement or Bylaws. I agree that it would have been a courtesy to let them know, but this just was not possible, as my report above outlines. No disrespect was ever intended! Failing direct contact, I did make sure that the Municipality, the TLA, and CALA had notice of the closing, and they quickly circulated it within their organizations (with thanks). We hope that the receiver in bankruptcy, Paddon + Yorke of North Bay, will enable us to call a full shareholders/members meeting to dissolve TCI as per our Bylaws in due course.

As to contacting shareholders/members by electronic means - in reality we have email addresses for only a very few, despite our pleas at past AGM's for this information. In the final week of October we had run out of money and to incur costs, even to communicate with members/shareholders (800+ persons to call, many in the U.S.) would have been irresponsible in the circumstances.

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TLA Letter to the Town Re: Budget *continued from page 3*

the prime or significant beneficiary. We believe this principle has particular relevance in our municipality with its distinct diversity.

- It was suggested by the Town that operating fees were to be covered out of user fees, but not capital costs.
- TLA position remains that capital costs are a particularly relevant aspect of these area-rated services. Further discussion is needed.

3. Increased / Revived

TLA Participation

- Reintroduce TLA input and participation in the broad planning and review process of annual and long term budgeting. A TLA oversight role was agreed to at the time of amalgamation, practiced for some years, but abandoned in more recent years.
- The Municipality advised the TLA

they we could have members on the Budget committee. The TLA intends to appoint members to the committee.

- Additional meetings akin to the August 6th meeting were discussed, potentially two to three per year that would align with the budget process.

4. Holding the line on tax increases

- The TLA believes there is an immediate need to contain tax growth and potentially cap property taxes and that infrastructure spending with long term carrying costs needs to be reviewed.
- There was no commitment from the Municipality that there should be an emphasis on user fees to pay for capital projects and, no commitment to a tax freeze, as the newly elected council will determine that as well as the uncertainty of various

provincial and/or federal grants.

5. Parking and Docking Fees for Mine Road

- The TLA strongly supports a feasibility study to determine the practicality and viability of parking/docking fees for non-resident users of the mine access road and landings.
- The Municipality committed to undertaken a feasibility study.

I hope you and Council will give these issues sufficient time and consideration as you move into your new roles. I look forward to meeting with you and Council as soon as possible, preferably in time for the Preliminary 2011 Budget Planning, to discuss your views of our recommendations.

Sincerely,
Andrew Healy
President, Temagami Lakes Association

Mayor Hodgson's Reply to TLA Letter Re: Budget

(Please see also the text of the TLA letter, commencing on page 3.)

December 20, 2010

Hello Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of November 25, 2010, that spoke to the areas most of interest to the TLA and its members. I was holding off responding until we had selected Chairs for the various committees. Those Chairs are now in place and work will begin in earnest in the new year on the efforts of directing the affairs of the municipality.

Your letter highlighted five major points. Let me respond to them in the order you presented. I will reply going forward and speaking for the new Council.

1. Clarity/Transparency of financial information

It is unfortunate that the reporting responsibility of municipalities, as dictated by the Province, is so complex. There has to be a better way to lay out the business affairs so that most can understand. On transparency, I will commit to reducing dramatically the number of closed meetings. I don't like them and will have to be convinced, each time they are suggested, that it is vital to go into closed session.

2. User Fee Levy

User Fees are utilized now and I will have to see how they are handled throughout the municipality. Deb Charyna is our Public Works Chair and she will be tasked with reviewing user fee schedules. I know, for example, that the user fees on my property in the Village just about equal my property tax levy.

3. Increased/Revived TLA Participation

Please contact John Kenrick about participation on the General

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students are taught, Riel was captured, tried and hanged.

Cassels Lake, originally known as White Bear Lake for the aboriginal Whitebear family who hunted and farmed there, was re-named in honour of Sir Walter Cassels, Richard's older brother. Walter was a lawyer, Queen's Counsel, and Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada from 1908 until 1923.

George Kelley, born in 1871, joined the Cassels law firm in 1888 as a teenager and worked his way up to a senior partnership. He remained active at the firm until his death in 1963, following an amazing 75 years of service. The prestigious law firm, now known as Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP, had on retainer two former Ontario premiers in 2010 - David Peterson and Mike Harris - whose Queen's Park decisions resonated heavily on the lake.

Richard and George's trips often lasted a month and the duo was accompanied by a cast of characters which changed slightly from year to year, including some of George's relatives. One of their paddling partners

was William "Billy" Ridout Wadsworth, a Toronto lawyer and Queen's Council. He was a close friend of George and likely the youngest of the trippers, born in 1875. All those summers spent building his upper body strength in a canoe later paid dividends for Billy. As a rower, he competed in the 1904 St. Louis, Missouri, Summer Olympics and garnered a silver medal in the eight-man race. The rowing team captured Canada's sole second place hardware at those games.

Temagamamingue

Richard Cassels and George Kelley collaborated on an 1896 article titled "A Paddler's Paradise" for the U of T's Massey's Magazine. Richard wrote in detail of the "four approaches" to Lake Temagami. He noted that the Ottawa River-"Lake Temiscamingue" route was the least difficult, though the least pleasing, due to log booms delaying passage in waters where "Lumber is King." He recommended making the preliminary stage from Mattawa to Haileybury via steamer, thereby bypassing this "annoyance."

George provided a pictorial glimpse of the Temagami wildlands for the article through photographs he took of Lake "Temagamamingue," the "Tamagami" River, the "Nemaybinagasbishing" (Lady Evelyn) River and others. Many of the area's geographical features had not yet been anglicized to reflect European colonization. George Kelley was the 'official' photographer during these early backcountry treks. Richard also took photos. Some can be found in the National Archives collection.

George Kelley's connection with the lake was not severed as this group of professional men married, had families, and no longer wished to rough it in the bush. He and his wife Evelyn were married in 1903 and spent vacations in their latter years at Camp Acouchiching with their children. Fond memories led the Kelleys' son-in-law Donald Wilson to purchase Island 958 in 1950 from the Crown for \$200. Donald had married George and Evelyn's daughter Marion in 1934.

Living Among the Rocks

By Chip Kittredge. Island 1158

Chances are, if you've wet a line in Temagami, you've caught one. In fact, one of these may have been the first fish you caught as a child. They seem to be under every dock, but most anglers think they are a nuisance and just throw them back. Their Latin scientific name is *Ambloplites rupestris*, which translated for the rest of us means "blunt armature living among the rocks". By now you might have guessed that I'm talking about the ubiquitous rock bass, also known also as red eye.

These little bass are familiar members of the Temagami community and they range far and wide. They are found throughout the central northeastern region of North America from southern Ontario, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to Quebec and Lake Champlain. They even occur south to the Tennessee River drainage, in tributaries of the middle and upper Mississippi River valley, and south to the Colorado River in Texas. They are generally found in shallower, rocky areas, and they have been known to especially like the structure provided by docks.



Rock bass spawn in late June and early July at temperatures of 15.6 – 21 °C (60 – 70 °F). The male will create a nest with his fins, loosening and removing sand or gravel in shallow water.

These nests may be large, up to two feet in diameter. Females swim through the spawning area to choose a nest without apparently paying attention to males. The female approaches the male to spawn, and afterwards the male vigorously chases her away. A single female releases about 400-500 eggs. The eggs are adhesive and attach to rocks or gravel or occur in clusters. They hatch after 5 days, and the male aggressively guards the eggs and young for 9-18 days.

The Ontario record was three pounds (no length or girth listed), caught in the York River by Peter Gulin in 1974. The Ontario Angler Awards website (<http://www.ontarioanglerawards.com/Entries.cfm>) lists a number of Rock Bass in the 10 to 12 inch range. It is estimated that generally, a 6-inch (15 cm) rock bass is four years old, and a 10.5-inch rock bass would be approximately ten years old. In captivity, the maximum age observed is 12 to 18 years.

Rock bass live on crayfish and other small minnows, but also eat snails and aquatic insects, including mayflies and stoneflies. In terms of angling, they can be pretty aggressive, hitting on larger lures and bait that are intended for smallmouth bass; you don't normally expect a small rock bass to go for larger baits. As most anglers know, they can be readily caught on worms.

Rock bass aren't commonly thought of as a great game fish, but they can put up quite a little fight when hooked, to the delight of young anglers. Ontario angler awards.com reports they have white flaky flesh that is delicious. Though they might not be a desired game fish, and can even be bothersome if they keep taking your bait when you're after smallmouth, rock bass are an important part of the Temagami aquatic community. It's important to appreciate their biology, and the fact that they are tough little fish living among the rocks.

Sources consulted, and for more information:

<http://www.ontarioanglerawards.com/Downloads/FactSheets/RockBass.pdf>

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<http://www.ontariofishing.net/fishrecords.html>

<http://www.bio.txstate.edu/~tbonner/txfishes/ambloplites%20rupestris.htm>

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_173219.html

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The firm we choose will have engineers, water and other environmental scientists, and other technical experts who know how to take the water that is collected and generate the numbers we need to monitor the health of our lake. Some people might question the wisdom of relying on volunteers for this important water-quality monitoring program. Isn't it too important or too scientific to leave in the hands of non-professionals?

Volunteers have been known to collect rigorous lake water data in many other places, and we're confident that empowered with training and guidance, excited volunteers can be at the heart of the TLA water quality monitoring program. In fact,

what better way to get people excited by the health of the lake than to directly involve them in its monitoring?

Ecologist Aldo Leopold spoke to the power and importance of volunteers in 1935 when he said: "Relegating conservation to government is like relegating virtue to the Sabbath. Turns over to professionals what should be the daily work of amateurs".

The TLA looks forward to initiating this fundamentally important monitoring program, and working with volunteers to assess the health of the lake we all hold dear. If you have interest in serving as a water quality volunteer, please contact Ted Tichinoff, chair of the TLA's water quality committee.

THE ONTARIO LAKE PARTNER PROGRAM

The Lake Partners Program is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and collects data on over 600 lakes throughout the province. It "is a province wide, volunteer-based, water quality monitoring program. Volunteers collect total phosphorus samples and make monthly water clarity observations on their lakes. This information will allow the early detection of changes in the nutrient status and/or the water clarity of the lake due to the impacts of shoreline development, climate change and other stresses."

[http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/local/lake_partner_program/index.htm]

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Want to do your part to keep phosphates and other toxins out of the lake water? We can all make a difference, whether we live in Temagami year-round or come up for several weeks in the summer. From washing your hair to cleaning your boat, the products you choose can make a difference. The following information is published by Transport Canada, and submitted to the Times by Angus Scully.

CLEANING YOUR BOAT: ALTERNATIVES TO TOXIC CLEANSERS

To Clean	Alternatives to Toxic Cleansers
Fiberglass	Baking soda and salt
Aluminum	1 Tbsp of cream of tartar in a half litre of hot water
Brass	Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and salt solution
Chrome	Vinegar and salt solution
Copper	Lemon juice and salt solution
Decks	1 part vinegar to 8 parts water
Hair	Baby shampoo (phosphate-free and Ph balanced)
Hands	Baby oil or margarine
Clear Plastic	1 part vinegar to 2 parts water
Mildew	Vinegar and salt solution
Shower	Wet the area, apply baking soda, and wipe
Toilet	Baking soda
Windows	1 part vinegar to 2 parts water
Wood	Polish with olive oil
Chrome/metal	Polish with baby oil
Bleaching	Hydrogen peroxide
Scouring	Baking soda

NOTE: In Canada, manufacturers do not have to substantiate such claims as 'non polluting' and 'fully biodegradable.' Remember that all detergents - even those that call themselves "environment friendly" - or "green" - contain polluting phosphates and nitrates.

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Fishery Management Zone Advisory Management Process is Underway

By Chuck Mccrudden, MNR

Initiated in 2005, the Ecological Framework for Fisheries Management was first and foremost to improve public involvement in fisheries management in Ontario.

Amongst the benefits were fisheries management zones (FMZs) that replaced fishing divisions. The zone model was intended to reflect more accurately the ecosystems and watersheds, as well as the users and use patterns of aquatic resources and the distribution of the resources themselves.

One other reason for the framework development was the need to review and simplify regulations. Over the previous 20+ years, fishing regulations had become significantly more involved. This was primarily due to the addition of regulations without reviewing related regulations at the same time to remove contradictions.

In the Temagami Area for example, the winter lake trout season on Lake Temagami was instituted in 1976 as a one-month season Feb 15th to March 15th. A separate review of the Hwy 805 lake trout fisheries in the early 1980s by the North Bay District led to winter lake trout seasons on a number of lakes adjacent to Lake Temagami that opened Feb 1st. As a result of the 2006 FMZ 11 public consultation on regulation changes, all open natural

lake trout waters have a season from Feb 15th to the 3rd Sunday in March.

Other benefits of the initiative include the development of a standardized assessment protocol and commitments to a scheduled and provincially funded program that supports management objectives developed by advisory councils that can be assessed for their success.

Clearly the advisory council is a central component of this initiative. It brings together knowledgeable and committed individuals interested in the future health of the resource and its benefits to all Ontarians. The goal of the council is to prepare a management plan for FMZ 11 making full use of public input.

Once the management plan is completed, the role of the council will continue as advisory and as a link to the public. It will participate in aspects of plan implementation (e.g., education) and review of subsequent fisheries topics of concern and monitoring results.

The first meeting of the advisory council was held September 11th 2010 with subsequent meetings in October, November, and January in North Bay.

Locally, Paul Middleton is the representative on the advisory council considered most linked to Lake Tem-

gami as he is a local municipal councillor and a director of the Temagami Area Fisheries Involvement Program (TAFIP).

Eric Cummings of Temagami represents the youth anglers and the future long-term users of the resource. He is presently enrolled at Sir Sandford Fleming College in the resource management field. Eric has also worked for the TAFIP walleye hatchery and participated in recent Co-op work with MNR regarding lake trout lakes and oxygen measurements.

Jim Vance represents cottagers in the zone and is now a resident of the Temagami area and is a member of Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association.

Dan Polsky from Verner is not only a member of the FMZ 11 advisory council; he is a member of the OFAH provincial fisheries executive.

Gord Mitchell of Island Lake Camp in Marten River area is the NOTO member on the advisory council.

John Severino is the municipal representative on the advisory council and is the manager of Environmental Services with the City of North Bay. A full list of members is available.

Chuck Mccrudden is the Temagami Area Biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources office in North Bay and Lead biologist for the FMZ 11 Advisory Council process.

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Government and Finance Committee. I know he is looking forward to the participation of a TLA appointee. There will be no TLA oversight in the legal sense of the word, but participation will be encouraged. I do not foresee separate budget meetings with the TLA but will leave that matter for John Kenrick's recommendation.

4. Holding the line on tax increases

I have made a personal commitment to reign in taxes and reduce our long term debt. Every decision that Council will make in this new term will be viewed in that light. I know that John Kenrick shares this commitment, so we are prepared to be measured against this standard. I feel that our Council will have let down the taxpayers if we bill out one dollar more in 2011 than we

billed out in taxes in 2010.

5. Parking and Docking Fees for the Mine Road.

I do not support any study associated with this matter. I will look to the TLA, if you wish, to advance this concept to come up with an example where this works in similar circumstances and we can move forward from there.

Thank you, Andrew, for sharing a summary of concerns from the TLA. Attached to this letter is our bylaw that sets out Committee appointments. I will not support separate meetings with our Council and the Board of the TLA. I do believe; however, that much can be accomplished through the regular channels. Yours truly,
John Hodgson
Mayor

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they found wonderful outhouses, paths, and retirement homes waiting for them. The reason is simple; it was because they saw the opportunity to build a profitable business, whether it was a 'real' business or simply being well paid for their labor.

If you want to retain and attract business and people to Town, make it possible for them to have profitable businesses – lower their costs – lower taxes. Make it cheap for artists and artisans to live in the area, and to show their work. Business doesn't bleed down the Access Road. Think about it; Temagami outfitters could just as easily arrange to efficiently transport groups of people from southern locations just as their competitors from the south do. Town is not losing visitors because the turn-off is a few miles south of town: Temagami outfitters are not getting business because they are not perceived as providing the highest wilderness/cost ratio experience.

5) To TLA and Lake property owners, I say get militant. Town acts like a drowning man climbing on our back to survive. Better we all stay in the water and pull together, or surely we all shall drown.

6) Amalgamation – bah, humbug! TLA letters are so full of "we ask", "can the

municipality clarify", "we had a agreement ", that the idea there is an 'amalgamation' is absurd. The Lake was about as amalgamated as the town that opened its gates and surrendered to surrounding invaders.

Temagami has great outdoor values; start a study/effort to convert the whole shebang, the greater Lady Evelyn - Temagami area, into a National Park; it wouldn't be the first National Park to have private in-holdings. It might seem tough to do, but think of the advantage to Town if it were a gateway to the TLE National Park.

Or find some basis to secede from Town and see if members will fund the cause to un-amalgamate.

There is no ill will in this. I think 99% of Lake property owners see or would like to see Town as a partner and asset. Bad partners have 2 choices; become a good partner, or be forced out on your own. It is past time to start weighing the justification for that action - reality – Town is a BAD partner.

Bo Hica, Island 378

(This letter has been edited for length.)



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NEW COUNCIL

The new Mayor and Council took office on December 1, 2010. At the inaugural council meeting on December 9th, Councillors were appointed to the various portfolios and as Committee Chairs. Your new Council and their responsibilities are:

Mayor John Hodgson

As a newly elected official, Mayor John Hodgson, already has over 30 years of municipal experience and is a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO). John served as Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Temagami for 11 years, and for the Town of Cobalt for 3 years. He has also served as Senior Administrative Officer in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. Currently, John is Campus Manager for Northern College, Northeastern Ontario. As your new Mayor, he is committed to reducing municipal taxes and debt, and to promoting a positive environment for businesses and families in Temagami. Mayor Hodgson will use his executive management skills to see that Council business is carried out efficiently and effectively. He looks forward to representing Temagami and working with the various levels of government to ensure that Temagami's concerns are addressed.

Councillor Lorie Hunter

This will be Lorie's third term on Council, so she brings a lot of experience to the table. Lorie is a resident of both Lake Temagami and the village of Temagami and she works at Temagami's Employment Resource Centre. She has developed a good understanding of the variety of challenges brought about by the unique geography and demographics of Temagami. Lorie will serve as Deputy Mayor; as Chair of the Protection to Persons & Property Advisory Committee; and as the Council representative on the Temagami Police Services and Cemetery Boards.

Councillor John Kenrick

John is a retired Director of Finance with the MNR and has extensive experience with northern and local planning issues. He will use his expertise managing taxpayer funded budgets to benefit this Municipality. A seasonal resident in the Marten River community of Temagami for many years, John spends much of the year in the community. John will Chair the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee. His commitment to reducing the impact on our ratepayers will serve our common purpose of property tax and debt reduction goals.

Councillor Deb Charyna

Although new to Council, Deb is very familiar with municipal government. She has worked in

municipal administration for the Municipality of Temagami, the Town of Latchford and currently with the Temagami First Nation on Bear Island. As Town Manager for Latchford, Deb was responsible for the Public Works and Water Department, so she was a natural choice as Chair of our Public Works and Water Advisory Committee.

Councillor Debby Burrows

A lifelong resident of Temagami, Debby is also a successful businessperson in Temagami. She will put her passion for improving Temagami's economic standing to use as the Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Debby will also serve as the Council representative on the Temagami Public Library Board, and on the Temagami-Cobalt Corridor Committee, a joint development committee with the communities of Latchford, Coleman and Cobalt.

Councillor Paul Middleton

Paul, who retired as a professional negotiator to live full-time in Temagami, was first appointed in January 2009 to fill a vacancy on Council and gained two years of experience in the highly regulated field of municipal planning. Now elected to Council, he will continue as Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). As part of this portfolio, he will also Chair the Committee of Adjustment (CofA). The CofA is a quasi-judicial committee, which makes decisions on Minor Variances, Consents (Severances) and Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

An ardent advocate about the quality of life that attracted him to this community, Paul is very active

in community events. This prompted him to accept the additional responsibility of Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Councillor Sam Barnes

Sam has been returned to Council, having first being appointed just over one year ago to fill a vacancy. A Marten River tourism business owner, and former manager for a manufacturing company, Sam was active on the Public Works and Economic Development Advisory Committees prior to being on Council. He will continue in the Social Services Portfolio, having established a good rapport with the various boards over the past year. He will represent Temagami on the District of Nipissing Social Services Board (DNSSAB), Au Chateau (Long Term Care), the Temagami Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board and the Temagami Family Health Team Board.

WORKING WITH TEMAGAMI FIRST NATIONS

In early 2011, the Council of the Municipality of Temagami and the Council of the Temagami First Nation reached an agreement to build a new parking lot at the Lake Temagami Access Point.

The Municipality holds the Land Use Permit for this area and has obtained the necessary approvals and permits to proceed. The TFN will be funding the actual construction and the Municipality will work with them to coordinate the project. The agreement includes an arrangement for the use of the newly created parking spaces and will be beneficial to both communities.

Municipal Council is looking forward to reviving



P. Middleton, S. Barnes, P. Cormier (CAO), D. Charyna, D. Burrows, J. Hodgson, L. Hunter, J. Kenrick, E. Gunnell (Clerk)

the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Committee between the Municipality of Temagami, the Temagami First Nation and the Teme-Augama Anishnabi. Council has appointed Mayor John Hodgson and Councillor Paul Middleton to represent the Municipality of Temagami on this committee.

Also in January 2011, representatives of Council and municipal planning staff met with TFN and TAA representatives on Bear Island for consultation concerning the revised draft of Temagami's Official Plan as part of the Official Plan Review process.

We look forward to continuing to work together with Temagami's aboriginal community on projects and issues of mutual interest.

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

It's Municipal Budget time again, but Temagami's new Council is taking a new approach. For this year and for the remainder of the term, they are committed to finding ways to reduce the amount of taxes billed. The intention is to take a balanced approach to reducing both operating and capital budgets. They will be looking closely at any proposed new expenditures to see how they will impact on the taxpayers. Fixed costs must be reduced, and this means being careful on capital projects and equipment purchases.

Council started this year's budget process by giving strategic direction to staff on the draft 2011 budget. Staff were asked to cut the draft operating and capital budgets combined by 6% in tax revenues from last year's budget. These cuts are to be accompanied by an itemized list of the implications of the proposed cuts, including service implications.

A prioritized list of possible items to add back into the draft budget will also be provided. Council will then review these lists and make informed choices regarding which expenditures to leave out and which to add back in.

It is anticipated that this decision making process will result in a final budget that will include less overall expenditures and less revenue from property taxes than previous years. There will also be more emphasis on increasing other sources of revenues, including user fees and outside funding.

Even with the short time in office so far, Council is making progress toward reducing the tax burden on our ratepayers. It is acknowledged that the benefits will not apply equally to all taxpayers due to the disproportionate increases in MPAC's assessments. However, Council is making every effort to minimize the effects of this disparity. Open public meetings will be held to discuss the draft budget. Please watch our website for dates and times.

PROPOSED NEW OPEN-AIR BURNING BY-LAW

Campfires and other open-air fires are part of the Temagami experience. Yet it is important to balance the enjoyment of fires by residents and visitors with the need to protect our forests, our homes and our cottages. An appropriate Open Air Burning By-law will accomplish this balance.

The current by-law, which has been in effect since 1997, was initially put in place in order to establish a permitting process, which is a requirement for the Forest Fire Management Agreement with MNR.

In spite of its deficiencies, the 1997 by-law has

remained in place until the present time.

The Protection to Persons and Property Committee has reviewed the old by-law and recommended a more comprehensive by-law to Council. Council has given the proposed new by-law first reading and has received a presentation from Temagami Fire Chief, Jim Sanderson, on the proposed by-law. The draft by-law was referred back to the committee for some further revision.

One benefit of the proposed by-law is its clear definitions. In the past, people were often unsure if they needed a permit for a backyard fire. The proposed by-law clearly states that a permit is NOT needed for a CAMPFIRE, and defines a campfire, so there is no confusion. The home or cottage owner will be able to easily distinguish between a campfire and a bonfire and the rules and precautions that apply to each. The proposed by-law will be more easily enforced, promoting community safety.

The draft bylaw and the Fire Chief's presentation to council can be found in the January 13th and 27th council packages on the municipal website.

NEW MARTEN RIVER FIRE VEHICLE

A retired ambulance has been refurbished as a rescue van for the Marten River Fire Department, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Marten River Volunteer Firefighter Association and community volunteers.

The surplus vehicle was donated to the Municipality, by the DNSSAB, fully inspected and certified. It took over \$5,000 to give the van a new 'fire engine red' exterior, add decals, and fully outfit the vehicle with all the necessary rescue and resuscitation equipment. We appreciate the community spirit that has contributed to the acquisition of this vehicle.

Rescue 5 will be used on scene as a command, firefighter rehabilitation and casualty comfort center. Commenting on the new addition, Marten River Fire Chief, Paul Elliot, stated "This generous donation will much enhance the Marten River fire fighter's ability to service the needs of their community and assist them with their responsibilities when responding to highway activations."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

In order to promote greater economic growth within the municipality, it is felt that an updated Economic Development Strategy is needed. Since much has changed since the 2003 Strategy was compiled, the Municipality applied for funding from the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines' Northern Communities Investment Readiness (NCIR) program. \$10,000 was granted through NCIR for this project, with the balance of \$5,000 to come from the Municipality's Economic Development Budget.

The Municipality has solicited proposals and selected a qualified consulting firm to do the research and produce the strategy. The selected firm, Matthew Fischer & Associates Inc., has over 30 years of experience, and has developed economic development strategies across Canada including Northern Ontario. They will use various methods of obtaining public input in developing the strategy. During the process, additional information will be placed on the Economic Development Section of our website to keep people informed.

The Strategy document is due to be completed

by March 24, 2011. The goal of the strategy is to identify sectors of opportunity for business and industry, and make recommendations to grow the commercial sector. For more information, please watch our website, or contact our Economic Development Officer, John Santarossa.

911 SIGNS POLICY

Even in a small community, you cannot always count on the ambulance driver to know where your house is; he or she may need to count on your 9-1-1 sign to find you. If you are out on the lake, is your sign visible on your dock or boathouse?

The Municipality does have a by-law requiring those distinctive blue and white signs to be displayed clearly, for your own protection. From time to time, these signs can get broken or lost.

Please note, it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that the sign is in place and is visible. If you need to replace your sign, the Municipality can help. For more information on 9-1-1 signs and how they should be displayed, please refer to the Emergency Services section of our website, or contact the municipal office for details.

TAX BILLS / VISA REMINDER

Interim tax bills were mailed in late January, with installment due dates of February 24 and April 28. As advised in previous editions, please note the Municipality no longer accepts Visa for tax or other payments effective January 1, 2011. This change was made by resolution of the previous Council.

Payments can be made in Canadian or US dollars by cash or cheque, by Interac (debit), and by preauthorized payment from Canadian bank accounts. You may also be able to make internet or telephone banking payments through your financial institution.

If you are mailing your payment by cheque, please note that penalties will be waived for payments received after the due date, provided they are POSTMARKED at least three days prior to the due date. For more information, please see the Tax Department page on our website or contact the municipal office.

2011 CENSUS

In May 2011, Statistics Canada will be conducting a national census. Completion and filing of the short census form is mandatory for all Canadian residents. Data collected in the Census is used to determine transfer payments from the federal to the provincial government and from the provincial governments to the municipalities. This data is also used to determine levels of service needed in many areas including health care, schooling, and police services.

In previous censuses, there was also a mandatory long-form provided to a portion of households. This has been replaced by a voluntary household survey. Participation in the survey is important to give the various levels of government information on area demographics that is used for making decisions on programs and services.

Another new feature for the 2011 census will be the option to complete the census questionnaire online. We encourage everyone to participate in the census.

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TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Shelley Rowland

2010 was a busy year at Temagami Public Library.

Libraries in Ontario received funding from the government to help improve services. With the funds received we increased our collections (print, audio and video), created literacy/teaching resources, improved computer accessibility with larger screens, and have created one designated accessible workstation.

The children's section has a literacy station with software suitable for preschoolers up to grade 3. We also purchased a chart/writing centre for use in our meeting room and a counter display panel system. The number of databases available on our computers, which are provided through KnowledgeOntario, were increased.

We also applied for funding from the Temagami Community Founda-

tion for our Local History Project, which was approved. These funds allowed us to start organizing, cataloguing, and storing materials we have collected over the years. In addition, the library purchased proper archival storage materials to support this project. We now have over 800 images scanned, which will be posted on our website for viewing at www.temagami.library.on.ca.

These images are only for personal viewing, research or educational purposes. The images must not be altered or manipulated in any way. Proper credit must be given to the Temagami Public Library when using any of the images for research or publication purposes.

I would like to thank those who have donated or loaned photos to us. We hope to continue to add to the collection and would appreciate any

help you can give (materials, information, donations etc.). If you are interested in helping please call the Library (569-2945).

Recently we partnered with the Municipality's Economic Development Office and Nipissing Business Centre to provide a kiosk for small business assistance. This service will connect you with a small business expert in North Bay who will assist you with:

- General start up procedures
- Government assistance programs
- Business plan review
- Market research and marketing
- Management
- Mentoring and networking
- Referral services
- Event and seminar hosting

We were also involved with the Open House event held during Small Business Week at the Chamber of Commerce. This event featured a variety of services and resources available to small businesses in our district.

There has been a recent change in the library. We have agreed to temporarily house Contact North (Distance Education and Training). They will be using the study area of the library. Those who used that area to access the Internet on their laptops may use the meeting room if it is not in use.

As I am writing this it is -18C and snow has been falling steadily all day. Hopefully by the time you read this, the temperature will be on the plus side and winter will be nearly over. Whatever the weather, we look forward to your continued patronage of the library.

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Temagami and Area Fish Involvement Program (T.A.F.I.P.) UPDATE

By *Claude Landry, President*

There was a special meeting called on January 18, 2011, regarding election and direction for the year 2011. New directors and a new executive were elected as follows: President - Claude Landry, Vice President - Joe Montreuil, Recording Secretary - Marilyn McLeod, Treasurer - Olive Landry, and as Directors: Peter Hughson, Wayne Adair, Chris Salmond, Lance White, John Jerzyk, Dave Philips, Paul Middleton, Sally Middleton, and Bob Molyneaux.

The Annual Ling Fling took place on February 12th. It was held earlier than usual this year because of the early thaw last year.

By holding it in February, we could be sure of good ice conditions and a date was picked that did not conflict with the short lake trout season. Thank you to all the people who were involved in making it a success.

There is some uncertainty at this point whether we will be able to use our two ponds on Roosevelt Road this spring. The bridge crossing the creek that we previously used to access the ponds was in poor condition and had to be taken down and it has not been replaced. We have MNR's permission to use the water access to the ponds, but it remains to be seen whether this will be suitable. The volume of water at that

time of the year is very high, so we will do what we can.

We will continue to work with the MNR and will try to do the best we can to have a successful year for 2011. Our three nets will be delivered sometime in March. One is scheduled for the hub area, one for Inlet Bay on Lake Temagami, and the third for Cassels Lake at Net Creek.

For years we have hired two summer students to assist the technician. They feed the ponds, check the water quality, run the pumps to maintain a good water level and do other maintenance and upkeep. We plan to hire two students this summer, dependent on funding.

T.A.F.I.P. spends approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually on operations, in employment and consumables and these funds are spent locally.

We especially thank the Temagami Lakes Association for their continued support of the fish hatchery. It means a great deal to us. As well, we appreciate the support of individuals, from Lake Temagami and from town, who make donations to this important cause. T.A.F.I.P. is a registered charity and we do issue tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 and over. With your help, we will continue to do our best to help Mother Nature to replenish our local lakes.



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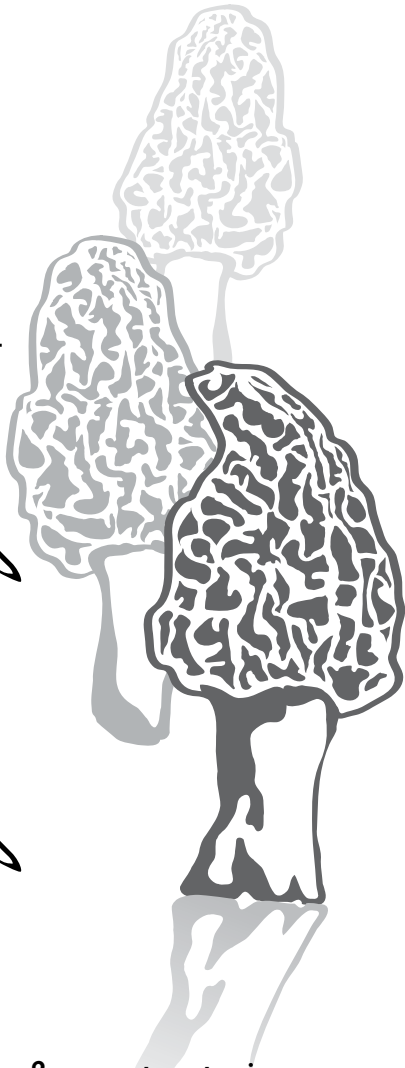
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Temagami Community Foundation Grants Top \$200,000

By Victoria Calverley, Treasurer

Since its inception in 2001, the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) has made over \$200,000 in grants to the local community. The TCF is governed by a Board of Directors that represents the diverse membership of the Temagami community including Bear Island, the town of Temagami and seasonal residents.

Grants to date have been made in support of the objectives set out in our mandate:

- Promote environmental stewardship and awareness (\$23,700)
- Support Community Arts and Culture (\$114,100)
- Honour First Nation Heritage (\$33,500), and
- Foster Sustainable Community Economic Development (\$30,000)

While some of the classifications are arbitrary, as a project may involve several of the themes noted above, this gives a snapshot of the broad range of grants awarded.

Of note is our extensive support for Community Arts and Culture. Included here is our support for the Angèle Project in 2008 (\$43,000) as well as our annual support for the week long summer Art Camp for kids led by TLA member and volunteer Bettina Schuller (approximately \$40,000 over eight years). Our ninth Art Camp will be

held this summer.

Environmental projects include support for the fish hatchery, the Temagami Stewardship Council and the Foster Family camper bursary.

Aboriginal heritage projects include grants to the Temagami First Nation to support their Powwows, the restoration of St Ursula's Church, and the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre.

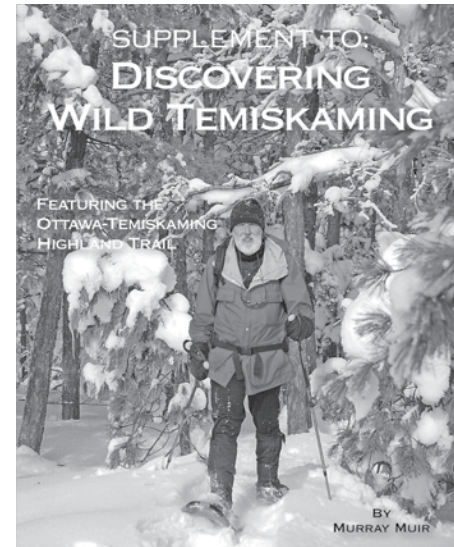
Economic development grants have been made to support sustainable forestry and wind power feasibility studies, and to the local Chamber of Commerce. In addition the TCF has convened a number of meetings and roundtables to raise awareness and identify activities that foster a "Sustainable Temagami".

The TCF is just getting started. Our Endowment is growing and we are looking forward to supporting many more worthwhile community projects. And we are eagerly anticipating our celebration, in 2012, of the tenth Art Camp for the kids of Temagami.

Our Directors include Cathy Dwyer, Marvyn Morrison, Vicki Grant, Kim Krech, John Mattias, Debbie Nixon, Bruce Ingersoll, Pam Morgan, Lila Cleminshaw, Walter Ross, Sarah Manderstrom, and Ursula Kilbridge. Talk to any of our Directors about your ideas for new projects and supporting the Foundation through donations or active participation.

Supplement to: Discovering Wild Temiskaming

A book review, by Les Wilcox.



Since the last printing of *Discovering Wild Temiskaming*, by Murray & Vicki Muir in the spring of 2006, there have been many changes to existing area trails. Some reroutes were required. The section of the Ottawa Temiskaming Highland Trail between Ottetail Creek and Grand Campment Bay was completed, along with the Inland High Trail between Grand Campment Bay and Nagle Bay (forming a loop with the main trail). The loop trails on Rib Mountain were also completed after the last printing. With this in mind, Murray Muir decided that a supplement was required to update the existing book.

The *Supplement To: Discovering Wild Temiskaming* contains sections on 'Ot-

tertail Creek to Grand Campment Bay', The Inland High Trail, Gorrie Lake to Friday Lake, Red Pine Pond to Johnson Lake, Rib Mountain Side Trails, Low-down Creek Detour, Hearst Falls Area Detour and the Twin Lakes Trails Reroute. Murray's *Favourite Bushwhacking Snowshoe Trips*, To Island Lake, Windy Lake Explorations, Hills and Valleys South of Rib Lake and The Quebec Half of Wild Temiskaming are also included. There are other notes and corrections, great new black & white and colour photos as well as new maps for major trail changes.

The Grand Campment Bay and Rib Mountain loop trails are provincially significant and spectacular by any standard. The Ottawa-Temiskaming Highland Trail might just be the best backpacking trail in Canada. *Discovering Wild Temiskaming* and the new supplement (a great read) contain the only written description of this magnificent trail.

The book and supplement were laid out and printed by Andrew Hardy, JR Printing, New Liskeard. The supplement is available from local outlets for \$5, and the original *Discovering Wild Temiskaming* for \$20. All wholesale profits go to Nastawgan Trails (nastawgantrails.org) whose members design, build, maintain and promote the Temagami/Temiskaming hiking trail network (hikers@nastawgantrails.org).

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Temagami Wins at EDCO

“Canada’s Ultimate Fishing Town” Tourism Campaign

By John Santarossa

Economic Development Officer for the Municipality of Temagami

Temagami has won an award for its “Canada’s Ultimate Fishing Town” campaign. The award was presented at the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) annual Awards Ceremony held in Toronto from February 02 to 04.

The award is truly an honour, especially since Temagami won in the highly competitive Tourism Advertising category. This demonstrates our ef-

fectiveness and professionalism in our economic development efforts.

During the summer of 2010, the World Fishing Network (WFN) ran a competition for communities to contend for the title of Canada’s ultimate fishing town. Temagami mounted an aggressive campaign to claim the title and included a mass email, flyer, poster, and media campaign spearheaded by the Economic Development Office.

The overall objective was to increase tourism in Temagami by

promoting the excellent fishing opportunities in the area. This initiative helped boost our efforts to develop

Temagami’s overall tourism product and destination status.

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Former Mayor & Ec Dev Committee Chair, Ike Laba, and resident Art Arnold, who initiated the Ultimate Fishing Town campaign, admire the EDCO award. Photo by: J. Santarossa



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Ultimate Fishing Town

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While not claiming the national title, Temagami placed 7th in the Ontario region with over 3,000 votes. The campaign created community pride and excitement and votes of support came from residents, visitors, and from other regions and countries.

Mayor John Hodgson said of the campaign: "This is an example of what can be achieved when the whole community comes together and promotes itself for business or tourism. People from far and wide campaigned on Temagami's behalf and that is a testament in itself.

The Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) is an independent, non-profit incorporated association of hundreds persons engaged in economic development in Ontario. Temagami is a member municipality of EDCO, which offers professional development, programs, research, networking, and conferences for economic development professionals.

Regional Development – Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford and Temagami

By John Santarossa,
Economic Development Officer
for the Municipality of Temagami

Economic development focuses on increasing the prosperity within our communities. The focus has not changed with today's global competition, however the way we play the game has. Locally focused economic development strategies are changing to incorporate regional collaboration, which offers a greater chance to be successful in the global arena.

Today, the decisions of companies to select sites for new or expanded operations are based on several "regional" assets – intellectual, financial, institutional, logistical and physical. Despite where a company may locate within a region, its employees, vendors and customers will be spread across it.

Regional development does not mean creating another level of government to deliver economic development programs. It just requires collaboration.

In fact, it is both cooperative and competitive or it can be defined as "co-opetition".

Since 2009, the municipalities of Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford and Temagami have collaborated on a number of regional economic development initiatives. Initially started as CCLT, the committee has now branded itself as the "Temagami-Cobalt Corridor".

Some projects undertaken to-date include accessing government assistance programs to develop community profiles, creating signage, attending the 2010 International Plowing Match, expanding cellular coverage in the area, and possibly bringing an ATV event to the area in 2011. The group has met monthly to discuss common goals and objectives in business, industry, tourism and small business.

The successful leveraging of funding through organizations such as the South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation was

only possible with the involvement of all the small municipalities – something that could not be achieved by any individual community. In fact, a number of government assistance programs look favorably upon regional partnerships so this increases the likelihood of successful projects.

With new Mayors and Councils now in place in Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford and Temagami, fresh ideas and creative thinking will begin to take root in 2011.

On an even broader regional note, Temagami's Economic Development Officer now sits on a regional EDO committee that is represented by development professionals from North Bay, West Nipissing, Callander, Powassan, and Mattawa. Some initiatives include film and video attraction, a satellite business kiosk program, and collaboration on research and programs.

In short, a regional approach to economic development will create win-win opportunities.



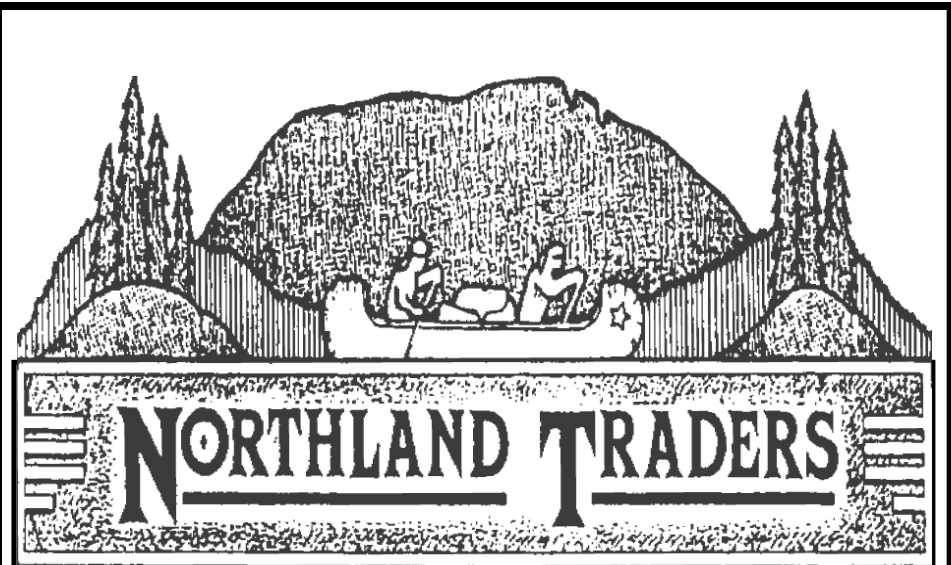
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Nancey Gooderham

June 27, 1921 — December 25, 2010

Nancey was born in New York City on June 27, 1921. She died on December 25, 2010. At almost 90, she was a bit of a medical miracle, overcoming illness and complications and heredity throughout her life. For example, in her early years she had rickets, a disease that she used to say had left her with “holey bones” – where “holey” meant hollow and not sacred. These hollow bones made her much lighter than someone of her size and stature. One positive result of this was that she was always able to beat the weight-guessing man each summer at the amusement park. Her cousins Gordie and Rod would egg her on to give it a try. She won the prize every time.

She was raised Nancey Quigley, the daughter of Bert and Mae Quigley. She moved briefly to Winnipeg and Belleville and then grew up in Montreal and Toronto. She entered the world amid the Roaring Twenties, came of age in the Great Depression and lived through the heady days and privations of the Second World War. It all made for great storytelling later on, not to mention the melodies of the era, which she sang and passed onto all of us.

During the War she met our father, Bill Gooderham, whose family owned a classic fishing camp on Lake Temagami. Through the 1950s and 60s and 70s, they married and raised five children. All the while they ran the camp and built a beautiful home on the shore of Lake Ontario. Nancey especially put her mark on everything they did. Her initiative and creativity were instrumental in my family's success all the way through. At the camp she made and hung curtains in the cabins and she revamped the menu in the dining room. She ruled the kitchen. She was an entrepreneur and businesswoman through and through.

Nancey's cooking and baking were a true focus of her life – and of course of ours. Breads, cakes, pies and other sweets, jams and jellies, meals with a flare. Her home-made ice cream was legendary; it has been ever-present in

our freezer and at our dinner table. She was generous with the fruits of the kitchen, and her warmth and generosity meant she was always planning or giving a party of some kind or another.

Nancey loved to travel. The bottom right-hand drawer of the dresser in her bedroom was filled with brochures for trips she dreamed to take – and many that she did. But her trips were not all far-flung. Throughout our childhood, there were nights spent at the newest hotel in Toronto. There, we'd visit museums and go to plays and movies and the latest restaurant she'd read about.

She was a keen photographer, documenting every voyage, every occasion, every family event and every visit by the grandchildren in pictures. She kept these photos in scores of albums that were carefully – and often quite humorously – annotated, and filled with mementos as well.

In Temagami, a place she truly loved, she was a keen fisherwoman. There she would be with her old green fibreglass rod in hand, hauling in a fish so big she could barely reel it up. Once the fish was caught, she'd then rush to get her hook baited with a worm and get her line into the water again.

Our father Bill took her on her first fishing trip. And it was he who, in the 1940s, gave Nancey that green rod. Patched multiple times with glue and fibreglass and even with a band-aid in one spot, it still caught her many a “keeper”. They met by chance while Nancey and her sister Betty were staying at Camp Chimo. When it turned out that the two girls didn't have enough money to hire a



fishing guide, my grandfather offered his son to take her, free of charge. But only if Nancey would first let down her hair, which the lodge owner thought would be more becoming. The fishing trip was successful, with Nancey bringing in an 18-pound lake trout in the front of the canoe and Daddy paddling in the back. She of course had hooked him as well. She was married to Bill for a full 50 years.

Nancey was a natural mother. She wanted nothing more than to be a parent, and she started late for her time. To many in her later years she was Nancey G. For us this had a double meaning, because it was actually our cottage call-sign on the marine-band radio that many use as a means of communication throughout the lake in Temagami.

One more thing about her name: Nancey added the “e” to her name because she thought that that was how it was spelled on her first day of school in Montreal, and it stuck.

She was the consummate grandmother, with cards, gifts and special envelopes coming through the mail for every occasion – and also in between. Now in an era where everything comes electronically, she actually mailed and hand-delivered her best wishes. She remembered everyone, especially at Christmas. We children spent our Christmases delivering home-made baked goods, peanut brittle and other treats to neighbours, shopkeepers and people from church. No one was forgotten.

Nancey was honest, generous and had boundless energy and a drive to accomplish all that she planned and expected.

She was a beauty, as close in appearance and radiance to Katherine Hepburn as you can imagine. Indeed, she

began to work as a model in her early years. She also enjoyed acting from an early age. At her Catholic School in Montreal at the age of seven, her debut in the class Christmas play as the Angel Gabriel had an unfortunate end. Instead of emoting: “Hark! Hark! The Angel of the Lord Doth Appear!” Nancey, prompted by the little girl behind her, loudly spoke the words: “Hark! Hark! The dogs do bark!” Whereupon the head nun sharply reprimanded: “The Angel Gabriel will now leave the stage!” This was one of the stories our mother loved to tell visitors, especially anyone in the acting field. There were many, many more.

Her connection to the arts was instinctive rather than intellectual. It came from a true connection, and it is that connection that she passed onto us. She also had ambitions to write. She had a short story called “May Magic” accepted for publication in 1946, for which they paid her the princely sum of ten dollars.

She was unconditional in her friendship. She drew together people from many different places. In today's terms, she was a connector. Her faith mattered, and she dearly loved the church, but it was a particular element of community here that made it her church. You only had to accompany her to the 9 a.m. weekday mass to see that as she networked with friends and neighbours, the regulars and the members of the Catholic Women's League. She thrived in their friendship and appreciated the structure this experience gave her life.

Nancey embraced life. An intense love of life was in everything she did. Many friends everywhere, have provided endless stories of her fun, her caring and her spirited, magnanimous nature.

They call her “utterly irreplaceable”. We have to agree.

This is an abbreviated version of the eulogy written and delivered by Mary Gooderham (Nancey's daughter) at the Funeral Mass.

Donated Masks Specifically Designed to Protect Pets

By Jim Sanderson,
Temagami Fire Chief

Thanks to a donation of two pet oxygen mask kits by Invisible Fencing® Brand, both the Marten River and Temagami fire stations now have the tools that can be used to treat animals suffering from smoke inhalation. Most pet owners consider their animals an extension of their family and so this new piece of equipment will prove beneficial in case of fire.

Pets can be at a higher risk of smoke inhalation because they often hide during a fire. The opportunity to administer oxygen support on-site means that pets will have a better chance of survival from smoke inhalation. This is something we hope we'll never have to use but is there if it is needed.

The safety and preservation of human life is the first priority for firefighters at an emergency however in many situations pets are also rescued. In situations where all firefighters are needed

to ensure crew safety is not jeopardized, firefighters will show the pet owner how to use the equipment.

Each kit includes three re-usable masks: small, medium and large. They are different from human masks because they are made to specifically fit over the muzzle of cats, dogs, or other small pets. The mask is connected to the oxygen supply of a medical kit and adjusted to the appropriate flow rate. The pet can then breathe unassisted.

Through the Oxygen Recovery Mask Donation program, the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association Members And Invisible Fencing® Brand are teaming up to ensure fire departments and fire responders throughout the province are equipped with specially designed oxygen mask kits in an effort to save more pets from succumbing to fire/smoke inhalation.

Overall, though, one of the most important things is to have working smoke alarms, in all homes, cottages,



Temagami Fire Chief Jim Sanderson, and J.C. Hebert, along with Buddy, check out the new pet oxygen mask kit donated recently to the Fire Department by Invisible Fencing® Brand. *Supplied photo*

and camping trailers. Another is for it' the same principles of fire safety for all residents to develop and practice pets as it is for humans in the home or a home fire escape plan. Remember, cottage.

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On The Closing of the Temagami Co-op Grocery Store continued from page 8

What about the Store's liability insurance; doesn't it protect shareholders?

We are now in receivership in bankruptcy and, contrary to a possible misunderstanding of what "liability insurance" entails, there is no insurance that covers the value of shares. The receiver will attempt to sell off all of our assets and will pay the 5 secured creditors first. I am afraid that little or no money will be left over to satisfy any shareholders. The "risk factors" were set out in the original 1997 Offering Statement of TCI – "The securities being offered under this Offering Statement are highly speculative and involve a high degree of risk..."

- The days and quickening events leading up to the Friday November 5th closing of the Store were much tighter than many people could know --- Although I met with the Loblaw's executives on Tuesday, November 2nd in a last ditch effort to save the Store, by Wednesday/Thursday of that very week Loblaw's asked that the Store be closed on that Friday so that they may exercise their rightful security agreement over the remaining inventory and equipment (*Note – Loblaw's kept their promise and left all in-store shelving and equipment in the Store; inven-

tory/stock and the roof-top electric sign were sold off to the Freshmart store in Mattawa, a family-run business.)

- Please realise, in those last weeks, I and other Board members were very busy: meeting with our legal counsel in New Liskeard, our financiers at the STCFDC and TemFund, and seeking the services of a firm with expertise in re-structuring and/or receivership. The STCFDC and TemFund did not, as some people have suggested, "direct hard-earned tax dollars to a floundering business"; they both use dedicated private funding pools from fellow Northern Ontario businesses to assist other Northern Ontario businesses, such as the Co-op, during downturns in the economy; FYI, TCI Board members, including myself, have never received any reimbursement for time spent, travel costs, etc, while serving on the Co-op Board of Directors – there is no policy to do so and we did not ask for any.

And, what of Loblaw's large profits? Couldn't they have helped out more?

The most recently published Annual Report (2009) for the Loblaw Companies Limited shows net earnings of \$656 million, certainly

maintaining their position as Canada's largest food distributor. However, all retail food industry analysts report that margins ("profits") in this sector average around 1 to 3% at the store level. Besides, whatever their profits, Loblaw's was not interested in buying our store or forgiving any of our debt to them; the hard reality is that "business is business"!

Ultimately, where does the real final accountability rest?

A review of the Co-op's history, of Temagami's history over that period, of the shifts in commercial activity in the region, of personal shopping habits, of changes in the grocery business itself, especially during the current economic recession, all taken together provide the answer to that question. Successive Boards of the Co-op have done their best to fulfill their mandate to provide Temagami with a year-round, full-service grocery store and jobs for local people. All of them and our loyal customers, whether members and shareholders or not, fought the good fight for as long as we could to keep our Co-op Store operating. The odds were against us ... and we lost.

The first meeting of creditors was called by the receiver Paddon + Yorke, on

December 9, 2010 in New Liskeard. At that time the appointment of the receiver was confirmed and the steps of receivership/bankruptcy outlined. The preliminary estimates of all creditor claims, secured and unsecured, were reviewed and corrected as information was received and verified. This process is ongoing. For anyone interested in pursuing any matters under this process please contact Mr. Ken Peake of Paddon + Yorke at telephone # (705) 472-2640.

Saturday January 22nd, 2011, a "For Sale" sign was posted on the Store. The commercial real estate firm retained by the receiver is Mallette-Goring of North Bay (Mr. Christian Fortin, agent, tel. 705-472-0000) and they have listed the property in two parcels. The main parcel, the Store building and front parking lot is listed at \$429,000 and the separate (north) lot, presently rented out in part to Peacock Woodworks, at \$59,000. These prices seem to match closely the current value as shown in our recent audited statements taking into account current market conditions. As of this writing, Saturday February 5, 2011, so far as I am aware, no interested party has come forward to buy or operate the Store.

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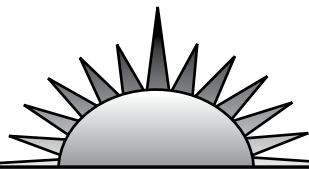
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New Business Kiosk Opens in Temagami

In February 2011, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Business Centre (NPSBC) opened a Business Kiosk in Temagami. The kiosk program is a partnership between the Business Centre and area municipalities and kiosks are already in place in West Nipissing, Callander, and Mattawa.

The business kiosk is located in the Temagami Public Library and is available during normal business hours. The kiosk uses Skype technology to connect users with the NPSBC, where they will find immediate online help of a live professional.

"We are pleased to welcome the business kiosk to Temagami. It will help build strong partnerships and make it easier for local business and residents to access information, programs, and services," says Temagami Economic Development Committee Chairperson Debby Burrows." She adds, "The Temagami project is an excellent working relationship between

the Business Centre, the Temagami Economic Development Office, and the Temagami Public Library."

The Business Centre has a mandate to support new and existing business and provides advice, counseling, research, information, business planning and sourcing financing, to name a few. "Temagami's Economic Development Officer, John Santarossa, welcomed our outreach to establish kiosks in the community and saw this as an opportunity as a value-added service for small business", says NPSBC Manager Gillian McLaren.

"Small business is the backbone of our local economy and about 80 to 90 businesses are located in Temagami", adds Debby Burrows. "The kiosk will be a real plus to support our business community and we encourage people in Temagami to bring in their ideas and get the help they need to access services or to become Temagami's next entrepreneur."



Left to Right, Standing: Gillian McLaren of NPSBC, Temagami Librarian Shelley Rowland, and EDO John Santarossa; Seated: local entrepreneur, Robin Hughes, and EDC Chair Debby Burrows, at the unveiling of the new business kiosk.

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